

TWO CONSIDERATIONS.

Orthodoxy vs. Spiritualism.

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While considering myself under no obligation to think in every particular as my fathers thought, my desire in the present article is neither to attack nor defend their religion. Although brought up in the faith of Methodism, like many, perhaps the majority, of physicians I drifted toward materialism and agnosticism. I have seldom, if ever, intruded my ideas upon those of contrary belief, but sought rather to strengthen and encourage the hope of the dying and the bereaved, in the Christians immortality.

That the old orthodox religion is passing through a transition or revolutionary period must be apparent to the most superficial observer. For a confirmation of this fact we need not depend upon the enemies of the church, but upon those of its friends who are or have been occupants of its pulpit. A retrospective glance at its history for the past few years is sufficient to convince even the most hopeful of all sects and creeds that leaven of some character is at work within as well as without the church, inimical to the further growth of oldtime orthodoxy. No denomination is exempt from the disturbance occasioned by the evolution of thought.

Nor has this change been sudden in ent time few preachers are found who declare unqualifiedly that the finally impenitent will burn asbestos-like, through

this life, that within the period mentioned, the fullness of time had arrived for an Ingersoll to give bold and fearless expression from the public rostrum, to thought and reason strongly opposing it. That the time had fully matured

for such public expression is proved by the fact that Ingersoll still lives. If the Christian religion will not grow to new requirements it must be changed n its essentials or rapidly become obso-The world moves. Christendom is included in the world and is alike subject to the great law of evolution. creed can now claim to settle the belief of mankind for all time. To plod on in the old rut would be simply to arrest

mental development. When such pulpit representatives as Beecher, Swing, Thomas, Farrar, Newton, Abbott, Briggs, and many others that might be mentioned, repudiate doctrines heretofore considered orthodox, it is not at all strange that lesser lights of the laity as well as the pulpit should voice their convictions, to the end that truth may finally and speedily tri-

Those preachers who yet nominally at least, adhere to the old orthodox doc trines, of whom the Rev. Dr. Talmage may be considered a conspicuous exam are nevertheless cognizant of the inroads modern religious thought is making upon them. In a sermon recently delivered in Wisconsin, Rev. Talmage

"We must admit the simple fact that "the churches of Jesus Christ in this "day do not reach the great masses "There are fifty thousand people in Eden burgh who never hear the gospel "There are also one million people in London, who never hear the gospel. There are "at least three hundred thousand souls in the city of Brooklyn who come "not under the immediate ministrations " of Christ's truth; and the church of 'God in this day, instead of being a place "full of living epistles, read and known

of all men, is more like a 'dead letter'
'post office. 'But,' say the people, 'the world is going to be converted; you " must be patient: the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of Never, unless the church of "Jesus Christ puts on more speed and "energy. Instead of the church convert-"ing the world, the world is converting the

er uttered the following: "Oh, we have "magnificent church machinery in this "country. We have 60,000 American ministers; we have costly music; we have great Sunday schools, and yet I give you the appalling statistics that in the last twenty-five years the churches of God have averaged less "than two conversions a year each. "There has been an average of four or "five deaths in the churches. How

"soon, at this rate, will the world be "brought to God? We gain two, we "lose four. Eternal God, what will this In the September issue of the Areas. the Rev. Geo. C. Lorimer, in writing

upon "The Newer Heresies," says:
"It is a good thing that the inquisi"tion star-chamber and other compulsory institutions of the dark past have departed from Europe, and have never been tolerated in America. Were it not so, at the present time there would be much excellent work for the rack, the thumb-screw, and the faggot. Heresy is in the air, especially in the Northern latitudes of the United

iffed for such high contentions. Daily journals, hitherto never remarkable for orthodoxy, have suddenly grown Gallien, Kenley, Bacon, Newton, D.

'tears in his eyes, perspiration on his
'brow, and anguish in his voice, relate
'how, after a fearful struggle, he had
'emancipated himself from certain of
'Calvin's doctrines; but while some
'Calvin's doctrines; but while some clergymen present seemed astounded, I remarked at the close of the meeting that I had accomplished that feat for myself some quarter of a century ago, without any tears of auguish what-

the general fear for the future of Chris- Tuttle. tianity, may be inferred from the fol-

olic church."-Cardinal Manning.

ers in Christianity ought to stand to- ably without sin.

Rome every Sunday. The number is inference from the fact than that the tares have taken possession of the field. The policy of the church is to hush and conceal the deeds of evil-doers withand sacred emblems removed from the lost arts.

knowledge increases faith diminishes. some idea of the diminution of the latter absolutely pure, is proven by the num-may be gained from the report that out of thirty people who met in Kansas last and the crimes and misdemeanors the

It cannot be denied that the old orthodox religion has failed in great measure to unite men into a common brother-hood, but has served, on the contrary, to divide them and been the cause of hatred, wars, persecution and bloodshed. Its mission has been to teach mankind how to suffer rather than how to remove the causes of suffering and the evils of all society generally. Its representatives at arcever at this moment retitioning the society generally.

It will be observed by the reader that for nearly a quarter of a century the Rev. Dr. Lorimer had repudiated certain of Calvin's dictums, and kept the fact thereof to and within himself; action, never has been nor can be estranged and within himself; action, never has been nor can be estranged to his present at disgust, prior to the expiration of its last term, conferring the A. M. degree upon his own son. Is it not the very essence of modesty and propriety? Is it any wonder the church cannot reach the masses?

If the church was in possession of the truth, the whole truth, the whole truth, the case would be different. In that event, however, the question would naturally arise—which church? for his congregation; and that he finally that can exist between God and man is of future extinguishment. At the presthe church of the past, and nine out of | hood of man: earnest endeavor to actual-

The church has failed to maintain itself as a living epistle known and read of olic church."—Cardinal Manning.

"The time has come when all believ- Christian, and not by any means invari- "You do not know what plagu

of Italy for the suppression of relig-lous guilds and fraternities which have by the church if it would command the 'existed for centuries, and for the abo-lition of chaplains in haspitals, asy-of vigilance on the one hand and decay 'lums, and prisons, began to go into of discipline on the other, the church is effect in February. The result is extoo often polluted by the unhallowed and effect in February. The result is extraordinary. Until a few Sundays ago the base. The wheat of the church is there were 5,300 masses celebrated in rudely choked, and there can be no other

The pictures and statues, except such in its pale. Not until their crimes have as the State thinks proper to reserve become especially flagrant and notorifor public galleries, are to be sold at ous are they summarily dealt with. public auction. All sacred names are Church trials, except for heresy, have being erased from the school books, become a thing of the past or one of the

If a minister has strayed from the Religion is fast passing away; forms straight and narrow way, and the fact is and faith are losing their hold on the known only to a few in authority, he is kearts of the people; Protestantism quietly sent to "new fields of labor" has run its course, and is now living on the past; it has no future; it is like himself hereafter. But let him stray the stately tree that has reached its from the hard and fast lines of the orthodox doctrines of his church, and he is fragments, and it no longer controls the masses. The crowds that hasten form, no matter how pure, honest, pious, to listen to a Beecher preaching a re'ligion without Christ, and applaud an 'Ingersoll preaching bold and open in'fidelity, tell in words that find no conintegrity of the orthodox fabric. With tradiction whither we are drift- the exceptions noted, the church expels

summer to pray for rain, only one public press is almost daily recording of brought an umbrella.

