

Progress, the Universal Law of Nature: Thought, the Solvent of Her Problems.

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SPIRITUALISM.

Its Future Comprehensively Considered.

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Her treasures to his search, unseals his eye, Illumes his mind and purifies his heart; An influence breathes from all sights and sounds
Of her existence, she is wisdom's self."

by a similar law becomes the parent of

able than its present existence. We witness the present effect called sentient life. We do not know its cause, and we know no reason why it should not continue beyond the phenomenon of death; and if it can and does prove its existence beyond the grave by the same evidence we recognize of this life, how can we

doubt or disbelieve? We receive through the clicks of the telegraph a communication from a distant friend. The operator interprets the raps of the sounder to us; they nar-rate memories of the past, relate facts We recognize them, and know that that friend is living and communicating with us, and upon this knowledge we act in the most momentous affairs of There is nothing in the mechanical devices of the tellegraph line or office that carries conviction to our minds. We form our opinion of the truth of the message by the innate evidence it possesses of mutual knowledge, memory or affection. And we could not doubt if we would. Then we receive a similar message from a friend who has "passed We have the same innate evidence of its genuineness that we have of the one transmitted by the mysterious throbbings of electricity; yes! even more, for this last communication is written in the hand-writing we remember so well. We recognize the mental-characteristics of the diceased; the peculiar forms of ex-pression not observable in the telegram are there, and added to this is the wellknown signature whose form is indelibly mistakable evidences of personality are there, and the thinking mind cannot but and that the mouldering form in grave is but the cast-off raiment of this life exchanged for the glorious habili-

nents of immortality. In scientific inquiry philosophers do not ignore the evidence of visible facts ecause their cause is unknown, but reognizing them, they search for the laws that govern and created them. The loquent tongue is but a clod of senseless natter that raps the air in recognized vibrations to which language has affixed a meaning. "Yes" and "No" are but different numbers of vibrations or

but a mandate of the monarch, human oratories of either scientific or mental intellectual mentality. We know that of the senses, but is rather the dust in all phenomena that manifest intelligence the cup of the balance, to be removed terfeited. There is no spurious coin among the circulating media of human thought. There is no similitude of the human mind, and when we see it manifested by correct and whose gratification fested by pen or planchette, or hear it in the raps of tongue or table, we know that we cannot be deceived in the nature of the force that causes the phenomena. If intellect, memory and love control the unseen forces, then they must be conviction of reason and or to the unseen forces, then they must be convicted on the conviction of reason and the conviction of the convic

traction of matter for matter moulds and tion of personal intellectuality are more forms alike the dew-drops and the orbs plain and certain than are those of physin stellar space, yet how, or when, or ical foundations. Men are nearer wherefore, are unsolved enigmas. We alike in body than in mind. As in the know that there is a love among atoms of celebrated Tichborne trial in England, matter called chemical affinity, that men have often personated other men unites an acid and an alkali in a mar-from a resemblance in form and features, riage embrace, and an enmity whose antagonistic force will divorce them; but never in mentality or intellectual acquirements. If an intelligence manifests itself to us by any means, its personality can be determined by proof electricity, by a force called induction, that is absolutely conclusive. Therebegets magnetism, and that magnetism fore, when a human intellect with its peculiar mental characteristics makes its electricity, and the great unsolved prob-lem is: "What are these mysterious forces that are interchangeable?" and made more clearly apparent to our that under different circumstances and senses. It matters not that the casket

laws govern all movements and forma- well-known phenomena, and I was comtions of matter. The mysteries of hu- pelled to acknowledge its force and logic man life have evaded the research of with the remark- That it was strange, science, yet inductive philosophy teaches it is true, almost as much so as that a us that its continuity is not more improb- spirit should communicate with a deaizen of earth through the sonorous vocal organs of Balaami's old and faithful serv-

The credulity of orthodox Christians will permit them to believe that the spirit world can and has communicated with men through the lips of an "Asinus vulgaris," yet they most vehemently deny the possibility of a like occurrence through the hands and lips of their mediumistic friends and neighbors. They believe that such occult phenomena have occurred in times past through the unchangeable laws of an immutable God, known only to ourselves and the distant and yet deny that they can occur today. The priesthood of today claim to be the only mediums between man and a future'

infidelity might draw an invidious comparison between the mediums of Balaam's time and those of the sacred desk

It is common occurrence for orthodox Christians to sneer at the plebeian mode of spirit communications. They seem to forget that in accordance with a belief of their creed, their Savior, a God, was born in a manger, and for nearly thirty years worked with his reputed father at the lowly calling of a carpenter, and, while on his holy mission, con-sorted with Magdalens and fishermen, depending upon the charity of the public for his daily bread. But what avails the sneers and sarcasm of bigotry and creeds if the facts exist.

"Till they can rall the seal from off the

bond, They but offend their lungs to speak so

Under the enlightenment of advancing thought, it is impossible today to silence inquiry, or stifle the investigation of any subject in which the people feel an interest. As Prof. James T. Bixby, in the

Arena for November, says: "The modern mind is thoroughly wide awake and has quite thrown off the leading strings of ancient timidity .It looks all the questions in the face, and demands to be shown the real facts in every realm. All the traditions of history, the laws of science, and the principles of morals are overhauled, and the foundations on which they rest relentlessly probed. raps on the tympanum of the ear, which | And our modern curlosity can see no rea-English-speaking people have agreed son why it should cease its investigation should be an affirmation or negation; when it comes to the frontiers of religion. yet the phenomenon is not different from It deems no dogma to old to be sumhe raps on the table by some unknown moned before its bar, no pope or scriptiving force. It is not more mysterious ture to venerable to be put in the witness-

If we hear human intelligence mani-fested by tongue or raps, or see it in the whether carved in marble or enunciated in the articles of faith of creedal dogmas.

reason, whose scepter is thought, and research. Faith has no scales in which whose kingdom the boundless realm of can be accurately weighed the testimony "sin generis." They cannot be coun- before facts are placed therein, lest it

trol the unseen forces, then they must be conviction of reason and reflection. The chenomena of a human soul, for evidence of facts must be proven by the All natural phenomena are manifested to us through the senses; they are the only avenues through which a knowledge of objects or events can reach our them. The only mint of the human mind. ciousness; and although the cause of is the human soul, and there can be no will be as involuntary as are the moveconsciousness; and although the cause of the manifestations may be hidden in nature's boundless labratory, yet the effects are plainly visible. Thus we see that a blade of grass grows day by day through the energy called vegetative life, yet what that life is we do not know. We see an apple fail, as did the great Newton, and we call the force that draws it toward the earth of its coinage.

Life is not more apparent to the senses that a belief in spirit visitations and manifested, in whatever form it may be observed, it is certain that life is did among all people, and today so called modern Spiritualism is permeating is the human soul, and there can be no counterfeit of either its impress on the pure metal of its coinage.

Life is not more apparent to the senses that a belief in spirit visitations and manifestations is a recorded fact of all ages, and among all people, and today so called modern Spiritualism is permeating is there also; wherefore the faintest raps all Christian organizations. In a covert way it is whispered in many a sermon earth the attraction of gravitation, yet science cannot tell us what gravity is, or what causes it. We know that the attraction of yet that convey intelligence are positive evidence of the presence of both life and a human mind. The marks of identifications of yet was it is whispered in many a sermon from orthodox divines. Church members secretly visit the seance-room and there find confirmatory evidence of the basic facts of all creeds. The great sensational evangelist, Dr. Talmage, in a recent sermon, speaking of death, said:

"The apparent feeling of uneasiness and restlessness at the time of the Christian's departure the physicians say, is caused by no real distress. It is an apparent of the control of the c unconscious and involuntary movement, and I think in many cases it is the vision of heavenly gladness too great for mortal endurance. It is only heaven breaking in on the departing spirit. You see your works will be done and the time for departure will be at hand, and there will be wings under you, and songs let loose on the air, and your old father and mother, gone for years, will descend into the room, and your little that under different circumstances and conditions may become either parent or offspring. Around us on every side we see the effects of natural laws which are as wonderful to our senses as any so-called spiritual phenomena, while their primordial causes are beyond the reach of scientific researches or investigation. The eminant savant Lacono says:

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that once contained it in earth life has long since been given to death and decay, the soul surely lives and retains its personality if it can remember incidents of the past, and relate them through any physical phenomena, however insignificant they may appear to those unacquainted with the laws and conditions of quainted with the laws and conditions of spirit life. You may fly down on that mission." And I think all your glorified kindred than that given it by the present. ly world, you will see and hear. And the moment the flishy bond of the soul

> home, straight for glory. These utterances of Dr. Talmage when shorn of their tinsel rhetoric and gaudy verbiage, are a simple avowal of the facts claimed by Spiritualists. They asserta spirit life wherein the spirits of those who have passed away have a knowledge of the events transpiring on earth. That the possibility of the mediumship of the dear to them in this life, and that under past occurring at the present time, lest certain conditions they can return to earth with their consoling influence, and acompany the departing soul to its fu-ture abode of supernal bliss. And when The cross found on the mu the time comes, as it surely will; when the beautiful philosophy of Spiritualism the gods, is the Egyptian form, which can be enunciated in all the pulpits in the land without danger to the tenure an oval. of "Othello's occupation," it will be the religion of the world. Then, and not until then will the true Millennium come. "Then shall death be swallowed up in victory, and all tears wiped in all living beings, and in all the for away from all faces," and all mankind shall know "That if a man dies, he shall The oval was the halo or aureole r live again."

"And that Death is the crown of life: Were death denied, poor man would live in

Death wounds to cure; we fall, we rise, we reign; Spring from our fetters, fasten to the skies,

Where blooming Edens open on our sight; The king of terrors is the prince of peace."

St. Paul, (Minn.) Items.

Frank T. Ripley, of Boston, the wellknown trance speaker and medium for platform tests, has an engagement with the St. Paul Spiritual Alliance until March 1st. His lectures are well attended of the letter X." march 1st. His fectures are well action and at the close of each lecture many public tests of the presence of spirit ing the Romans, says:

"Your victorious trophies not only "Your victorious trophies not only close or only in the Romans, says: evenings of the same day for the Alliance in St. Paul; also holding a public test circle Wednesday evening of each week, for the benefit of the Alliance. Never in the history of St. Paul has there been so widespread an interest manifested in Spiritualism as at the present. There the raps on the table by some unknown living force. It is not more mysterious than that which moves the tongue; and by an intelligence to venerable to be put in the witness-box and cross-examined as to its accuwhen both are governed by an intelligence that has human characteristics, how can we doubt the parentage of one, more than the other?

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E. W. Baldwin continues to lecture

THE CROSS.

Its Origin--Vast Antiquity.

A Pagan, Not a Christian Symbol.

Through the Vista of Ages, a Glimpse of the Oldest Faith, the Phallic

BY HUDSON TUTTLE.