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'How can we reach the masses?" is a character. A quarter of a century or more has passed into history since the old literal "lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" began to show signs fire and brimstone" began to show signs

penitent will burn asbestos-like, throughout all eternity.

So intuitively revolting, repugnant and unreasonable had this idea become in the minds of the masses who experited in the minds of the minds of the minds of the masses who experited in the minds of the

It is the duty of the church to teach they simply serve to excite curiosity ten male church members are more or ize the ideal perfect life rendered possi- these modern Lukes that in this day and and enlist into the army of inquirers less full of distressing doubt. The exble by his organization in this world, as age of the world one profession is quite the best preparation for the next; for sufficient for the single individual. The scarcely ever finds a man who believes the Religion of Pain the substitution of th

gether, as far as possible, for their common faith against their common faith against their common faith against their common factly in the ratio that the church loses. Therefore, they should leave "untouched, as far as possible, those "and some are crying out against it "as a delusion of the Devil, and some "are laughing at it as a hysteric folly, "and some are getting angry with it as and some are getting a "I will tell you then. It is Spiritualism. inquire into whatever support the Bible "While some are crying out against it gives to Spiritualism, I will cite, among it little thought of, beginning with the snap of a toe-joint and ending with such a crack of old beliefs that the roar of of Christendom! Sir, you cannot have people of cultivation, of pure character, sensible enough in common things, large-hearted women, grave judges, shrewd business men, men of science, professing to be in communication with the spiritual world, and keeping up constant intercourse with it, without its gradually reacting on the whole conception of that other life."

This quotation from Dr. Holmes leads us to the consideration of the second subject, or that of Spiritualism.

That a normal, mental or religious equilibrium is with great difficulty maintained by him whose religion offers no positive tangible proof of an existence ing."—Bishop Gilmour.

If it be true that just in the ratio that "church mouse."

That our pulpits are not by any means ing to the mind desirous of positive ing to the mind desirous of positive knowledge. That man survives the somb and continues his conscious ego in deceived manipulations are practiced by expert operators upon the creduity of the curious, blocking seriously the Whowever it may awaken surprise, truth which is a stall, is absolutely unknown "to us. Our consciousness is silent "upon the case of the same surprise of the same surprise." If there is any spot on the face of "come back to us, and we are not able "used on them." This, without doubt, "is the common experience of humanitation, which is an experience of humanitation, which is an experience of humanitation, which is an experience of humanitation, which is considered that the pulling of the curious, blocking seriously the wholes of investigation, leading many who had been thoroughly convinced to occasion that we should make the wheels of investigation, leading many who had been thoroughly convinced to occasion that we should make the object of the curious, blocking seriously the do the curious, blocking seriously the do the curious, blocking seriously the wheels of investigation, leading many who had been thoroughly convinced to occasion that we should make the of the curious, blocking seriously the wheels of investigation, leading many who had been thoroughly convinced to occasion that we should be held as wheels of investigation that we should substitute the sum of the curious, blocking seriously the do the curious, blocking seriously the wheels of investigation, the class of the curious, blocking seriously the wheels of investigation, the carding many who had been thoroughly convinced to the sum sufficiently indulging the wheels of investigation, the sum of the face of the curious, blocking seriously the whole and superstition of the Dark Ages, we have reached the other cx transcent and superstition of the Dark Ages, we have reached the other cx transcent and superstition of the Dark Ages, we have reached the other cx transcent and superstition o tomb and continues his conscious ego in spirit-life, is doubted even by Bishop

the poor workingman will be subjected, should their petition succeed in accomplishing their object. It does not reach those who are in poverty and afficient many instances this doubt equal to that of spurious physicians whose daily lives are hard struggles for existence, and who are in prestated by one and the same indicated in many instances this doubt equal to that of spurious physicians whose daily lives are hard struggles for existence, and who are in practiced by one and the same individual. His article appeared not long great reforms of the age over been of speedy crystallization.

Slavery was proclaimed by the pulpit as addiving instance of things not proven as alouting of the explainment of the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory. The following little and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory is and upon the present great question of capital and labor until victory

"Alas! for the rarity of Christian charity
Under the sun.
O, it was pitiful,
Near a whole city full,
Home she had none."

The creed that now seems to be rapidly formulating within as well as without the church is that man has been evolved from the lowest form of being through intermediate stages to his present at disgust, prior to the expiration of its more intended of the church is one not only of bitter opposition toward Spiritualism per se, but toward its mere investigation, either in the interest of religion or science. One would naturally suppose that it the interest of religion or science. One would naturally suppose that it the direction of establishing the proof of a doctrine in which its interest is suppressed. This of it, my dear reader! An acting president of a defunct college, whose bona fulle president had left it in disgust, prior to the expiration of its mere investigation, either in the interest of religion or science. One would naturally suppose that it the direction of establishing the proof of a doctrine in which its interest is suppressed. The reader may likewise conclude, notwithstanding his negative protestations. But here is what he said in the course of a sermon: There is a

Inasmuch as orthodoxy cannot possithat a creature of organization and subject to unchanging laws, man, in the called from a distance and entirely unthe truth as he is with his own opinion. In the preface to his book entitled theological sense, is not a free agent, "God and Man," the Rev. H. T. Bray, nor has he a free will; that his apparent LL. D., etc., late rector in Christ's free agency is based on the combination when the church and her institutions without an examination of it, is more without an examination of it, is more without an examination of it, is more reprehensible than an unquestioning

of the past will continue a little longer cont few simple minded men who are still This creed teaches that man and not awfully sacred, responsible and holy—itualism and its investigators. Such awed by her threats and established God is the divine centre; nobility of life; considered the sanctum sanctorum of attacks can never accomplish their obby her promises; but the intellect of the highest ideal aspiration for perfective world has undoubtedly lost all tion; calm reliance in the presence of not until the masses be reached. faith in the church of the past. The universal and omnipotent forces; an all-whole independent and scholarly world rejects nearly all the dogmas of the fatherhood of God and the brotherseeking to determine its truth or falsity,

unqualifiedly the doctrines of the pul- the Religion of Joy; and for the hymn: a field that it is impossible for the incredulity at some of the orthodox stopit; and the pulpits are full of men who doubt the truth of what they themselves preach."

That the Catholic church shares in That the Catholic church share himself over so much surface must believe that the sun stood still at the necessarily become very thin in some command of Joshua; or that a star places. The bantam hen that endeavored millions of miles distant directed the "Unless the progress of infidelity is all men. In regard to general morality, to hatch out a dozen goose eggs, not only wise men of the East along their journey speedily arrested, Christianity cannot a very large proportion of non-church-survive the nineteenth century."—Car-goers will suffer very little, if at all, in Jonah remained in the great fish's belly "There has never been a time when the nations of the world were so widely comparison with an equal number of church language of the dechurch langu estranged from the unity of the Cath- the conclusion that the Christian is reason for such decline is given by Dr. his father; or that Moses wrote the book of Moses.