In the museum at Central Park, New York, are a variety of finely-preserved mummies of nobles and kings. In some, not a shred of the swathing bandages with which the bitumenized bodies were wrapped by consecrated hands has been displaced, and on the encrusted surface, in bright colors, are the hieroglyphs which record the legend of the dead. In others the bandages have been severed, that the embalmed body may be seen in its horrible defiance of decay. The Egyptian god had told them in his revealed word, their sacred book, that if the body was preserved, at the end of a thousand years the spirit would be allowed to return and reincarnate itself. scientific researches or investigation.
The eminant savant Lacono says:
"We know the effects of many things, but the causes of few."
Markind recognizes the former through the evidence of our senses, while the latter are only made apparent by a process of inductive reasoning. Effects can be proven by the testimony of observers, while causes are the enactions of observers, while causes are the enactions of observers, while causes are the enactions of nature's unknown senate, whose laws govern all movements and formatics.

In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In many a Christian departure that you and will hear voices long ago hushed. In the sumon the cart from the cart from the cause of the May I be the celestial escort? May I wait for that soul at the edge of the pillow?" And the Lord will say: "Yes. case three thousand years at least before our era, with a meaning more exalted will come down, and they will be in the room, and although those in health standing around may hear no voice and see no arrival from the heavendard see no arrival from the heavendard see no arrival from the heavendard see matrix and see no arrival from the heavendard seems are represented holding it in their hands as emblematic of their procreative power. Osiris has a cross on his breast, Kreph a cross from shoulder to hip. The shall break, the cry will be: "Follow me! Up this way! By this gilded cloud, apast these stars, straight for circle with a cross; the Emperor Aucircle with a cross; the Emperor Augustus symbolized victory by a cross placed on a globe. It is seen on some of the most ancient cones, and in the far North the Laplanders marked with blood a cross on their idols. It is also found on Runic monuments. This is identical with the orb and cross of the Catholic tiara. The esoteric meaning life. They seem to be afraid to admit they remember and love those who were of the orb is the primeval egg; the em-

The cross found on the mummy-cases on the temple walls, or in the hands of

This had a more complex meaning than is now given to the cross of Christ, it symbolized two distinct yet united male and female principles seen in all living beings, and in all the forces

The oval was the halo or aureole represented around the head of Isis, the "Virgin mother," "The Queen of Heaven," expressive of her creative to the "Virgin Mary," or rather, Isis; she became the worshiped mother. The cross was a convenient representation of the trinity, at first drawn true to nature, as may be seen on the walls of the rock temples of Hindostan, where the record of this early adoration of the mysterious

impressed on the universe in the shape Linnæus, in his "Octavius," address-

riends are given, and in nearly every case recognized. Mr. Ripley is well employed, speaking in Minneapolis each Sunday morning to good houses, and the

be objected to in Christianity."

The pagan temples were built in the form of the cross. The Druids placed their upright stones in the form of a

The St. Andrew's cross represents the angle of 231 degrees of the equinox; sometimes has a lamb on it with five

bleeding wounds. A Phœnician medal, ignorant of their origin. found at Citiune, of great antiquity, has ter, we must know that a human mind is the unseen "power behind the throne greater than the throne itself," and that all intelligence, however manifested, is

ists and the testimony of the church fathers, the early Christians, that is the fathers, the early Christians, that is the pagans, who were slowly being medified by the growing faith, worshiped Christ under the various symbols of the serpent, fish, lamb, and as a crucified man.

The study of the subject has been made more difficult, but the dependence is still apparent.

Faustus, a Marichaean bishop, addressing Saint Augustine, says: "You There was no uniformity until the Council of Constantinople in 680, which in its sacrifices of the pagans; and for their 82d canon decreed that thereafter Christ should be represented as a man crucified.

The growth of this symbolism is proof sufficient that a literal crucifixion is good to be compared the company of the control of th

volving the solar myths with those of procreation, we pass beyond the historic religions into the realm of nature wor . Column, t religions into the realm of nature wor ship, and meet a religion which, though all have one meaning, more or less condimly defined, is the source from which all others have derived their myths and dogmas. This is the Phallic worship, which adores the creative principle, whether manifested in the sun, in making the "mother earth" fruitful; in man, or the animal world. The nomen-clature of this worship is so persistent that it remains in the latest forms of the dead. To the builders and carvers thought and religion.

The Christian missionaries to India, worshiping in blissful ignorance the same emblem in its conventional form, were horrified by seeing the pagan Hindoo worship the same in its literal expression. Had they visited the Temple of Solomon in its glory, they would have seen the two Phallic columns seen the two Phallic columns and the cross of the correct the control of the correct the control of the correct the correct the correct the correct three controls and the correct three correct thr in its porch, carved like those of the Hindoos, so true to nature their signifi-cance could not have been mistaken. Here in this dim twilight of faith, when men saw the phenomena of nature

with the eyes of childhood, and reasoned and imagined as children, is met the cross with the fig-leaves, representing it as the Tree of Life, and around its upright stem is twined the serpent,

perstitions, for the new dogmas of the male principle, became the aureole, or, cross had not taken form; hence it will rather, the aureole itself was transcross had not taken form; hence it will he adopted the cross as a standard, was not the daring fanatic he has been represented, but with clear insight saw the importance of transforming the pagan symbol into the ensign of the New Religion. On the eve of a great battle, which would decide his fate, he opportunely dreamed that he saw the flaming cross in the heavens, and was told that if he accepted the sign and inscribed it on the shields of his soldiers he would conquer. It was rare policy of a mili-tary commander, and excited the courage of his soldiers to such a degree that victory was assured.

The pagan symbol of creative power, with a new meaning, became the standard around which rallied the legions of the Emperor of the Roman world. There crosier, etc. The gods received new was no bleeding Savior on it then. It names and became saints. blem of the female principles, which, vivified by the masculine, symbolized by the cross, gave origin, as was berepresented the same thought, renewal

The Church No Safeguard Against Suicide. of life, resurrection, immortality. introduction of the "Savior with five wounds," nailed to the cross, was probably the work of the painters, who delighted to make the scene as horrible as

possible, and heighten the effect. The evangelists, in their narrations of the crucifixion, do not mention the nails. When Luke speaks of the crucifixion in the Acts he says: "Jesus, whom ye slew, and hanged on a tree," evidently having no other idea of the crucifixion than that it was performed in the usual manner; not by nailing the victim to the tree, but by tying him with ropes, as like maladies do on sinful mortals. Heaven," expressive of her creative leaving him to perish by hunger, thirst and exposure. Had such crucifixion to the "Virgin Mary," or rather, Isis: ble manner of nailing instead of tying could not have possibly escaped mention

It becomes a question of doubt whether there was a Jesus crucified, and by the championship of Constantine, blended with the old faith, or whether blended with the old faith, or whether this prevalent belief did not express itself in concrete form and by the manipulations of St. Paul and the early "fathers" grow into the system known as Christianity. There may have been a Jesus infatuated with the prevalent expectation of Messiah, around whom the was living, were not willing that their father, who had passed his 78th year, expectation of Messiah, around whom the was living, were not willing that their father, who had passed his 78th year, should leave their home if it were postulations. gathered, but the Jesus of Christianity him carefully. could never have existed, for he is the ideal of a higher and more noble civilization. There are a score or more of other Saviors, whose existence is as well substantiated, the narratives of whose some foundation in nature, or in your own religion, and therefore ought not to be objected to in Christianity."

The pagan temples were built in the form of the cross. The Druids placed to the cross. The Druids placed to the cross of the c mother, the same miraculous deeds of same martyrdom at the close. They are all either historic or myths in which the older Phallic faith and solar worship have become literal to an age

> It is customary to regard the Christian religion as wholly distinct from the have sought to destroy every connecting pure, rich blood!

From allusions made by the evangel- link, and thereby support this assump

sufficient that a literal crucifixion is unsupportable.

Here, in this wonderful realm of myths, often conflicting because arising from different views or impressions, in
Nothing distinguishes you from the Gentiles except your assembling apart

cealed by the requirements of architec-ture. The steeple is a modified cross. If its significance is sought after, there it will be found. When it is seen arising above the green shade of the village, it forms a pleasing object in the land the esoteric meaning is unknown, and pride and vanity are the supposed motives which often make the steeple more costly than the church it towers above. The actuating motive is the hereditary bias descended from the primitive religions, under which, at the sacrifice of often surmounting a dome emblem of the feminine, above which the cross is elevated. Directly stated, the aspiring steeple connected with the "House of God," has a purely Phallic meaning—"The Creator," the "Just I Am."

The devout maiden may blush to hear that the diamond cross she wears on her breast is a disguised form of the emblem

strangest of living beings, carrying and death in its fangs. On this subject, delicacy, created by education, forbids more than allusion. This refined age looks upon the processes of generation and creation quite differently from that a primeval cult that bowed reverently before its mysteries.

The cross as an instrument of torture

Madonna is an exact translation of the Sanskrit Isi. The lotus has become the lily: the charming sistrone has been by the clanging bell; the be understood that Constantine, when ferred, with the head of Isis, mother of Horus, to Mary, mother of Jesus. Even the sacred vessels of the pagan mysteries became those of the holy communion. The emblem of the fish, held sacred by Egyptians and Assyrians for its supposed erotic qualities, was accepted, and because the pagans ate fish on Friday, a day consecrated to Venus, the day and the diet were adopted. When the priests assisted in the wor-ship of the goddess Mary displaced, they put on feminine attire, and hence the chemise and priestly robes. The tonsured head was adopted from the Egyptian priests. The sacred days of the church are all pagan, and not only the garments of the priests, but the em-

blems of their office, staff, mitre,

It seems that the church is no safeguard against suicide or any other crime. t appears that the Rev. Ezra Marsh Boring, D. D., one of the oldest ministers of the Rock River Conference of the Methodist church, and one who had served his church long and acceptably, a few days ago came to his death by his own hand, in Evanston. Dr. Boring had been in poor health nearly a year, and During the summer he was poisoned by an ivy-vine, and the trouble from that poisoning also had its effect. Though a minister of the gospel, and a most excel-lent man, the ivy-vine had no more respect for him than others. Four weeks ago his insanity began to take a more violent turn, an he began to show signs the myths of the evangelical narrations sible for him to stay, and so they watched

natural law. There is no escape therefrom. Each one, too, is saved by laws equally as natural. There is no royal road to any heaven. ANTI-SUICIDE

You See It!

Yes, you see a New Revelation in newspaper enterprise this week. It costs you nothing. We don't ask you to purchase an old mule, an old horse, or a sewing machine, in order to get The PROGRESSIVE THINKER. It recom-mends itself without a chromo. We entice you to subscribe for THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER on its MERITS tian religion as wholly distinct from the preceding paganism, and the priesthood not for this young paper, with so much

SPIRIT PROPHECY.

The Catholic Policy as Viewed from Spirit Life.

Curious Appearance of a Phantom Bird and Cat.

As I have read your paper and noticed certain items, I have wondered if I should not if they can see beyond and above him add a little of my testimony on them.

ABOUT SPIRIT PROPHECY.

It was June, 1857, at Peru, Ill., where I revolutions of the world," etc.

I questioned, and he answered: "It will

Then freedom and equality in everything, and women will take part in the new govern-

ABOUT CATHOLIC POLICY.

medium, a lady since well known, stated her vision of a Catholic priest, in full regalia, and read from golden letters in the air, Bishop Hughes, and said for him (with some leading questions): "There is going to be great commotion on religion in this country, and persecution, and struggle for power, and I fear there will be bloodshed in some parts. The old, strong sectarians will join with the will join with the Spiritualists. The former will succeed at the first, and Spiritualism will be dead for a time; but after three days and three nights the good angel will roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre, and Spiritualism will come forth bright, strong and beautiful, and will march on to conquest.

And again: "The Pope is losing ground in his own country, and he contemplates removing his seat of government to the United States." On questioning he said: "I think it will be in the life time of Pius IX. his seat of power, but probably St. Louis."

DO THEY HAVE ANIMALS IN SPIRIT-LIFE.

he came in after the funeral, looked all around I give it verbatim: as if something was lost, went out and did not return. His dead body was found the next day in a neighbor's barn.

was perfectly unconscious): "No, Chief, cat mule, no dead; little one love cat much; cat love little one heap much; so when little one come,

cat come too." etc.

The cat continued to be presented until another event occurred, which was this: About a year afterward, though the bird was kept with the greatest care, a villainous stray wild cat crept into the house at mid-day, got at the eage, tore it open, and in a moment destroyed the pet singer. Now, then, was it destroyed? Soon after this I chanced to see in the death of either cat or bird.

WAS LINCOLN A SPIRITUALIST?

During the war I became informed in vari-

the East, and to the chief command, and as to issuing the Proclamation; and some other

things I do not remember. Now, Mr. Editor, to us who are wellgrounded on our experiences, it matters not if Lincoln were a Spiritualist or not but to many it will go a great ways towards en-

THE GREAT SPIRITUAL CONGRESS. resided then, that a travelling healing medium, through your expansive sheet) before I pass deep interest by your patrons, for these exon, especially to the Christian world, and periments always afford food for thought. But ance and also in a public address: "In three about like this: It is distasteful to put into to the report: years and six months there will commence print family names and family affairs, and in these United States one of the greatest home. I have not the displayed an experience of the greatest home. I have not the displayed an experience of the report: hence I have not thus displayed my spiritual demonstrations and experiences, but have chosen rather to discuss principles; and will some features; a high, wide sweep of intellections. be first for civil freedom; there will be great therefore say now, once for all, that my wife tual forehead; dark-brown hair and eyes that and children and friends that have gone be- can blaze with fire or be as soft and limpid as free. The war will go into the churches, and there will be great commotion and religious others) have given me more of knowledge of others) have given me more of knowledge of the structure of t spirit-life and its conditions; more of faith notism, astonished the students and scientists and consolation, than what Jesus could give his disciples, by his resurrection and bestowal of his presence upon them, and far more than his disciples of this day can reasonably say At a seance in LaSalle, about 1866, the that they receive from that remote history. EDMUND S. HOLBROOK.

Chicago, Ill.

"END OF A WASP."

Independent State-writing-Strong Proof of Identity.

While attending one of the annual camp meetings at Cassadaga, I went to P. L. O. A. Catholics, and the liberalists and agnostics Keeler (by appointment) for an independent slate-writing. While scated on the opposite side of a wide table from the medium, writing my interogatories, it occurred to me (on the spur of the moment) to ask Josh Billings for a message characteristic of his style of composition and spelling. Before I had the inter-rogatory half written, Mr. Keeler became violently agitated and semi-entranced; his face of Europe with the display of his powers. turned upward, and looking to the ceiling he not spell right, I spelled wrong to make money; others spell right to make money." He It is not determined yet where he will make then assumed his normal condition and looked towards me with the query: "What does that mean?" I replied: "I know the meaning," and In 1870 my family resided at Peru, but I went on and finished writing the pellet. Mr. was absent a great deal in Chicago. My Keeler could not possibly have known to daughter of five years sickened and died. whom I addressed that or any other of my She had a cat and a bird. After the funeral half-dozen pellets. We then put a clean pair I returned to my office in Chicago and very of slates together, tying my handkerchief soon went to a medium that had an Indian around them, and each taking hold of opcat, and identity well made out. I supposed the showing of that cat was made to was done. On opening the slates the followincrease the proof as to the child. On getting ing entitled message was found thereon, and home I remarked, the circumstance to my by the way it is the only slate writing message wife. She said poor Tom was dead now-that that I have ever known to have a title to it.

"THE LAST END."

"I think the best thing tu du iz tu buy a good-sized wasp, and let him experiment on On returning to Chicago I went again to the slates. Buy a good mail wun, and he will the medium. Both were present as before. be frisky. He can get over more ground with Now observe, Mr. Editor, that this occurrence hiz last end than haf a duzen do in spirit. was before the suggestion was ever made to We have no last end, but a wasp haz, and it me that animal souls were continued in after can be very forcibly demunstrated to any won life, and my wonderment was very great by surching about for it with yur ungloved So I questioned what it meant, for the cat was hand. This proves that wile we have no end, dead. Then the control said (the medium a wasp sertainly haz a good wun. Your feller "JOSH BILLINGS."

Does not the above message not only fully identify the person, but actually prove his presence? If not, I can see no proof they can give other than showing themselves to us.

Oil City, Pa. W. J. INNIS.

Oil City, Pa.

THE BOOK OF JUDGMENT.

this medium again, and this bird was presented with the spirit-child, but not the cat. The control said the little one wanted the bird, and so it came. And on the question being asked, Where is the cat? said: "Me don't know. The little one liked the bird most, and it come; then did not want the cat, so the cat come no more." I could not get an opinion whether the cat still lived on nor could. I have not found a single ion whether the cat still lived on, nor could I papers to examine. I have not found a single get an admission that the spirits took any part paragraph exposing any Spiritualist, but I find many paragraphs giving particulars of ministers of the gospel who were arrested, tried and sentence passed upon, for the following high crimes and misdemeanors: Abortion, adulous ways that he had knowledge of spirit- tery, arson, drunkenness, embezzlement, formethods, but heard as well that he was non-committal in language. Such sayings have various kinds), perjury, rape, rioting, slander, not ceased since. It was not a startling sodomy, and theft, and all manner of bigotry, thing, therefore, when you propounded that crankiness and heresy. Thus the ten comquestion, and perhaps gave an affirmative answer in your paper; and there is one incident along that line that I think worthy of public record. A few weeks after your article was published the Sunday Tribune announced a new volume on the subject. That forepoon a new volume on the subject. That forenoon I went to the spiritual meeting at Arlington Hall. A gentleman in the full trance state man who ever breathed; that Solomon was series of supreme tests of his art. To one of had never seen. Some of her the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all most be accused of speaking consciously on such a subject as he did) said, in a clumsy way, that Lincoln was there and seemed to want to say something on the question if he was a Spiritualist. Some said forthwith: "Yes, that was in Francis' paper," but no response; but I said: "It is in this morning's Teibman," when the gentleman who ever breathed; that Solomon was the eacused of speaking the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the contract between the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the contract between the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the most virtuous of men; that Job was of all men the contract between the descriptions of places, particularly those wherewith any of her auditors were familiar, were tolerably correct.

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Replying to an inquiry, Dr. Sixtus said: "Is it possible for persons in hypnosis to project their minutes after you awaken, go to the prominent baker in Israel; that Abraham was the could remembe the countered to the charge that the contract between the most virtuous of projects he said sharply and distinctly:

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HYPNOTIC INFLUENCES.

An Evening with Dr. Sixtus.

A CHILD IS MADE TO BELIEVE AMMONIA IS COL-OGNE-A WHOLE CLASS HYPNOTIZED-MADE TO CALL AT A CERTAIN HOUSE NEXT DAY.

To THE EDITOR:-I am highly interested in While writing, it occurs to me, Mr. Editor, hypnotism, and am indebted to that bright that I wish to give a brief message to the new daily, the Chicago Press, for the following world (and I don't know of a better way than report and illustrations. It will be read with



THOUGHT IT SMELLED SWEETLY

exclaimed: "I was an educated man; if I did For the last two and a half years he has been a resident of the United States, and for twelve months or more has lived in Chicago, being now located at No. 179 La Salle avenue.

He has given several exhibitions of his powers in this city. One of the most interesting, particularly in its after-results, was at the home of a North Sider a few days ago.

There were twenty or more people present. As a preliminary proceeding, each person who was willing to subject himself to the hypnotic force was given a circular disk of polished control. The child was presented and also a posite sides, we held them about six inches zinc, with a center of copper. The disks were possibly two inches in circumference, and the candidates for hypnosis, sixteen in number, were told to hold them in the palms of their hands, and look at them intently for ten minutes. Ten minutes is a long time. In evidences of an abnormal mental condition. Three young men and a girl of perhaps fourteen years were sent into a hypnotic sleep, from which they drifted into the somnambuin which the girl was a participant consisted of a suggestion by Dr. Sixtus that a phial of ammonia contained perfumery. The bottle was held beneath the girl's nose, and as she monia, she expressed the liveliest gratification. As a matter of fact the fumes would almost cause a brazen image to shed tears. At the absence of consciousness. request of the child's parents she was relieved the ensuing incidents.

that a hypfrotist could wish. When aroused dition and his pulse and temperature was suggestion of Dr. Sixtus as if they were auman's head, Dr. Sixtus said: tomatons of which he held the controlling



unconcern strolled into an adjoining room and events.



BELIEVES HIMSELF A CRIPPLE.

None of the subjects could give any connected statement of what they had done while in the hypnotic state.

Again one of them was subjected to the hypnotic influence.

'To-morrow at 2 o'clock," said Dr. Sixtus, "you will call at this house, take a seat between two persons-who were named-and hands

the house until the night before, walked in



TELLING OF THE ABSENT.

All ordinary methods, such as loud calls and facts. violent shakings, had no effect; he slumbered sleeping man and he at once awoke. He was remarkable reformatory agent, as well as a permuch surprised upon learning where he was, tent influencer in developing mediumship. B became conscious of the presence of the am- He had no recollection of what had passed after 1 o'clock. About that time he felt a slight dizziness, which was succeeded by an

To return to the parlor experiments. Dr. of the influence, and remained a spectator of Sixtus' culminating effort was phenomenal. He created a physiological paradox. One of The three young men as subjects were all the subjects was placed in a lethargic con-

the power of the hypnotist to transfer the control of the subject to another person was demonstrated.