"You do not know what plague has "For the benefit of the ministry, who fallen on the practitioners of theology?" will perhaps, ere long, have occasion to

"quietly undermining the traditional "ideas of the future state which have been and are still accepted—not merely in those who believe in it, but in the general sentiment of the community." to a larger extent than most good people seem to be aware of. The "Spiritualists have some pretty strong instincts to pry over, which no doubt have been roughly handled by the ologiars at different times, and the nemesis of the pulpit comes in a shape it little thought of, beginning with the viii., 39-40; Dan. v., 25-28; 1 Cor. xiv., 18; Acts ii., 7-8; Acts xix., 11-12; 2 Kings xx., 7; 2 Kings v., 14; Acts ix., 18; Acts iii., 2-7; Hosea iv., 12; Genesis xxxvii., 5-11; Matt. ii., 13; Luke iii., 22 Ex. xix., 19; 2 Kings vi., 8-12; 1 Sam iii., 1:10; 2 Kings vi., 17; Gen. xxi., 17 it is heard in all the ministers' studies 19; Ezekiel and Revelations; Zech. v., I-2; Acts ix., 3-7. But is Spiritualism true? There are

about thirteen millions of people in this country who declare that it is. As for about thirteen millions of people in this country who declare that it is. As for myself, having but recently entered into its investigation, I am therefore not qualified to give an intelligent answer: in the affirmative, it would prove satisfactory to none save those who were convinced by proof equally sufficient, startling or overwhelming as that by myself received. Of the fact that "there is something in it;" that there is manifested a most powerful, intelligent force in the phenomena observed in the absence of any professional medium and in the privacy of my own home, I am entirely satisfied, whatever the explanation thereof may be. That fraud, trickery, imposture, and all sorts fraud, trickery, imposture, and all sorts of deceitful manipulations are practiced As a result of the

church; the one tending in the direc-tion of Spiritualism and the other in the direction of materialism. And if in the in the course of a sermon: "There is a "class of phenomena which makes me "think that the spiritual and heavenly "world may, after awhile, make a "demonstration in this world that will bring all moral and spiritual things to a climax. Now, I am no Spiritualis but every intelligent man has noticed that there are strange and mysterious things which indicate to him that perhaps the spiritual world is not so far off as sometimes we conjectured, and that after awhile, from the spiritual and heavenly world there may be a demonstration upon our world for its betterment. We call it magnetheard an audible voice from the other "And all the Christmas presents, John, world. I am persuaded of this, how-ever, that the veil between this world Take care of them, for every gift and the next is getting thinner and thinner, and that perhaps, after while, at the call of God, not at the call of the Davenport brothers, or Andrew Jackson Davis, some of the old drew Jackson Davis, some of the old
Scriptural warriors, some of the
spirits of other days, mighty for God
-a Joshua or a Caleb, or a David, or "a Paul—may come down and help us "in this battle against unrighteous-"ness."

And take a some consolation, John, She needs some consolation, John, John, She needs some consolation, John, She needs some consolation, John, John, John, She needs

Spiritualist is at once clear from a perusal of the foregoing, for he evidently talks like one.

I wish in this connection to call the attention of the reader to a most remarkable prediction, if not a clairvoy.

Rethread close the door.

Rethread close the door. markable prediction, if not a clairvoy-ant or prophetic vision, by Andrew Jack-Good news; provisions have advanced-Good news; provisions have advanced-Good news; provisions have advancedson Davis, forty years ago. To the reader abreast with the times it will be

apparent on perusing the following: The hot deserts of Arabia, no "merely seas of sand and desolation, will yet appear, under well-directed mechanical treatment, like the un-dulating valleys of Italy. Man will "yet learn how to create and preserve
"an equilibrium between the soil and
"atmosphere. He will be enabled to
instigate, control and direct the fall
of rain, over such portions of the land
as need moisture; and thus he will
elevate much parsimonious soil to the
height of richness and abundance,
and to the bringing forth of pure protheight of richness and abundance, and to the bringing forth of pure productions.

The lightning that ductions.

The lightning that and leads new coinage to each fainting heart, and leads new coinage to each fainting heart, and strengthens hope and scatters joy abroad. And strengthens hope and scatters joy abroad. He, too, is a Redeemer, Son of God. and which sometimes ventures to de-clare itself independent of man's power, will yet be the chief agent of mechanical locomotion. . . . And electricity will yet be the means of conducting away from unhealthy localities the pestilential miasm which

retard the flight of the aerial steamer across the hemisphere, because man shall have mastered the tempest,"etc. If Spiritualism be true, then Hamlet's question, "To be or not to be?" is not of so much consequence, after all, in the sense in which it was put, seeing that travelers to that "undiscovered coun-

qualified to give an intelligent answer; and if I was qualified, and should answer in the affirmative, it would prove satistic the subject before us, no person can pre-

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME AND TOO OFTEN ENDS THERE.

It is a cold December night;
Hark! how the winds do blow!
"John, close the shutters good and tight,
Keep out the falling snow.
Ah! what a pleasure to be rich,
With luxuries in store,
And discount notes at cent per cent—
God help the starving poor!

"Bring in my velvet slippers, John,
And make the parlor warm.

I love to sit and listen to
The howling of the storm.

Cigars and brandy also bring,
Place the spittoon on the floor.

Ah! temperance is a splendid thing;
God help the starving poor!

"Come hither, John, and answer me Did Dobson call today! His note was due at twelve o'clock, He said he'd call and pay. 'He did not.' Then I'll not allow

The rogue one moment more, But place the sheriff on his goods God help the starving poor!

"Pray tell me, John, did Miser Shirk,
My plous friend sall in!
"He cid." Ah! John, I wish this world
Were free of selfish sin.
To speed God's word in heathen lands
I would give half my store.

THE CREED.

Whoever was begotten by pure love, And came desired and welcomed into life, Is of immaculate conception. He Whose heart is full of tenderness and truth Who loves mankind more than he loves him

MOTHERLESS.

One by one the long dark shadows
Take some form upon the wall;
Dimly burns the cheerless fire.
Hushed as death the ashes fall.
A lonely child calls for her mother;
Sorrow bows the little head
As the falling embers answer,
Little girl, your mother's dead.

Never will her mamma listen
To her footsteps through the hall;
Never will she hide in closets
When she hears her mamma call.
Who will tell her little stories,
Who will sing her little stories,
Who will kiss away her pouting.
As she folds her in her arms!

Her little heart is beating wildly,

Her little heart is beating wildly.
Burdened not with childish care.
But with grief which has no ending
'Cept in hearen, only there.
Motherless child, God help her now;
Strange the world seems to her,
But her mother hovers o'er her
And will guide her safely through.