The series was concluded by Dr. Sixtus obliterating from the memory of one of the Pope subjects all recollection of the events of the evening. "You have had a pleasant evening," said the hypnotist, "but beyond remembering it was supposed that Protestant and Catholi that fact, you will be unable to recall anything that has transpired." Although repeatedly questioned that night and on subsequent days, the subject can recall nothing; not even days, the subject can recall nothing; not even in charge of the parochials, and only Catholi the place where he spent the evening. A few days later Dr. Sixtus gave an exhibition of clairvoyance. A young lady was thrown into the old parochial school failed because condition. a somnambulistic state, and in this condition gave detailed accounts of the doings of ab-

morning's Teibuse," when the gentleman made for me, and we had a shake. Then I said: "If you are Lincoln, let us hear from said: "If you are Lincoln, let us hear from crazy when he wrote his Revelation. I intend you; what do you say?" Answer: "Yes, I was." Now, the dynamo gave out, or the press of other matter broke the chain. Subsequently another medium, clairvoyant and inspirational, said he saw and heard the same, and that Douglas attended.

The next Sunday I was there too, and the latter gentleman said that he saw Lincoln latter gentleman said that he saw Lincoln with you, and send a dollar bill. It will come five minutes the musician, with a request that he saw Lincoln by the correspondence of the subjects, holding watches. Exactly at the clapse of the five minutes the musician, with a request that he saw Lincoln by the correspondence of the subjects, holding watches. Exactly at the clapse of the five minutes the musician, with a request that he saw Lincoln by the correspondence of the care will come and he could not open to each the suggestions were repeated to each that the suggestions were repeated to each that the suggestions were repeated to each the suggestions were repeated to each the suggestions and the could not open to each the suggestions were repeated to each that the suggestions were repeated to each that the suggestions and the could not open to each the suggestions and the suggestions and the could not open the suggestions and the suggestions and the could not open the suggestions and the could not open the suggestions and the suggestions and the could not open the suggestions and the suggestio latter gentleman said that he saw Lincoln with you, and send a dollar bill. It will come five minutes the musician, with a request that there (attended by Senator Sumner), who said: safely. A quarter will come safely if partly he be pardoned for interrupting the talk, and imbedded in a card and secured there. It is walked over to the piano and began: Tell the Judge that I was a Spiritualist, and mediums at the White House and at a easy matter to send three dimes, if you for McClellan, as to calling Gen. Grant to cents.

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his friend, scientifically nipped the handker
to be veritable prophetic visious. So, too, a charming."

chief according to direction, and, with affected clairvoyant's visions may be verified by later D

"To what is the blind, unquestioning obe-

dience of your subjects due?' "To the fact that they are under my control, body, soul and mind. In complete hypnosis the subject is a perfect mental and physical automaton.

"I recognize three degrees or conditions in the hypnotic state," continued Dr. Sixtus; "I "these are the lethargic, somnambulistic and you cataleptic. The lethargy is first produced, thin then either of the others at will. Hypnotists I sh whose instincts are purely commercial, claim not that they are able to cure all manner of dis. unp cases by the exercise of their powers. Or was ganic diseases cannot be cured by means of to g hypnotism. A disordered tissue will not regenerate itself in obedience to command. might, for instance, make a crippled patient believe that his amputated arm had grown out or l again, but I could not make the new arm de.

"With nervous maladies it is different These succumb more readily to hypnotism than to drugs. In the one case the cure is Ba permanent; in the latter the relief is often but temporary. In Sweden and Denmark 1 had much success in treating victims of dip-somania, both in and out of the hospitals. Old men and the youth of both sexes-that is, persons between the ages of 16 and 20 years, I find, are the most readily controlled. Out of every three or four persons who submit fall asleep. You can be awakened only by themselves, one subject is generally found. these two men reaching over you and shaking This is about the proportion, although in ex-It may be said here that the proceeding was exactly as indicated. At the appointed sixty young men with whom I experimented. hibitions among students in European schools hour the young man, who had never been at In America I have found that a great many people who apply for hypnotic treatment do so not from any necessity for it, but because they have a craving for a new sensation."

In Chicago Dr. Sixtus has made one re-

markable cure of the habit of drinking, and that without the knowledge of the patient.

At one of his exhibitions there appeared a man of middle age. He had been suffering from rheumatism in the region of the heart, and his physician prescribed port wine as a remedial agent. The malady disappeared, but the love of wine remained. Dr. Sixtus hyp notized or unmagnetized the man-whatever you will-and at the request of his friends

"If you attempt to drink wine or any othe liquor containing alcohol, it will make you

The subject was then aroused and nothing said to him about the experiment, except tha he had succumbed to the doctor's personality

The following morning, as usual, a bottle o wine was set at his plate. He poured out glassful, but could not drink it. Since that time he has had no desire for the wine whice was before a daily necessity, and when 18 has attempted to take a drink in a social wa less than five, six persons gave unmistakable like a member of the family and, speaking to he has been utterly unable to do so. Dr the five or six members of the last night's Sixtus attempts no explanation of these phe party, sat down between the men as directed. nomena. He simply says: These are the

These facts related by The Daily Press ar listic state. The only experiment of interest on with remarkable persistence. Then the very interesting, for they illustrate in two to whom Dr. Sixtus had transferred the marked degree the power of one mind over controlling power clasped hands over the another; indeed, hypnotism can become a re-

The Coils of the Deadly Serpent.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS CAUSING DISCORD IN STILL WATER EDUCATIONAL CIRCLES.

The parochial-public school row at Stil water, Minn., is to be pushed to a conclusio from their lethargy they obeyed the slightest taken. With his hand resting upon the young suggestion of Dr. Sixtus as if they were auman's head. Dr. Sixtus said: civil action before it becomes necessary to cal It is Being Opened in Ohio.

It is Being Opened in Ohio.

EDITOR PROGRESSIVE THINKER:—When you opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened to the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer the young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this summer thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this young men were thrown into cataleptic opened your Book of Judgment this young men were thrown into cataleptic opene tract making the parochial school part of public school system be annulled on the ground that it is illegal. If the board pays no attention to this request, an injunction wil the action was reversed. The pulse was low- be served on the board. If no results are of erod to 80 beats and the temperature sent to tainable from this delegation, citizens will re fuse to pay taxes on the ground that the mone Then followed several experiments in which is not spent for the purpose for which

It is understood that the local Catholics a unable to take any action in the matter because it has gone out of their hands to the

When, last September, the parochial school were turned over to the public school boards children would be bound alike by district

The move to prevent the parochial school sent persons and descriptions of places she from sharing in the public school money i

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Kate Field knows a thing or two, at

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REASONS GIVEN.

Why I Am a Spiritualist.

A person who knew me long and well said: "I don't see how you can be a Spiritualist; you seem to be very clear-headed on every-thing else." I told him why I was and why nothing about Spiritualism, only that it was to give any attention to it. I told him, briefly, why I was one, and I told it earnestly, and vert him. Many people having written more or less in detail why they had become Spirit- thunderstruck! It took me so by surprise. ualists, my conversation with this old friend would like to know my reasons for being one, so I will try to tell them.

I believed the bible was the word of God, I went at once, made an appointment with all-and softly calling his dog, went out into and in a resurrection day. It was a case, that medium, giving my name as Johnson, however, "where ignorance was bliss," but I and had a sitting, asking of the spirit what

I pointed up to my sign on my office, and he was a settler. Hall, and became a wiser and a better man for this article brother man, not in any significant sense di- what calls itself a spirit. vine, and thought there might be others to come who might be equal, or even superior. What I most needed was a belief in a future life. He seemed to have no doubt himself; if he had any, it was of the reality of this life, and none at all of the other. He felt himself that he was immortal. I used to wish I did, but I was not so constituted; but I Christmas and happy New Year to The Pro-

brary and wondering if my little girl was alive and invisible; it seemed an absurd idea, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

experiment to be successful, and would have been ashamed to have any one suppose I was seriously trying it, and I don't think I was serious in doing it. The message I asked for was a peculiar one, a chamber expression that she would remember, but would be hardly proper to put in print, so I will call the message E pluribus Unum. I not only said it audibly, but wrote it, and put it on my desk. I should always be one. This old friend knew When my wife returned some two or three hours later, she had had a sitting at a medium's unpopular, a superstition, and that it was a and she gave me a slip of paper, saying: waste of time for an intelligent business man | Our little Hattie sent this message to you, which was exactly what I asked for, when I was alone, and no living soul knew I had I am sure I interested him, if all did not con- asked for it, or written it as I have stated, and I must say I was more than astonished; I was

The fact was this: She had gone to Mrs. suggested that there might be others who Leed's and found her absent on a visit to Judge Edmond's in New York. She said to the When I was quite a young man I became a door maid: "Do you know of any good medium?" and was directed to a Mrs. Hayden, Baptist. I lived near Dr. Sharp's church who lived in Hayward Place, and she went and drifted into it, became a member and there, found her a rapping medium, and had a staid so for ten years; my zeal soon waned sitting with her; several tests were given her and hungry; and so are you, too, Rollo, and for the last five of my Baptist years, I and finally the name Hattle was spelled out. lost my interest and was only nominally one. She said: "Hattie, have you any message to I did not find my fellow-members any better send to your father?" There came three raps, than those who made no profession, but my meaning yes; so, as the letters of the alphabet employer was a Baptist, so I stuck from policy. were called, she put down these indicated, An incident worth relating, if there was room which were: e p l u r i b u s u n u m, in this article, troubled my conscience, and I undivided into words, and as the rapping stepped out; was the first one who ever got stopped, the message was finished, and she out of the Baptist church without being turned said: It consists of letters that don't spell thinker, read books that were anti-religious, so also, and told her to try again; but at a believed on materialistic principles that death second glimpse my wife understood it, and was the end. I think I learned more in this thought it was like me, and I would like such decade "than I ever did before; was intellectu- a message; so she said that would answer, and ally wiser, and if I am any more cultured than put the paper into her wallet to give to me. I was, it is due to reading the writings of The whole thing seemed to be an intelligent infidelity and of science, which is generally act, and could not have been anything but a materialistic. I was not happy in my "know- departed spirit, who had been in my library nothing belief;" not so happy as I was when and heard or read my request and answered it,

had known the mind, to follow the condition my name was, and the raps spelled out:of the body, would weaken in sickness and in "Wetherbee," and I got as good a test of duct of the organization, and there could be message that my wife brought me, and could and he would not beg. no conscious hereafter when it was dissolved. not have been anything but what it claimed staid out of the mortal coil if I had had my alone, as Robert Dale Owen said, establishes of a church, and, lying close together, soon choice. Accidentally I attended the funeral it, and that is an intelligence that is present forgot hunger and cold. services of a friend; a mild, rational clergy- and active, and is not the intelligence of any man officiated; his remarks and his prayer of the embodied persons present? These wind, but still I was better for listening to it. message. I have never had its equal since, This was about 1849 or 1850. I asked some and it almost seems as if it was a special white, one near me who the minister was, and to effort of the Spirit-world to open my eyes, for the heretic. I lingered a while to watch him, five years of experience since, but that did and softly, sweetly, the child-voice rose: and perhaps speak to him, for he had interested not make me a Spiritualist; it may have kept me. He took my arm and we walked and me in the traces, but still the first I had was

said he would call and see me some day, and I have always thought M. A. (Oxon) (the he did so the same week, and we were particule ditor of Light) answered a question very often lar friends for ten years, until he died. I asked, very wisely, and may be asked of me, went to hear him at Melodeon and at Music so I will quote, as also mine, as a finish to door.

hearing his sermons. I only wished I could "What are your reasons for believing that want to. feel as he did about a future life; his views the phenomena are the work of spirits?' verse, seemed to be a rational idea, so differ genee that communicates says they are. My slammed to. ent from the God of the Bible, or the evan- second is that I never came across an intelli-

> JOHN WETHERBEE. Boston, Mass

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

was not right, or an intelligent act; there first projected it through your brain and are said the sexton's rough voice

I sat one day alone thinking of it in my li. unite all hearts in love and sympathy. With

OUT WITH THE YEAR.