Darker grows the ghostly shadows
Formless now upon the wall,
'Round the house the night winds whisper
Softly, yet the ashes fall.
How the little sad face brightens,
Bright as if with heavenly beaming,
Sleeping while her darling mother
Soothes her sorrow in her dreaming.

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success. Thankful, most assuredly we are, for living in this nineteenth century and at least twenty years before Prof.

Buchanan's terrible cataclysm.

would have been arraigned before a Christian tribunal, tried for heresy, convicted, and executed, "without the drawing of blood."—that is, burned at the stake, and all for the glory of God,

we are publishing The PROGRESSIVE religious liberty was enjoyed under the So-called tyranny of the Macedonian blood in its veins, and a healthy glow internally and externally, radiating an internally and externally, radiating an internal property. THINKER, and that it has sparkling blood in its veins, and a healthy glow internally and externally, radiating an influence that is felt far and wide: but we are very sorry that we cannot ar-When the American Association of range a public exhibition whereby our Spiritualists met in convention at Roch- mail list can be placed by the side of ester, in such an enthusiastic throng that of the Religio-Philosophical Journal. ester, in such an enthusiastic throng that of the Religio-Philosophical Journal.

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Spiritualist should rejoice in this fact.

Thankful are we that Spiritualists as a class are the most moral people in the world. Knowing that The Progressive Thinker established that fact should endear it to every honest heart.

Thankful, yes, a million times thankful, that the various camp meetings did not deteriorate this year, as prophesied, but on the contrary all proved a grand success. Thankful, most assuredly we can be contrary all proved a grand success. Thankful, most assuredly we can be contrary and proved a grand success. Thankful, most assuredly we can be contrary and proved a grand success. Thankful, most assuredly we can be contrary and proved a grand success. Thankful, most assuredly we can be contrary and proved a grand success. Thankful, most assuredly we can be contrary of Greek and Roman Biography, says: "Christian writers often refer to Evemerus as their most useful ally, to prove that the pagan mythology was nothing but a heap of fables invented by mortal men."

Had this same Evemerus lived two thousand years later, instead of in the age of Alexander, when every variety of religious and non-religious ideas were freely tolerated, he would have been arraigned before a success. Thankful, most assuredly we

We are most devoutly thankful that in whom he had no faith.

It is difficult to realize that broader

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Pulpit and Stage.

on the fool." Smith, of Greek and Roman "Christian writers gremerus as their most arove that the pagan aothing but a heap of mortal men."

Evemerus lived two are, instead of in the whole every variety on-religious ideas were he would have been are a arraigned before a garraigned before they had been "heathen, infants, or idiots," if Mr. Mills is correct; but he is not. Paul thought it no sin to lie for the giory of God; and, of course, all who "believe the Bible from cover to cover" out their own salvation. Nothing can be meaner than misrepresenting the real state of things in the hereafter. It always reminds us of the old style of When a man looks on the dark side frightening children to make them behave; but we are not children any more have; but we are not children any more.

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Coincidence or Impression?

Evenue and artistic, and one the wearer may be justly proud of. It can be worn as a badge, a brooch, or a charm.

It is too apparent to require illustration, how valuable this badge would be come were every one who believes in Spiritualism to wear it. It would be a bond in the absence of organization, uniting all who believed. It would be a tallaman to break the incorporation of the induscration from the industration and the results again during the month of No-trestendom, is it surpressions that they will be made during the past possible that we should speak for them, letting the world know that Spiritualism to wear it. It would be a tallaman to break the industration of the industration of the indused during sleep. The impressions thus received are usually referred to dreams:

"I had as a guest in my residence in the control of the co

Brooklyn Spiritual Association.

It is axiomatic that all truths must

Notes from Dayton, Ohio.

Prof. Lashbrook has closed a two month's engagement with the First Spiritual Society. He commenced with an audience of thirty-seven; now the audience numbers between two and three hundred, from which can be drawn some idea of his success as a darker in the success as a casker in the success

LIFE IN THE STONE AGE: THE Who has the welfare of our beloved country at Atheres, therefore a Fand of All trys. As Cutting Bistory of Man. Written through the modificating of U. S. Paper. You should red out to be a for 25 och the modificating of U. S. Paper. You should red och the modification of U. S. Paper. You should red och the modification of U. S. Paper. You should red och the modification of U. S. Paper. You should red och the country of U. S. Paper. You should red och the country of U. S. Paper. You should red och the country of U. S. Paper. You should red och the country of U. S. Paper. You should red och the country of U. S. Paper. You should red och the country of U. S. Paper. You should red och the country of U. S. Paper. You should red och the country of U. S. Paper. You should red och the country och the

General Survey.

Christian church five years ago on account of her profession, but conquered the fear of death by means of which an uncharitable church could not deprive her.

It has always puzzled us, and would puzzle anybody except a theologian brought up to the business, to explain how falsebood can help salvation. Hev. how falsebood can help salvation and never enjoyed one better.

kitchen also, is partitioned as who may also keeps it on sale.

Mrs. E. Davis, Secretary of the First fourths of all the Spiritualists in this country were habitual readers the demand for spiritual literature would who intends coming to California in the future, either speaker or test medium, that will send their name and address to me, I will correspond with them, with the object of engaging them for our and thus increases the demand. Until the prices of leading Spiritualists in this country were habitual readers the demand of the circulation of all our publications.

An abundant supply of attractive reading matter improves the mental appetite and thus increases the demand. Until the prices of leading Spiritualists in this country were habitual readers the demand of the processive spiritualists in this country were habitual readers the demand of the processive spiritualists in this country were habitual readers the demand of the processive spiritualists in the spiritualists in this country were habitual readers the demand of the processive spiritualists in this country were habitual readers the demand of the processive spiritualists in this country were habitual readers the demand of the processive spiritualists in the spiritualists in this country were habitual readers the demand of the processive spiritualists in the spiritualists in this country were habitual readers the demand of the processive spiritualists in this country were habitual readers the demand of the processive spiritualists in this country were habitual readers t

bose and build up local organizations and the national organizations will naturally follow.

J. W. Palmer, of Peoria, Ill., writes:

"The Spiritualists of Peoria have organized under the name of Advanced Spiritualists, and the following officers were received right royally. Many arose in their seats and complimented the mediums, who were strangers, in their wonderfully accurate and minute descriptions and spirit tests. We were repeatedly applauded.

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J. W. Avery, Secretary; and Mrs. E. D. Davis, Treasurer. The Advanced Spiritualists gave a mince and pumpkin pie social at Union Hall, corner of Main and Mrs. E. B. Crossette's Labors at Madison streets. Now 28th. Madison streets, Nov. 28th.

Mrs. M. A. Morrell is one of the trustees of the State Association of Spiritualists. Her name was accidentally

J. M. Still, M. D., writes: "Please give notice of postponement of our yearly meeting at Brown's Hall, George-town, N. Y., until May 1, 1802."

Mrs. E. B. Crossette's Labors at San Bernardino, Cal.