The Pathetic Struggle of a Small Boy.

"Only waiting till the shadows Are a little longer grown.

It was a trembling child-voice that hummed great drifts everywhere.

A numb little figure, with a large black dog by its side, walked slowly down the street, still singing half under breath the sad, beautiful lines; unfitting yet fitting the time. For it was near the death of one year and the gladsome birth of another; and in a few hours more the bells would be ringing out triumphantly over all the land, aye, and over the seas too, as far as sound could reach. In a little while the song died: and with a dry sob the boy put his hand on the dog's neck, as he

"Oh! Rollo, Rollo, what shall we do! Where shall we go! I am so cold, and tired, aren't you?

The dog looked up mournfully into his young master's face, and turning his head slowly, licked the cold, blue hand.

Only the day before the mother of the little wanderer had been laid quietly away under the frozen earth,

The boy-after having looked upon the face so beautiful in its last sleep, and kissed with out, and for the next ten years I was a free anything, and the medium, looking at it, said fast falling tears the brow, so cold, oh, so cold, but from whence the furrows of pain had vanished as the hand of Death smoothed them tenderly away-went back to the desolate room he and the one passed out before had occupied; and knowing, oh so well, he could no longer have even that shelter, took a few things-what were they? only a lock of his morning, a Bible and hymn book, that was

From place to place he wandered seeking something to do, that he might have bread and shelter. But in vain; it was the old story, old age. I saw plainly the mind was the pro- matters as I ever had; it was as good as the too many on hand, nothing for a boy to do,

"I will die first," he said proudly as the I was sorry I had been born; would have to be-a departed spirit. One fact and one first night he and Rollo crept into the porch

To-day it had been the same; so cold, so hungry, and now the snow was falling faster were sensible and appropriate, and they being such facts made me a Spiritualist. I and faster; and his head ached, and the touched my heart. I had never heard such a could not help being one after this, if I had thought of his mother would come, and then prayer in my life; one that seemed proper to never had another message; it was conclusive, his tears would fall almost as fast as the address to an aimighty being, putting all and it seemed to me that it would be to any snow, and they blinded him so. And Rollo. the shade. I felt that I was in the presence was present and active, and nobody's intelli- thing to eat. Stay, sometimes boys earned a of a rational and scholarly man, and what he gence but the spirit; for, in regard to the first, few pence by singing; that was not begging; said devotionally, and the way he said it, I was alone at home and the medium was a it would be hard, but it was for Rollo's sake, suited me. Of course I, not being in any mile off, and neither she nor my wife knew so he would try. There was a big house near, sense evangelical, considered it a waste of that I had asked for such a message or any and some children stood by the window laughing at the snow making everything so

Surely this was the place to sing. So the

Only waiting till the shadows Are a little longer grown,

something to eat,

"Please, may Rollo come too?" "No, we don't want dogs around."

"What! Are you not coming in?"

sued the sound of singing.

At whose feet I long have lingered Weary, poor and desolate. Even now I hear their footsteps, And their voices far away;

to the spot, and one with a lantern stoops conqueror. down. "A boy and dog asleep," he says.
"They must be awakened or....." and then They must be awakened orhe stops suddenly. The group has grown larger now-a hushed, wondering group-the coldly on, heeding naught, knowing naught.

CHRISTMAS.

Is There One in Heaven?

The merry Christmas bells ring out their the happiness, rest, music, and the whole charm of the festal time, and meditatively I glory. Mas. C. H. HINCKLEY charm of the festal time, and meditatively I glory. speculate about the great spiritual realm we are accustomed to call heaven. Why we re gard some future state as heaven, I conjecture may be, that, while all may be blest at times, with brief snatches of happiness here, yet the greater share of our lot is dominated by trials, clouded spiritual skies, too often tears of earnest desire would seem born in us, from the foreshadowing of a reality, lying in the dim future, as the sure retreat, after all our no sound to outward ears, but penetrates me

swered thus: tal knowledge of pure goodness. complete in himself, a personal development I shall have time enough for repentance. one near me who the minister was, and to effort of the Spirit-world to open my eyes, for my surprise learned it was Theodore Parker, which I am very thankful. I have had thirty. I have had thirty the child-voice rose: within. This condition alone is creative, sound as if some one near startled him; With a sigh the boy turned away from the atomic or composite. The creator of germs is have time enough to repent." R. Neely.

And their voices far away;
more likely than at a medium's who was a
stranger. There lay the old family bible,
printed in 1851, on a table, and I remembered
some of the old familiar ancestral faces who
used to amuse my childhood with its features,
and I rather talked to myself, for my wife
was out, and probably at some medium's a mount of good.

I said audibly: "If you really do communication of any Spiritualist
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was out, and probably at some medium's and probably at some

Without adornment, beautiful. Without elevation, exalted. In all essentials complete. Creator, blessed forever.

"Thus, dear mortal, would I teach thee tocompare thy present state with that of the snow has ceased to fall; but the two sleep highest, and wherein thou art at variance with the Divinity thou wouldst emulate, seek earn-And overhead the pale moon, pushing back estly to correct thyself. Only by thine own enthe words softly in the chill winter twilight the heavy clouds that had hung before her deavors, assisted by thy higher teachers, dost while the snow fell all around, piling up the face so long, looks down wanly over all. X. thou grow into life, light, and love. Evermore let the voice of the higher life call after thee, interpenetrate thy being and daily express itself through thy ministrations.

The dear voice ceased. The lights had gone out. The last lingering 'larums of the Christmas bells had gently died away. But in my soul there remained a gleam of light, as joyous chimes, and high and low, rich and from an angel's wing; and a silent joy beyond poor, meet, greet, and give good gifts, as this the power of speech to express; for had I not. season of gladness recurs again. I picture for one brief space, been even to the gates of

Grand Rapids, Mich.

THE ATONEMENT.

The Reflections of a Criminal.

The clock had just struck twelve, midnight; Thus it comes about that the great the moon was upon the meridian; the dew heart of humanity cries out for a state some sparkled upon the grassy lawn, and the where and time in which peace, rest, and un- flowers, with closed petals, nodded to the feigned love reign supreme; where no storm of lisping breeze which barely shook the sensienvy, malice, and greed, ever comes. This tive leaves of the young branches. By the brookside, in the little dell, hidden by a cozy clump of clms, stood a small cottage. As the striving is ended here. With this thought, last tones of the old clock on the mantel died like an impulsive child, I exclaim, "I wonder away, the door cautiously opened, and a is there Christmas time in heaven?" When, lo! strong, manly form trod silently forth. A out of the ever-veiling air, there steals upon closer view showed that he was masked. Just my consciousness that peculiar voice that makes two miles above this point stood the dwelling mother's hair cut from her brow that no sound to outward ears, but penetrates me of the wealthy miller. The young man knew inspiration of love and wisdom, and I am an that upon the day before this miller had received a large sum of money; he knew that "Dear mortal, I, thy spirit teacher, will for a the money was in a lower drawer of a matime abstract thy spirit from the contempla- hogany desk in the room where the miller tion of external things, and bid thee come was sleeping. He drew from his belt a glitwith me into the inner spiritual realm. Bettering knife, and as he examined its sharp fore I answer thy query, let me unfold to thee cdge he whispered: "If the old fool should a lesson of what is heaven, and who are its make fight I must finish him with this. occupants. Three essentials, combined in Many misgivings came into his mind as he equal proportion, constitute a heavenly state; stole cantiously along, startled at each little these three also complete in one individual noise. "Will I not be a murderer if I kill spirit, adapt that spirit to that state, and also him?" For a moment he thought he heard render that spirit a creator. These essent the soft, whispering voice of his kind, Christtials are life, light, and love. Life is motion ian mother who had taught him all the good and existence. Light is personal experimenthings in Scripture; but not his mother had Love is long since "gone to rest in the church yard," A spirit may live as the parson said, and she could know and move, but be devoid of light and love. nothing about it. "Nay! she is sleeping and address to an almighty being, putting all and it seemed to me that it would be to any the prayers I had heard in old times quite in one. It in both cases was intelligence that the prayers I had heard in old times quite in one. It in both cases was intelligence that the prayers I had heard in old times quite in one. It in both cases was intelligence that the prayers I had heard in old times quite in one. It in both cases was intelligence that the last trump; then followed an appearance; he is dark and in darkness. A a medley of wild, half-incoherent sayings and spirit may have life, light and love incom- doings, partly from bible lessons, partly from plete. He, therefore, becomes a maker of things his mother had taught. The spirit of things external. It matters not in what lo- the quotation sometimes right, and again cality in space, or under what relationship the simply what the dear old mother had said. external appearance may be, that spirit only 'No murderer shall enter the kingdom of who has life, light and love, as defined above, Heaven!" "Ah! but God's mercy is simple-Mark me, I do not mean makative or mechani- was but the night bird from an oak tree; and cal. There is a vast difference between a on he moved. And the wicked shall be talked all the way down town to the post office; so satisfactory, that I don't think that I should As he finished a servant opening the door told maker and a creator; therefore, dear mortal, cast into the lake that _____ " Ah! away with we had made an impression on each other, have ever back-slid, for my first experience him he might go in and they would give him heed this lesson. Only where life, light and these ugly thoughts!" "For as many as love are equal, do germs spring into existence, shall come unto me I will give eternal life. and seek chemical relations, nucleating for "Yes, yes, what a coward I am; Christ died to external forms, of any description, either save the whole world." "Yes, indeed, I shall "Ah! there is forever master of himself and all below him in the bridge, and I can see the glinting of the "No, thank you, if Rollo can't go too I don't development. Man in flesh, is only a recep- moonlight from the housetop." Here he stood tacle of germs; therefore only a maker of ex- in the shadow of a plum tree to collect him-"Ungrateful little beggar!" were the words ternals. Light and love may be all about the self and to devise a plan of action. Had of God as imminent in matter, or the uni- My first reason is, said he, that the intelli- that stung the boy's soul as the door was spirit of darkness, or the incompetent one; but his parents actually stood by his side, actually he will not perceive it, unless a creator is near begging him to stay his hand and to return to "We are not beggars," he said to himself, him. Great numbers are in this state of be his home, to feel what an insult he was heapgelical churches. I considered him the most gent force, and I never knew anybody who and he lifted his head a little proudly as he ing; countless hosts on hosts have life, love ing upon their former teaching, their pres wonderful man I had ever seen. He took a did. Force is that which is used by intelli- and his companion walked on. The dog's and light in unequal proportion. These are ence could not have seemed more real! Once, rational view of Jesus, considered him a gence and the intelligence is what I call and brown eyes looked wistfully into the pale makers, and enjoyers of beautiful things, indeed, he found himself retracing his steps child's face, so old with sorrow and suffering, as if the dumb brute, understanding all, longed to show his sympathy and gratitude.