The Society of Spiritualists at this place has for six weeks been favored with the labors of Mrs. E. B. Crossette, inspirational speaker, from San Jose, Cal., and on Sunday, the 8th inst., at the conclusion of her sixth and last

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AN OPEN LETTER.

in no way calculated to promote the un-foldment of the inner soul life, which is liberty."

said: "These signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take upserpents: and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lake upserpents: it is in the Spiritualist, and binds him with their ligo to bind and re-ligo to rebands on the sick and they shall recover." How does this tally with your official work? Do you ever do any of these things? The fact that you do not shows that you do not believe.

In the early days of Christianity the lock of which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it

living spirit from the dead body. For-giveness of sin, in the theological sense, is a delusion. As in all other things

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Catholicism, with the dogma of infal-

ing himself that he is God."

This is the great venerable and holy (?)

It is to this end that we want settled down in queenly dignity on the ruins of the empire and became "Mystery, Babylon, the Great, the Mother of want. We can then dispense with your

Forty-three years' experience with this dispensation convinces us that the crisis is on: that we are in the transi-

the millennium. Mediums are being developed simultaneously in all parts of the world, and preaching the new gospel everywhere without having to learn languages; and their converts are numbered by millions. But you say: It is all the work of the Devil. Ohl remember your prototypes, the pharisees, and, "Beware lest that come upon you which was spoken by the prophet; behold ye despisers and wonder and perish, for I work a work in your day that ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you" (Acts xiii., 41).

Tollowers: educating them into a groove from which you could not extricate them if you would; because few of them have had their analytical powers stimulated to comprehend "the higher criticism." Then with you the questions of bread and butter, and social standing, etc., come up; but no man, however hungry he may be, can sell his birthright for bread without repenting of it afterward.

We were crowded out of the orthodox church for merely seeking the truth while we had not yet spoken it; and we

turies ago, and you are trying to keep it ligious liberties; and we felt like back, or get it in your own way. Jesus Luther, who never felt free until he was told the Jews that: "The blood of all the excommunicated. told the Jews that: "The blood of all the prophets, from righteous Abel to Zacharias, would be required of them." That obey the voice that calls to you saying: "Come out of her, my people, that ye destruction of their capital and the dispersion of their nation; and are you sure that a like requisition will not be made to fee all the requisition will not be made to fee all the receive not of her plagues." Be true to yourselves, and to God and your fellow-receivable way to induce him to "congress the man did not suffer much during his incarceration. He seemed too completely stunned to realize what had happened to him. The inquisitorial powers of the police were used in every that a like requisition will not be made yourselves, and to God and your fellow-receivable way to induce him to "congress" but in his dreary, broken way he

gress and freedom from all tyranny, civil and ecclesiastical, till the millen-

An open letter to all clergy, both tack on the constitutional guarantee of Catholic and Protestant, who believe and teach the doctrines of the fall of man in Adam, Vicarious Atonement, Resurceiton of the Body, Forgiveness of Sin with the Catholics whom they detect, and Eternal Punishment.

These fundamental doctrines of your religion we consider false and at best only the crude ideas of a dark age, and the destruction of the common schools.

catholicism, with the dogma of infaieffects follow causes, so the acts of men
are followed by their legitimate consequences, and the individual is responsible. If people understood this, instead
of depending on another to pay their
debts they would endeavor to live right.
What has no end could have had no
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the effect of spiritual evolution and not When the Jews rejected Jesus as the him."

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"I will tell you an incident that came own observation," said the in particular settle all soul accounts by exclusively as you do, because we have about it. absolution. This is as it is written: so much inspiration amongst ourselves; "God shall send them strong delusion and this inspiration, deny it as you may, that they shall believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unright and liberal; even the orthodox who caneousness." (See 2 Thes. ii., 18-12, where we find a prospective history of the Christian Church from the advent of demands of the age. But it is pitiful to Constantine to the final triumph of Catholicism, when the pope, the man of sin, ruled the Roman Empire, and held the powers of Europe in abject substantine to the final triumph of See that when a Swing, a Thomas, a MacQueary or a Briggs comes among you and expresses an honest thought, some ecclesiastical sleuth is sure to get

God, or that is worshiped; so that he, as appetites and passions will be subject to God, sitteth in the temple of God, show-

It is to this end that we want all vicar of Christ at its head, usurping all with; so that man's religious energies power and lording it over the conscience of the people. It was established when the Roman Emperor Constantine presided over its councils and bequeathed to

Harlots and Abominations of the Earth:" clerical services, and rid ourselves of and "drank herself drunk on the blood that intolerable incubus of priestcraft; of the saints." All who persecute for and it would be well for you if you could opinion's sake, even to a Calvin or a Knox, belong to this "Mystical Babylon" save yourselves from the ruin which which is already beginning to crumble awaits that ecclesiastical monstrosity before the brightness of his coming—the which still retains the name of the

church. tion from the old to the new; from the ent. As one of yourselves has said: age of darkness and superstition to that "You have been made to spend from of light; and we feel to say with Simeon six to ten of the most precious years of of old: "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation"—the commencement of of your own; all this rather than a robust. natural, brotherly, humane The first harbingers of this happy manhood," and what was practised on time were the spiritual manifestations. yourselves you have practised on your Mediums are being developed simultanefollowers; educating them into a groove

xili., 41).

If Christians had been obedient to the heavenly vision, Christendom might have been in its millennium many central set of men could interfere with our re-

A MURDER.

zled Lawyers and the Law.

NSWORN TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO

the main object of human life on earth, and even if you did speak truth, preaching is but a small part of the Christian ministry.

Jesus healed the sick and obligated his followers to do the said: "These signs shall follow them can believe what to them is right. But it is said: "These signs shall follow them can believe what to them is right. But it is said: "The system of the said: "The evidence of the prosecution is unanswerable."

The first occasional meeting of the Society for Psychical Research drew to delety for Ps

"Precisely."
The circle had become noticeably in-

beginning. The whole system is the work of unmatured brains unable to respond to spiritual impressions; and the growth and progress of human souls is passes through the human brain, as it said. "We are here to exchange expensions." riences in things occult. Let us hear

which do more harm than good.

Both Catholics and Protestants preach redemption through the blood of Christ, whom they represent as doing all the scriptures in which they trusted testified of him. So it is with us. The scriptures support Spiritualism more suffering while man does all the sinning. This is very encouraging for those who want to live in sinful pleasure regardless.

When the Jews rejected Jesus as the him.

"I will tell you an incident that came under my own observation," said the testified of him. So it is with us. The lawyer. "It occurred in a town in lowa, where I had but recently been entered at the bar. The case, so far as I ist are the only ones who can underwant to live in sinful pleasure regardless. want to live in sinful pleasure regardless stand the Bible right because they have of moral or spiritual law, and get to heaven without deserving it. Catholics it as literature and do not depend on it ments of something strangely singular

THE LAWYER'S STORY.

It was a strange case. It baffled all who had any connection with it. If ever there was a murder this was one, and yet, in spite of the most damning circumstances, it was almost impossible to believe that the man who was suspected, and who had been hurried off to jail by the detectives working on the case, could be the guilty one. His character was unimpeachable. His whole life was known to his neighbors. The most

world as "Modern Spiritualism;" but in the reality "the coming of the Lord" in the passage quoted: "Who shall destroy with the brightness of his coming that man of sin and son of perdition who exalteth himself above all that is called Cod or that is worshiped; so that he as executive and reality "the religion of man; that is to say, he will obey the God within himself, and not one manufactured by a priest. The Cod or that is worshiped; so that he as executive and reality, will be superseded by the religion of man; that is to say, he will obey the God within himself, and not one manufactured by a priest. The Cod or that is worshiped; so that he as executive and reality will be superseded by the religion of man; that is to say, he will obey the God within himself, and not one manufactured by a priest. The She spoke to me when I came in," he awoke in the morning she was dead."

Christian Church Catholic, with the creeds, doctrines and dogmas done away He had been out late the night before. against him was strangely complete. the officers came they had noticed as a peculiar fact that both windows of the room, facing the lawn, and entirely inwere securely fastened. One officer, a little shrewder than the others, asked to place a ladder against the house."
The detectives had consequently es-

tablished, by only a few moment's work, what seemed the most indubitable evidence against the husband. was locked in the room with his wife. Both the windows and the door were securely fastened. There was no other means of entrance or escape. No third party could have been in the room and side after leaving it. The woman was not dead before Ransome's return home the night before, for he acknowledged speaking with her before retiring. No magistrate could resist such evidence.

There was another exciting movement the growd, and again the tipstaff's

that a like requisition will not be made on you for all the righteous blood shed in the name of God and religion from the time the church foresook the spiritual, and grasped the temporal power. But, your say, we have our authority from the head of the church in a straight line down through the apostolic succession. Yet, so said your mother: "I sit a queen and am to widow and shall see no sorrow."

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man was daily strengthening the chain of circumstantial evidence that had been wound around him-doing it with Directed to All the Clergy.

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> Ransome's lawyer was in despair THE HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RESEARCH, which he could not fail to be cognizant. AT THEIR FIRST OCCASIONAL MEET. was absolutely irrefutable. The only ING FOR THE SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF THINGS OCCULT.
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> Dossible hope for the prisoner was a plea of "guilty," and an appeal for mercy. And this the lawyer urged upon him. The first occasional meeting of the So-black," he said. "The evidence of the

reply. Why not?"

yet the eyes of the prisoner looked into his without flinching, and his face had no telltale blush of guilt.

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these things? The fact that you do not shows that you do not shows that you do not believe.

In the early days of Christianity the sick were healed; but the clergy soon forgot humanity and switched off to preaching about gods and things they knew nothing about, because it required no spiritual labor. This brought on the Dark Ages, and priestcraft reigned supreme until the renaissance, when light again dawnged on darkened Europe.

Whatever excuse may be found for those of that age, there is none for you, who live in an age of light, science, learning, pentecostal revelation and inspiration, for perpetuating a system of dogmatism that never was true.

Science has demonstrated the fact that man has been rising instead of falling: therefore vicarious atonement predicated on the fall is neither necessary nor, true. Resurrection is the rising of the light against it you turn round and that freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so that it freedom which is his birthright and dwarfs and weakens the spirit so th girl had been sworn and examined, and battled over on technicalities by the opposing counsel, and cross-examined and re-cross-examined until her head was in a whirl and her speech incoherent; the officers and detectives had told their the officers and detectives had told their there is no the first and the leaves may lower.

And death, or change, or falsehood blight the jammine in the lower; May God avert the woe, my child; but oh! should tempest come.

Remember, by the threshold waits the patient love of home!

accessible except by means of a ladder, sternly called for order, and poor Ransome went on:

The voice of the Judge broke in upon "The court is adjourned," he said-

ON THE THRESHOLD.

Standing on the threshold, with her wakening

heart and mind,
Standing on the threshold, with her childhood
left belind.
The woman softness blending with the look of sweet surprise For life and all its marvels that lights the clear

Standing on the threshold, with light foot and

Standing on the threshold, with light foot and fearless hand.

As the young knight by his armor in a minster nave might stand;

The fresh red lip just touching youth's ruddy, rapturous wine,

The eager heart all brave, pure hope, oh happy child of mine!

For hopes, and joys, and maiden dreams are waiting for her there,
Where girlhood's fancies bud and bloom as April's golden air;
And passionate love, and passionate grief, and passionate gladness lie
Among the crimson flowers that spring as youth goes fluttering by.

ous notes
Of the music that through charmed air for opening girlhood floats.

He was on trial for his life. The servant | Yet thorns amid the leaves may lurk, and

CATACLYSM.

Prophecy.

Look Out for Prof. Buchanan's Prof. Buchanan has prophesied that ness-box for the second time.

The strain of the trial on the man had been terrible. The crowd that filled every available foot of the court-room, inside the rail and beyond it, could see forth by the Chicago Tribune) are only trifles compared with the disasters of Unheeding his lawyer's adjuration to say nothing except in response to the questions of counsel or of the prosecuting attorney, Ransome had just burst forth with a vehement asseveration of his innocence, when the hundreds of eager eyes that watched him saw his head fall forward on his breast, and his fingers clutch convulsively at the rail.

"Do you mean to tell this honorable court and these worthy jurymen that you knew nothing of the death of the deceased until nearly a quarter of an deceased until nearly a quarter of an hour after the servant girl had left your door?"

geysers spouted mud for hours, a lake six hundred yards long was formed at the foot of a mountain, and numerous It was the cold, clear, penetrating yawning fissures opened at the feet of voice of the prosecuting attorney that spoke, but there was no reply. The State's attorney looked inquiringly at about their ears. So far as reported about their ears, the principal guide and cabinet about their ears attorney looked inquiringly at about their ears, so far as reported about their ears are principal guide and cabinet about their ears. State's attorney looked inquiringly at the prisoner and then at the Judge.
"You must answer the question."
"You client answer the question."
"You client answer the question." he prisoner and then at the Judge.
"You must answer the question."
"My client will answer it, Your destroyed, and 200,000 persons rendered Honor," said Ransome's attorney, and he leaned forward to whisper to him. What he said was indistinguishable, but the court and the crowd saw him look at the prisoner with an air of puzzled won-the prisoner with a puzzled won-the puzzled der. The next moment the lawyer was forgotten and the eyes of Judge and counsel, jury and crowd, were riveted on poor Ransome.

Slowly he raised his head, and his face

lated by the visitation. The principal earthquake may be supposed to have been of volcanic origin, as volcanic mud and ashes were ejected from some of the fissures of two or three feet wide which opened in numerous places near the opened in numerous places near the solution. The principal pounded by any memoer of the circle. He is pleasant and painstaking, aiming to satisfy all of the indisputable fact that the so-called dead are more alive than when in the physical form.

There is nothing in the manner of

his strange tragedy."