It grew later; nine o'clock rang out from Whatever of good that is genuine any spirit life. All are more or less progressive.

Whatever of good that is genuine any spirit an oath, and made his way across the little countries. the belfry of the church in the porch of which they had taken refuge the night before.

Thatever of good to good the growth forms, counts him or her so bridge. As he crept through the flower gardens they had taken refuge the night before. It was lighted up now, and from within is impossible to have the crowning glory of love, came louder; and he was obliged to reinvigorwithout life and light. The imperfect being ate himself by the recollections of the thief on wish I did, but I was not so constituted; but I enjoyed his preaching and his prayers, and I loved the man.

Succeeding that he was immortal. I used to Christmas and happy New Year to The Property of the sound of singing.

"They will sing the old year out, by and by," he whispered softly, sinking down of the man who can be constituted; but I was not so constituted When my only daughter, aged six, died in the last days of 1856, I felt that it was the end of her. My wife and I both felt that it crossed it through your brain and are constituted to its existence and perpetuity, as well as the angelic powers who can be saved; I have not reached that breast.

With the dog. "We must listen, hold, and able to do many good works, was enough! time enough! the enough! The murderer on the he laid his head down on his friend's rough still but a maker. Many spirits of truth, gallows can be saved; I have not reached that breast.

"Get out of here; this is no place for you," he crept to the old mahogany drawer, at this listen, hold, and and love, come is the laid his head down on his friend's rough."

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"We must list a work listen, hold, and and love is a work listen, hold, and hold is a work listen, hold is a work lis was not right, or an intelligent act; there were other old maids and useless people that would not be missed if death took them; we leases of its prosperity and usefulness.

While neither you nor I are Christians in the common sense of the term, and have no included, and our hearts rebelled. It so hap, pened that my wife came in contact with a Spiritualist who advised her to see a medium, which she did, and who described a little girl that called her mother, and when she told me of it, the description was very good, but I could easily see that any adroit woman could gather the facts from the mother or guess them, pretty correctly. I thought in my heart that cause we now see the second coming of the Christian erom, pretty correctly. I thought in my heart that cause we now see the second coming of the Christini to renew, and carry forward to completion, the work of human progress and thought of it. I was sure I would explode the contact with a spiritualist who advised her to see a medium, which has been so long kept back in the flesh; but no creator can be born in the flesh. For a creator has become conqueror of generation; therefore cannot be held in its down of the church, and going there the two sank into the soft snow sheets.

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While neither you nor I are Christians in the commen ca in the flesh; but no creator can be born in the last moment even be heard the voice of confor a spen, she wanted me to go to see what I thought of it. I was sure I would explode it if I did, and I did not want to explode it if I did, and I did not want to explode it if it interested her, and besides I would be ashamed to go as I would to a fortune teller, considering it all about the same thing.

Therefore, let us not dispute with any body about Christmas, but let us "rejoice with those who do rejoice with those who do rejoice," and let it be a day to those who do rejoice," and let it be a day to those who do rejoice, "and let it be a day to those who do rejoice," and let it be a day to those who do rejoice, "and let it be a day to those who do rejoice," and let it be a day to those who do rejoice with the parents of the remaining the dark ages.

Only waiting ill and conducive of pleasure and growth in many ways are these. Grand and un-Beautiful and conducive of pleasure and growth in many ways are these. Grand and unspeakable in the vastness of spiritual realms; but still are not heaven. Wherever there is grief, pain, or faultiness of any living being, made less by any spirit, there is the true grieve over the autifulation. It would have known that he and not another —must pay the penalty of crime. And the spirit parents of these would not have to grieve over the autifulation.

I said audibly: "If you really do communicate with mother, send me this message, and if you can't do so, get some of the other familiar faces to do so." I did not expect this

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has been observed as Christmas Day.

their new toys on Christmas that we have sat down on the floor along with them and rocked their hobby horses, run their engines and railroad cars, hauled their wagons and dandled their friends long separated, and families divided on other days are brought together then; and not the least of the Just think! tho forget for a time the sorrows of the dime-send it!

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HAVE YOU A SOUL?

A Testimonial to Mrs. Anna Lord Chamberlain.

There are some Spiritualists who never do a deed of kindness; whose fearing they might assist the undeserving; whose souls hardly ever vibrate with a feeling of sympathy-who are for self, first-last-and all the time!-and who never realize that ennobling feeling that emanates from the act of lightening the burden of another. We cannot touch the feelings of such Spiritualists. Let a poor man ask them for a little assistance, and they will refer him to some red-tape society for the relief of the unfortunate, and it will refer him to the wood yard, several miles away, where he can earn a nickel, and if at the expiration of his efforts for aid he is not completely exhausted, then he must have an iron constitution.

Now we are going to pass around the hat" this Christmas, to every one of As there are thousands who will at first venture only twenty-five cents for The Progressive This ker three weeks, we would suggest to those who receive a sample copy, to solicit several others to unite with them, and thus he able to remit from \$1 to \$10, or even more than the laster sum. A large number of little amounts will make a large sum total, and thus extend the field of our labor and usefulness. The same suggestion will apply in all cases of renewal of subscriptions—solicit others to aid in the good work. You will experience no difficulty whatever in inducing Spiritualists to subscribe for The Progressive Trinker, for not one of them can afford to be without the value bie information inparted therein each week, and at the price of only about two cents per week.

As there are thousands who will at first venture of the good work of the Spiritualist is of the United States" should set them to thinking. Other items there, too, of special value.

On the 5th page, Dr. R. B. Westbrook, Willard J. Hull and Mrs. Cora aid them in every possible way. The old "skinflint" Spiritualist is of no interest to them; spirits avoid him as the price of only about two cents per week. it does good to open one's heart to a benevolent deed, and let the vibrations go them to thinking. Other items there, pounded by the audience, and test-givforth to charm the angel world. Advanced spirits always draw near to those philanthropically inclined, and try to aid them in every possible way. The laid them in every possible way. The laid them in every possible way.

in bitter denunciations and many quest in it. THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER times by different churches till near the butions should be proportionately larger. more lowly, even in our times?

It was originally a religious festival, a most excellent medium, formerly a tions, lieve in Christ as those that do; but no matter about the superstition; all days a constant source of anxiety, and the are abike sacred to us, and every day is a fit time to do good and promote the hap
for how to be an alone. This medium's marked.

The historic age covers less than 5,000 to the higher during that period. The historic age covers less than 5,000 to the higher during that period. The historic age covers less than 5,000 to the higher during that period. people go to him when they leave this world it will be the children, because Wilbur F. Storey, the great journalist.

assist this medium, and thus make the form, with weaker reasoning powers. dolls, and tooted their horns and laughed burdens of her life lighter. If each

prisons, so that all enjoy Christmas and this, send her something: if only a

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their best thoughts and the benefit of their laborious research and study, and enhanced the value of our paper, we give the right hand of fellowship, hoping that their inspiration may become clearer as time advances.

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This Number of The Progressive Thinker.

illuminate the world! No other Spiritualist paper on this earth equals it in pockets are always carefully locked, page beams throughout with interesting December. Her discourses last Sunday thoughts.

ley, who furnishes us a charming sketch; should be kep compensated.

our readers! It is well to give sometimes; Lord Chamberlain should awaken every not in demand abroad. These meetings

Christmas, or Christ-mass, is the mass | Such an event would at least learn them | The "Skull and Cross Bones" shows

be called Jesus the Christ, or Jesus Christ; hat. That custom is adopted each Sun-omer), and Anti Romish, unite their

Now we come to the last page, the 8th. phasize his official character, and think ideal church of Chicago—chuck full of Besides Hudson Tuttle's charming story, we do not honor him enough when we philanthropic impulses! When there, O. W. Barnard, Mrs. Emma Rood Tutcall him Jesus, although that is the we partake of that feeling to the extent the Lyman C. Howe, come forward with

phy in the New Testament, and signifies that we would like to cast in the hat all Is not this paper all that could be desired in quantity and quality? Only that which makes whole. His public life too. He represents a congregation bor-stream of the hat all Is not this paper all that could be desired in quantity and quality? Only \$1 per year; sent 13 weeks for 25 cents.

A Very Common Question.

In writing as we do, we have in mind | made up, in part, of still earlier formaback through the ages, from and is so yet to some extent among Catholics and kindred sects; but is repudiated by some reformed churches as a Romish superstition; and generally throughout Christendom it has degenerated into a secular holiday, and is observed by all the people, as well those who do not believe in Christ as those who do not believe in Christ as those that do; but no ware extent medium, formerly a most excellent medium, forme

the children. God bless them! Jesus is slate-writing. Messages have been change which has marked the progress said to have taken them up in his arms written on paper placed in drawers, and of civilized man during the last five miland blessed them; and if any class of other manifestations of a remarkable lenniums, carried on through all the intermediate years, from the beginning, and we would probably find Wilbur F. Storey, the great journalist, now passed to spirit-life, often attended ancient sea. There, spread on a boundthey are so pure, innocent and uncontaminated by worldly vice. We have been so happy to see them playing with ber seances, and was delighted with her.

Wilbur F. Storey, the great journalist, him only a protoplasm floating on an ancient sea. There, spread on a bound-less ocean, one floated on through the ganized under the name of the Bloom-less ocean, one floated on through the less ocean, one floated on We make this appeal to our readers- eternities, and finally appeared a man, all who have souls-(those pressed for endowed with God like qualities; while tion. development is checked in the other.

If you are a skinflint, any appeal we Just think! those little sums will not may make for any one will not make as pleasures of that day are the gifts to be missed by any of our readers. As much impression on your soul as a rainthe poor and even to criminals in the soon as you-whoever you are-read drop on the granite rock. But we have very few, if any, such readers. Some of God's poor, the salt of the earth, have We hope that all of our readers are doing what they can for the comfort and elevation of God's poor, and next to necessary food, clothing and shelter, no better present could be given than THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, sent post-paid to any address one year for one dollar, and thirteen weeks for twenty-five cents.