1854 the town of Shimoda, which had beyond question, giving names of other the State's attorney sat down. As he been opened as a foreign port, was despirit-friends present of whom the me-The State's attorney sat down. As he did so, the prisoner seemed to revive. His eyes, which had never ceased their horrible staring, began to appear natural. He looked down and out at the against him was strangely complete. He had been out late, the night before.

The State's attorney sat down. As he did so, the prisoner seemed to revive. His eyes, which had never ceased their the harbor was so severely damaged that the harbor was so severely damaged the harbor was so severely damaged that the harbor was so severely dama He had been out late the night before. The servant girl, frightened half out of her wits by the detectives, said she had heard him come in after midnight. She heard him come in after midnight. She knew it was him by a peculiar hacking cough. This Ransome did not deny. But the servant girl said more. She said she went up to the room about six of clock in the morning, with a pitcher of clock in the morning of colock in the mo said she went up to the room about six o'clock in the morning, with a pitcher of hot water, as was her custom. She knocked at the door, and a moment after she plainly heard the key turn in the lock, and then Mr. Ransome reached out his hand and took the vessel. A few moments afterward she was startled by Mr. Ransome's cries for assistance. Nothing could shake her statement that the door of their room was locked when the morning, with a pitcher of his face. It was not trance now. His eyes were clear, and that the movements and crushing of rock masses by tangential pressures, and that the movements and then, like a flash, a look of anguish and terror came into his face. It was not at rance now. His eyes were clear, and that the movements and crushing of rock masses by tangential pressures, and that the movements and trance now. His eyes were clear, and that the movements and crushing of rock masses by tangential pressures, and that the movements and trance now. His eyes were clear, and that the movements and crushing of rock masses by tangential pressures, and that the movements and terus the movements of the carses from first the earth's crust. Such movements and of my future work in the cause of Spiritualism. The question was asked that the movements and took the vessel. Spiritualism. The question was asked that the movements and took in the movements of the carses from first the answer was, that he did not know, only that he seemed to have the power of the earth's crust. Suc the door of their room was locked when she had gone up stairs. Later, when she had gone up stairs. Later, when derer!"

It all comes back to me—I am her murtion. The strata give way, and the sinking of a portion of the rock origination. The strata give way, and the sinking of a portion of the rock origination. There was a restless movement in the ates the more violent effects observed in crowd; an instinctive pressing forward; the vicinity, while the resulting tremor a low murmur of horror. The tipstaff is communicated in vibrations to the surrounding country to distances of many miles. It is reasoned out that around Ransome if he had fastened them, and he innocently answered, "No." The most minute search on the lawn below failed to show any displacement of the grass or shrubbery, such as would have been inevitable had any one attempted to slope a ladder against the hone."

"I remember it all now—while I have been standing here it has all come back to me!" this attorney tried to stop him.

"You are hanging yourself," he whispered.

"Never mind," was the loud response, it will be a similar manner are first pushed together the molecules of rock are first squeezed together by the concussion and are then separated by virtue of the elasticity of the solid medium. The onward motion is taken up rapidly by the next set of molecules of rock are first squeezed together by the concussion and are then separated by virtue of the elasticity of the solid medium. The onward motion is taken up rapidly by the next set of molecules of rock are first squeezed together by the concussion and are then separated by virtue of the elasticity of the solid medium. The onward motion is taken up rapidly by the next set of molecules of rock are first squeezed together by the concussion and are then separated by virtue of the elasticity of the solid medium. The onward motion is taken up rapidly by the next set of molecules of rock are first squeezed together by the concussion and are then separated by virtue of the clasticity of the solid medium. The onward motion is taken up rapidly by the next set of molecules of rock to me!" "I remember it all now-while I have the seismic center the molecules of rock "I will hang then. When I believed and then spring apart. In this way the myself innocent I did not hesitate to declare it; now that I know that I am a murderer, I shall not deny it. "The night my wife was killed I had a dream. I thought our dispute had been lend a dream. I thought our dispute had been lend and that in a sudden fit of anger several hundred miles while each partilimits. The undulation may travel several hundred miles while each particle moves through but a few inches. The velocity is sometimes very great, that of the great earthquake of Lisbon in 1755 being computed at about twenty miles per minute, or one and a half times the velocity of sound in air. It is not now thought probable that the volcano vomits up matter from a seething hot liquid interior, which is covered by a comparatively thin crust. The convulsion is rather referred to the action of the water which is converted into steam at relatively low depths, while the displacement of strata when not due. I caught her by the throat and strangled her.

"To-day, for the first time, that ter-that of the great earthquake of Lisbon ocked the door or windows on the in-side after leaving it. The woman was know that in my sleep that night I killed miles per minute, or one and a half times steam at relatively low depths, while the displacement of strata when not due to such action most frequently occurs in

INTERPRETATION.

All that the summer has said to me— In the song of the rose when her leaves un-fold,

fold,
In the breath of the lily with heart of gold,
In the croon of the birds in the linden tree—
All that the summer has sung and said
Since the violet died on the breast of May,
And the rose in the lap of June waxed red,
I cannot sing or say.

There's sound in the grass that grows under my feet,

my feet,
There's a tremer of music in moss and fern.
And the myriad tongues of the forest burn
With a rapturous symphony, passing sweet;
t sings in the heart and it sighs in the breast,
It throbs in the thought like an ancie

But it dies on the lips in a lost refrain Ere the voice can find the tune.

dove—
The speech of the universal tongue.
It cannot be sung and it cannot be said—
But life may be lived with so fine a grace
That the music of life is interpreted
In the lines of a wrinkled face.
—Ida Whipple Benham.

Seances with Jennie Moore.

On the evenings of Oct. 18th and 21st I was one of a party assembled in the seance room of Jennie Moore, who is located at 757 Warren avenue, to with ness the manifestations which occur divently persons composed the circle on each of these evenings, and the manifestations were of a character decidedly convincing, proving her to be a most excellent instrument for the phase known as materialization. The cabinet is of the most simple construction and can readily be moved to any part of the room, precluding all idea of false panels, trap-doors, and the like, and every facility for investigating the room, cabinet and all surroundings are cheerfully accorded. Not only this, but the medium is disrobed by a committee of ladies, and enters the cabinet with a dress which has been submitted to careful inspection by the committee, who aver positively that there is nothing whatever in possession of the medium with which forms can be made or simulated. After singing, a large, tall man with long, white beard, appeared and lated. After singing, a large, tall man with long, white beard, appeared and signified that he would like to talk with me, but was entirely unable to get conme, but was entirely unable to get control of vocal organs to do so. The makeup, however, was good, and I recognized him fully as a Mr. Sage who formerly lived in Beloit, Wis., and was also for many years a resident of your city. With him came my wife, who was recognized by Dr. J. C. Phillips before I could clearly discern who it was. She spoke in a manner to be plainly under-stood, expressing her satisfaction with other forms were fully identified, some (Chicago, 4018 Washington Blvd.) control, was unmistakably one of the finest make-ups it has been my fortune to witness with any medium I have seen.

the powers of Europe in abject submission.)
It also contains a description of its destruction: "Whom the Lord shall mad down him out of their containing the spiritual growth in white spirit of the spiritual growth and development of humanity mad down himself be the slave of a realign the sounding the spiritual growth and development of humanity mad down himself be the slave of a realign the containing progress.