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Every reader knows some one to whom such a gift, small as it is, would be a blessing; and there are those who are not financially poor, yet hungering for

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terprise costs you nothing: it does, however, cost us a good deal of money, which we expend without a murmur. Look at for it. Thanks, Brother Prosch. Chicago Leads.

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To our contributors, who have given us about offering a prize of a sewing ma-

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quantity and quality, and all this accom-plished in only two years. Look it over writes: "We are still doing all we can earefully. Hon. H. B. Richmond and thudson Tuttle occupy the first page, with a few other items of interest. That with a few other items of interest. That Mich., will be with us for the month of were able, and well received. She is a Now turn to the 2nd page. Judge good test medium, yet she makes no pretensions to the same. We had at our home communications from several of "R," and A. Patriot unite their talents our spirit friends, all very satisfactory, to make that page all that could be de-Now glance at the 3d page. Thereon is that noble man, John Wetherbee, who never these in the good work. Then follows. Baade was controlled by an Ori-X," who gives the "Pathetic Strug- few at the present time are privileged to gles of a Small Boy;" Mrs. C. H. Hinck-ley, who furnishes us a charming sketch; should be kept employed and reasonably and B. R. Anderson, who portrays in a vivid manner the "Reflections of a Criminal."

The 4th page is not without interest. The appeal for a Testimonial for Anna Lord Chamberlain should awaken every

Keep on, you are not through yet. The edging its correctness. All were highly

of Spiritualism.' He is an eloquent speaker, and his large audience was greatly interested in his ideas. Dr. Randall is a State Missionary and is engaged in collecting the names of Spiritconferred as a title on Jesus of Nazareth by those who believed him to be the Messiah of prophecy; hence he came to Messiah of prophecy; hence he came to head the title for the time for us to pass around the S. Anderson, J. G. Jackson (the astron-baselled leave the Christ or Jesus Christian any other day, but the time for us to pass around the sealed leave the Christ or Jesus Christian any other day, but the time for us to pass around the constantly employed in this State alone. He is capable of doing a most excellent work.

"Seeker After Truth "writes: "There is a revival in Spiritualism on the South Side. There seems to be quite an inquiry as to whether we live after death: 'Can you bring any proof?' I have been attending meetings at Arlington Hall, to hear that philosophical lecturer, Geo. W. Carpenter. He always proves ing with slate-writing: Mrs. Denslow If the Darwinian theory of evolution with inspirational singing; Mrs. Cutter times by different churches till near the close of the second century; then they agreed upon the festive season of their heathen neighbors in the winter solstice; since that time the 25th day of December has been observed as Christmas Day.

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In writing as we do, we have in mind butions should be proportionately larger. This call should ultimately bring in at least \$700, and we shall every Sunday. She is most excellent, which is a saying enough in her behalf. You get have traced the existing stultified rock, made up, in part, of still earlier formations.

Three meetings were held in Dr. Water's office. We organized Dec. 7. marked.

We have for our officers the following:
President, M. W. Packard; Vice-presitended, and will be long remembered by every Spiritualist present. At the close of the meeting names were added in our book, and we now have thirty-one. Dr. Randall came among us a stranger, and has made many friends. He cannot but ington Progressive Spiritual Associa-

C. V. N. House, of Spring Hill, Kansas, means are not expected to respond), to development is checked in the other, and he appears before us in humbler writes: "We are having some glorious phenomena here through the mediums W. W. and Mabel Aber."

once more.

Prof. W. M. Lockwood is now lectur-ing at Council Bluffs. He will lecture

Mrs. Mabel Aber is now at Springfield, Mo., holding seances.

C. E. Winans has again visited Darien, Wis.

to January 13th; in Stuttgart, Ark., from

many would be convinced."

Mrs. Helen T. Brigham speaks in The New Revelation in newspaper en- Washington during January.

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ualism. asm which animates us in our efforts to in speaking distance. redeem the world. We are not after when they laughed. And the tarkey!! paper we send out results in bringing to Never did it taste so good, because it brings around the festive board dear brings around the festive board dear felends long separated and families will receive \$360; if five cents, \$600; if government of five dear their "cloud by day" and their "pillar published.

Look at Your Purses!

A. B. French has been lecturing at being a good, because it being a good, because it brings around the festive board dear their "cloud by day" and their "pillar published.

Spiritualist. If he or she has not that been lecturing at being separated and families will receive \$360; if five cents, \$600; if government of five by night," then they have to a good the second of five by night, and the second of t of fire by night," then they have to a certain extent lived in vain, and they will be compelled to make amends therefor in the next life. Spiritualists,

With no other object in view than to We are out of the back numbers of broadcast, as far as possible, the grand, soul-elevating and inspiring truths of Spiritualism, and thus gradually redeem the world and place it on a higher the just demerit of his transgressions."

cess along the same lines, not having wealth?

minds comprehensive enough to realize that success is just as easy with any other priced paper as one furnished at one azine of advanced thought! a light to The Spiritualistic Field-Work. To the Spiritualists of the dollar per year, proceeding that the spirit of enterprise is thoroughly infused into it, and they should know, too, that the Spiritualists of the United States, we imitator can never be first-class. Who wish to assure you most emphatically can imitate an Ingersoll? a Webster? a Barrett? a Booth? a Bernhardt? It is the original genius who succeeds-the one who starts out on new lines; who broadens previous methods; who startles ER; on the contrary, we often refer to it the world with innovations, and whose as being young in years, and endowed inventive genius is such that he will with that vigorous nature and elasticity be continually presenting something

ing no personal knowledge of any of the circulation, and also in general useful- been a continual surprise to the people. ness. We have combined with THE Without any particular "flourish of PROGRESSIVE THINKER a bold and ag- trumpets," it launched itself on the never tires in the good work. Then follows R. Neely, a venerable gentleman, who always thinks to some purpose; mind. In fact, it was a feast that but spirit of progress without which no by an appreciative people. One edition paper can succeed. That Spiritualist reached the marvelous height of 125,papers, like the secular press, should be | 000! That special edition was read by characterized by an enterprising spirit, at least 1,000,000 people-a triumph is self-evident; and without it none of never achieved by any other Spiritual-

Spiritualists, to you we are devoutly Keep on, you are not through yet. The they would the Upas tree.

I have confidence in the patrons of SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1891.

The PROGRESSIVE THINKER. I do not believe they will ignore my call. If they do, in the "some time coming" they may be stranded, and cry for help.

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The Skull and Cross Bones" shows.

Keep on, you are not through yet. The chin gain is not behind the times in value. Dr. J. H. Mendenhall, U. G. Figley, "Q," Hudson Tuttle, M. T. C. Flower, Anti Dogma, Dr. R. Greer, Mrs. M. Schofield, Truth, and Casual do, in the "some time coming" they may be stranded, and cry for help.

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Christmas or Christmass is the mass. done. We herewith present A NEW to reach the class of Spiritualists who REVELATION in the literature of through thoughtlessness have never Spiritualism, something never before placed themselves in sympathy with the attempted on the part of any one con- great throbbing heart of our cause! We nected with the spiritualistic press, and want their sympathy, their support, which heretofore has been deemed im- their aid in this great work, and in repossible. We this week commence the turn they will grow the richer spiritupublication of an eight-page paper, ally; they will expand intellectually,

Spiritualists, we ask you to carefully ist paper ever did before-CHEAPNESS peruse this paper (with no twelve or and EXCELLENCE. Just look at it, Spir- thirteen columns of advertisements to what he says. There is always proof in the hall, by the return of spirits. Last Sunday Mrs. DeWolf favored the meet-worthy of your patronage and best making one orward more worthy. worthy of your patronage and best making one onward movement, each one wishes? To publish such a paper, with obtaining an additional subscriber.' Forin it. The Prodressive Thinker to each person until you more lowly, even in our times?

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A word to our imitators: We feel end can be more than achieved at once, kindly, generously towards you. We at one bound!-a magnificent leap will give you enough to do to follow in truly!-if each one of our present pat- our pathway, which will be continually rons will be inspired by the spirit of blazoned or marked with innovations, this article and secure one additional new schemes, grander purposes, and piness of mankind, and we enjoy Christmas and rejoice in it as a day of giving
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It makes us happy to see so many bright, cheerful faces, especially among the children (Cod bless them). She has often got independent that are varied; one being the children (Cod bless them). The same rate of the continuation of business, nineteeing was a continuation of business, nin paper ever did in the ranks of Spirit- seeing our pathway, grand with effects, scintillating with comprehensive meth-We present you this week A NEW ods, and filled with those who are en-REVELATION; it will not only aston- thusiastically aiding us in the work; ish you but please you, and you will to but you will be compelled to employ ada certain extent partake of the enthusi- ditional intellectual steam to keep with-

It is Christmas time now: and Spiritthe almighty dollar exclusively. Our aim has been, and is now, to leave the a grand boost; let it be said when anworld better than we found it, and that other Christmas rolls around that THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER not only leads should be the paramount object of every in circulation all other Spiritualist pa-Spiritualist. If he or she has not that object in view; if they fail to make it any of the so-called religious papers now

Spiritual Salt.

"Ye are the salt of the earth;" said one. No one needs to be told the value co-operate with us. Just think!-we of salt as a perservative of meats and all lead all other Spiritualist papers in cir- that enters the stomach to sustain life. culation, and only two years old! What The purpose of earth-life is to unfold the can you expect of THE PROGRESSIVE soul and spirit. Whoever does that is Moses Hull finishes his work in New Orleans on Sunday, Dec. 27th. He speaks in Fort Worth, Texas, from January 1st of a century in years? to do it is like the salt which lost its saitness and is good for nothing. Ten combine CHEAPNESS and EXCELLENCE righteous men would have saved Sodom; in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, we how many would it take to save our this call, so that the vibrations may be so strong that angels will listen to their influence. A dime from each one would swell into a grand testimonial. Are we asking too much?

lecture in the South at this time.

R. B. Dean, of Knapp, Wis., writes: and, as a general rule, only desired those that related to mediumship, or which had some philapthrophic object. and give tests a week or two, a great in view. It is true we advertise Spirit-Let it be said of Spiritualists: "Ye are ualist and free-thought publications, but the salt of the earth." Let Hudson Tutnot for the money we can obtain thereby, but for the good we can do! We could fill the same space with mercantile advertisements, and make ten times the money we do, but our aim is to spread broadcast, as far as possible, the grand, vidual has to answer in the next world vidual has to answer in the next world

Since the late war our country has been going on in a mad career of money-Spiritualists, you know the age of making, and overgrown fortunes are being filched from the necessities of the succeeded in placing it in the very front ranks of Spiritualist publications, leaving one, at least, venerable with age (not many blocks away) so far in the rear that we attach no significance whatever to its avistance has brought in its train a decreasing wage, the sweating system and all the time advances.