Now, we will take on a manufactured and slight the spiritual growth and development of humanity made and diagreg quoted: "Whom to progress and himself to the part of the spiritual growth and development of humanity in the progress and the working of what as "Modern Spiritualism" but in a days will be the spiritual growth and development of humanity in the progress and the working of what is a "Modern Spiritualism" but in and down himself to be the searce of two or three feet wide which the stand size of two or three feet wide which the work in the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont. He manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the individual state of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual and some of them as the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the spiritual submont of the manner of the medium, or the medium, or the medium, or the medium, or the dium could not possibly have any knowledge. Among those who manifested at this time was my brother S. S. Hodge, who passed to spirit life Aug.

Hodge, who passed to spirit life Aug. the finest manifestation ever given to myself in all my experience in materialization, and I feel that I am obligated in justice to the medium and her controls, as well as to the cause, and my spirit friends, that the facts be given spirit friends, that the facts be given to any address. Six papers, and my spirit friends, that the facts be given to any address. Six papers, and my temple lectures. to the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE
THINKER. Indeed, my brother was so
pleased with his success that he said:
"Write to Francis and tell him how
O. H. RICHMOND. well I have done.'

On Friday evening, while enjoying a pleasing visit with the guides of Ollie A. Blodgett, of Davenport, Iowa, my brother's presence was announced and he again expressed his pleasure in being so successful in this, his first trial, in

"Sunnyside." TO THE EDITOR:-Please inform your

TO THE EDITOR:—Please inform your readers that the shares of the capital stock of the Sunnyside Improvement Association are only five dollars each, instead of \$500, as the printer made it in your last issue. The spirit guides of this association, and of the Sunnyside Spiritual Institute Association as well. Spiritual Institute Association as well, desired that the price of the stock should be placed at this low figure that it might be within the reach of those who desired to assist in this great spiritual work, and who could not afford to give a larger sum. The capital stock is being subscribed for, and certificates of the subscription will be sent to every subscriber, and will pay a fair interest upon the investment. All persons interested should write to the Association for their pamphlets giving full particulars of the enterprise.

E. N. PICKERING.

Marshalltown, Jones. President.

OFF I Dr. A. B. Dob Farewell to a 1 This Morning.

With many regrets and fond farewells, our popular mayor, Dr. A. B. Dobson, wife, son Owen, Miss Lena Ringlep, private secretary, and their servant girl, departed this afternoon for San Jose, Cal., where, if the climate and other expected advantages prove as anticipated, the doctor will settle permanently. It has always been his ambition to spend his more advanced years in the climes of the Golden State, where he has always had an extensive practice. With many regrets and fond farewells,

But it dies on the lips in a lost refrain
Ere the voice can find the tune.

It cannot be said, and it cannot be sung,
Yet it swells like a tide in the heart of love,
Tho' soft as the croon of the brooding
dove—
The speech of the universal tongue.
It cannot be sung and it cannot be said—
But life may be lived with so fine a grace
That the music of life is interpreted
In the lines of a wrinkled face,
—Ida Whipple Benham.

MATERIALIZATIONS.

The Golden State, where he has always had an extensive practice.
Dr. Dobson, during his sixteen years residence in Maquoketa, has been one of our most enterprising and leading citizens, chock full of public spirit and magnanimity. Along with his own great prosperity he has found it a pleasure to make others prosperous, and scarce a working season has passed without the erection of new buildings in our city by this famous clair voyant, until he now owns eighteen buildings, several of them large business blocks, including the town clock or City Hall building. In his departure he leaves all this good



THE MYSTIC TEMPLE.

Since our last report we have been able to work in some of the higher degrees, thus advancing a number of our ast winter's initiates to the Quarter of Wisdom.

This has been an appropriate time for This has been an appropriate time for this higher work on account of its ob-viating the difficulty of calling out the more numerous membership of the lower degrees during the muddy, wet weather which has prevailed in Chicago for two weeks past. The mud has been espe-cially all-pervading in the vicinity of the Temple, near Madison and Fortieth streets, on account of the construction

in five weeks from now.

By this means we will be able to place

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Many have written from other States, asking when is the best time to come for the first to third, also from degrees, from first to third, also from

fourth to seventh. We have had this matter under earnest

LOCAL MEMBERS

He Knew Father Chiniquy.

TO THE EDITOR:-It has been a long time since I have written you; and now permit me to say that a paper like THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER is destined to good work you have so earnestly begun, and may you be permitted to see THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER grow into a giant. T. G. SHEPARD. 57 Seneca St., Oneida, N. Y.

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CHAPTER VI.



ISH WORK, IN THE CONVENT OF THE THINKING OF ENTERING A CATHOLIC

have I done? Father! father! Mother.



of thich we know little, save that in all nature we perceive a gradual progression from lower to higher, and are willing to consider that the order of things is for a wise and beneficent purpose. In the order we see the condition which we call evil, and we feel that it has a part to play in the economy of existence, which part is not accomplished just at the moment Death comes; hence it will continue until its purpose is accomposed for the spirits who desire to influence or control. Sometimes this character is good, and good results follow the exercise of me-

which part is not accomplished just at the moment Death comes; hence it will continue until its purpose is accomplished, and "good comes out of evil." Types of this process of gradual elimination are seen almost every day in the persons of reformed, or rathere of reforming men and women, and there is no rational ground for thinking that this gradual process is instantaneously changed at any point in the mortal carrier. If this method is seen to be best—this gradual method—why should it change? The crystals form; the trees and flowers grow; the mighty rivers are formed by contributions here and there of tiny rivulets; stars and worlds come by slow degrees,—then why not the human character, which is the human life? Transplant a tree—it follows the same order; turn aside the rivulets—they will run on as before and make a river somewhere. De-mortalize a man, and the processes which make him a man will go on until royal success shall show the grandeur of the architect's plan. Now, if spirits are in part evil—for none is wholly such—the evil will manifest itself in some way. If the evil be ignorance, not known as such, it will repel educative efforts; if personal animosities, these will be seen or felt; if propeness CHINKING OF ENTERING A CATHOLIC SCHOOL (SHE TGURES IN THE NARRA-TIVE.)

PAINTING WHILE HE MEDITATES ON THE RUIN WHICH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS WROUGHT.

Ave I done? Father! father! Mother, The Ruin which the control of the control o

hard, unfeeling as his? Am I never to see you more? And Mr. Kensett! You said without asking, you loved me,—and is this your love? Oh! that I might die! "

The manifestations coming from this class of spirits are often very peculiar, and are without apparent explanation. Sometimes they are of a really hostile that I might die! "Let me not hear of your condemning the manure. Let me instance one case among the livery of heaven to serve the livery of heaven to serve the

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CHAPTER VI.

Taking The Veil.

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