To Spiritualists everywhere we send fraternal greeting, hoping that by united effort in the cause of human progress we might offer a Brazilian monkey as a prize, but some of our contemporaries and ay when, instead of looking back into the dark and dead past and exhibiting with child-like ceremony a babe in a manger to the gaze of an ignorant multitude, every man and every woman will be fully matured in the human eand Christ like principles of lower paper is always spoken of satterns. And the animal by mail, and the chromo!—oh! don't mention it! We might offer a Brazilian monkey as a prize, but some of our contemporaries would at once ape us, so we will not do even that. On January 1st Mrs. A. D. Wiggin, an estimable lady, will take possession of the cost most of the substitude, every man and every woman will be far a Brazilian monkey as a prize, but some of our contemporaries would at once ape us, so we will not do even the duscus.

On January 1st Mrs. A. D. Wiggin, an estimable lady, will take possession of the Cosmodian Hoteld, Nos. 100 and 102 the water to its existence, have you not water to its existence, have you not be water to its existence, have you not be without a complete to even this.

We see but one cure for this evil, and writes: "We are all Spiritualists." Those going to San Francisco should make a note of the locality of this hotel, and patronize it.

Harlow Davis, platform test medium, Pa, the last two Sundays of December. She would like engagements for the winter would like engagements for the winter. The discount of the chromothed recent that the appropriate of the continuous content of the winter of the state of the content of the content of the content of the chromothed recent that the prize of the content of the chromothed recent that the chromothed recent that the prize of the content of the chromothed recent that the prize of the chromothed recent that the prize of the chromothed recent that the prize of the chromot followed in our footsteps, aped our methods, copied verbatim our very announcements, and expected to reap success along the same like and salt of the earth, and are individuals ready to obey this law, and save them solves from sinking into perdition by the weight of their unjustly-gotten

CHRISTMAS.

Its History and Nature Defined.

BY DR. R. B. WESTBROOK.

At first Christmas was what the Almanac calls a "movable feast," like Good Friday and Easter, and was often confounded with the Epiphany, and was celebrated by the Eastern churches in April and May. In the fourth century, April and May. In the fourth century, Pope Julius I. ordered an investigation into the particular date of the birth of Jesus, and the result of this inquiry was, the conclusion that he was born the 25th of December.

It is hardly necessary to say that this is a matter of mere arbitrary conjecture, as nothing is certainly known concerning the day or even the year of the birth of Jesus. Among celebrated Christian writers, one hundred and thirty-three different opinions have been expressed as to the time of the so-called nativityand the latest conclusion of the best scholarship is, that nothing is certainly known on this subject, and that the chronology of the first four hundred years of the Christian Era is unreliable, as no permanent or trustworthy records

fixing the 25th of December as the time for celebrating the birth of Jesus, did so because she had reliable information as to this date. She must have had some other reason for fixing her Christmas festivities at this particular time. And now it is right to recognize the well established fact that at the precise time, in each year, corresponding with the 25th day of the 12th month, from the earliest periods of which history gives any account, all nations have been accustomed to hold festivities very similar to the Christmas rites of the Romish church. So far from the truth is the idea that celebrations now known as Christmas holidays are less than nineteen hundred years old, similar, if not identical celebrations were held thousands of years before the infant Moses was rescued from the ark of bulrushes, or the young child of Mary re-ceived "gifts of gold, frankincense and

In Buddhistic temples, before the thousands and thousands of years ago, festivities similar to our modern Christmas were celebrated. Houses were illuminated and made bright with giltpaper and gay colors, and garlands of evergreen and flowers were seen in direction, while friends congratulated each other with good wishes friends and relatives.

In the Chinese sacred books, we have similar accounts of the most gorgeous celebrations held on the 25th day of the twelfth month.

Celebrations still more imposing were held on the 25th day of December among the ancient Persians, long, long before the sorrowful times when the Hebrew captives sat by the rivers of Babylon, and mingled their tears with the turgid as they remembered Zion!

Festivities in honor of Osiris and Isis, Joseph and Jacob, and when the pyra-

25th of December.

them all so much alike?

The Persian magians accounted to the populace for the introduction of evil into the world by a fable of a serpent mpting the first woman to pluck a foroldden apple. This act, as the apple The reason that the ideal Christ has ripens late in autumn, was of course folwed by the prevalence of winter; with

per 21, the birth of Christ is put on might excite doubt, is assigned to doubting apostle, Thomas.

he point here to be made is this: the Roman breviary, and in short, calendars of all ritualistic churches, based upon the astronomical religion xception to this rule. Take a cata-se of all the festivals and saints' days Romanism and Episcopacy, and with other guide than a common almanac

he streaming rays of the sun's glory paintings around the heads of the

history, between dogma and doctrine. True religion consists not in dogma, but in doing; not in creed, but in deed; not in what you call yourself, but in what you are. True Christianity is a life, not a form; a spirit, not a letter. It

and practical beneficence.
Well, Christmas will come and go The sun will pass the crisis! and poetlo Druids, or the foliage of laurel, myrtle and ivy, with which ancient pagans sought to entice their sylvan deities from the forests to their household fire-In the pagan worship of the sun, as their best conception of the over-all spirit, as in the Christian deification of the man Jesus, we recognize the father hood of God and the brotherhood of man, and with the angelic messengers, join in the Christmas carol of "Peace

on earth and good will to men!"

The fact that history is silent concerning the time of the birth of Jesus, is one were kept.

It must not be supposed, as has been intimated, that the church of Rome, in he was not largely an impersonation. And here we take the broad ground that whather there was a real man or not was the state of the stat of the many facts that throw a doubt makes no difference whatever, because the writings themselves are largely ideal, and so make the man what he was not No two persons worship the same God, lieve in the same Jesus, so there must be as many ideals as there are believers. regard as the greatest and best is a well-known disposition of the human mind. Indeed, a "function of the church Now, just in the proportion that the is the cultivation of the ideal." This is so palpable that the legends of all rehave died off, together with their so palpable that the legends of all re-ligious recognize this principle to such an extent that most of them represent their "saviors" as having been born of virgin mothers. Catholics flock to their temples and in parrot-like utterances worship an ideal Jesus and an equally dawn of consecutive chronology, on ideal Virgin, and thus cultivate only the Hindoo plains on the 25th of December, ideal side of their nature. It is very much easier to excite the imagination than to convince the understanding; and this is the real secret of the strength of Catholicism and the weakness of Protestantism. Catholic worship is mainly spectacular, an appeal to the senses, and is therefore attractive alike to the uneducated and the educated. and presents were exchanged among believe the gospels literally, because they have had the principal incidents re-corded in them set forth before their eyes from their very birth, and they cannot be reasoned out of what they have never been reasoned into.

But we are told that Jesus must have been a real person or he never could have exerted the influence that he has If Jesus ever dwelt upon this earth it must have been several hundred years Festivities in honor of Osiris and Isis, ago. Not one of the many millions who have worshiped him since his few years of sojourn here but have done so in view of what they have heard of him or mids were young, and that, too, on the read of him. They never saw him and tions) who never had an existence, and the literature of the race would greatly suffer by striking out all that is fictitious. cold—the kingdom of any other impersonation is because so

the agency of the sun, which they satisfied with the principle of good.

The day assigned to the birth of the m gods of all ancient religions was the me as that assigned by the church to the me as the me The shortest day being De and it is no breach of privilege to an-Esth, the first day that shows any bounce that I am about to publish a is found chiefly in the knowledge the gation; while the lowest point, treated treated.

Passed to Spirit-Life.

Passed to spirit-life, Dec. 5, 1891, Clara B. Langham, aged 29 years, youngest daughter of A. H. and L. A. Richmond. ancient pagans, and that Christmas is She leaves a dear husband and two sweet Peice, Texas. Mrs. A. H. RICHMOND.

CHRISTMAS,

The Lesson It Conveys. is a pure life of reverent worshipfulness A Critical Analysis of this Festal Day.

> The significance of a festival day depends altogether upon the ideas of those who observe it. To the Christian who observes everything objectively, Christ-mas is and always has been a literalism which finds no correspondence in fact. The Christian world has been taught to believe that Christmas was the natal day of Jesus Christ, when as a matter of fact no Christian authority can place that birth within five months of the day setapart as an observance of the event

Caffre savage has to do with the sun's combustion, and thus has come down to us the long line of crystallized mum-meries which mark this day, in face of all cradled in the care of absolute love. the fact that all such ceremonials have their origin and meaning in something

Now the nearer we get into line with truth the better prepared we are to know the meaning of Christmas. Of course, the Christian may make this assertion, but the whole matter is pivoted upon this: What constitutes truth? ception of God must itself be limited and incomplete, and therefore inadequate and largely ideal. No two persons believe in the same lieve The answer is perceived only in the re Ingersoll, a Darwin, a Wallace, a Massey, a Paine or a Parker in the world to "dim the glory of the Lord." Nothing The habit of exaggerating, of deifying, "dim the glory of the Lord." Nothing those whom we have been taught to so exasperates a bigot as the thought

> Now, just in the proportion that the progeny, men have been enabled to get on the track of truth. What follows? Christmas is found to be a remnant or entailment of a very old superstition which had its origin in the movements of the earth around the Sun. The na-tions prior to "Anno Domini" used to celebrate by religious observance the dawn or birth of the Sun from the shadow of his long sleep, when all nature arose to welcome the increasing days and keep company with the march of the solar orb as he climbed higher and higher and higher the Northern heaven, and shed his his beams upon renewed vegetation. It was a day of rejoicing, because a new year was born; it was a festival day and rich bounties were offered to the Sun-God for bringing the people out of trib-

Now, there is a spiritual interpretation to all this which constitutes the only significance which Spiritualists can accord

Under the long night of the dark ages for the last eighteen hundred years upon so many millions of people. Let us see: and ignorance like a pall hovered over and ignorance like a pall hovered over people were, indeed, without a savior.
They asked for the bread of life, and stones mocked their prayers. For ages the angel world had been withdrawn. Constantine had completed the work that Iscariot began when he performed the 25th of December, and make latter years been proved a myth. The mall so much alike? Then followed the confusion of thought world's history teems with the heroic which made the modern Babel; over deeds of many noble persons (impersona- which the rising Sun of Truth cast its first rays. Humanity saw the light, and while it blinded many a few raised up hosannas upon their deliverance. Stuffed The reason that the ideal Christ has exerted so much greater influence than any other impersonation is because so many skillful artists have bestowed their best labor upon it and because the power to terrify. Job had been unearthed again and men began to echo he evil principle - and necessitated the best labor upon it, and because the his sentiment. A great cry for light asloption of clothing. The mischief thus figure is so ancient and contains so many cended to the supernal realms, and the features that commend themselves to world of Light and Life and Love

> nounce that I am about to publish a is found chiefly in the knowledge that anew the chambers of hope.

below. Thou, undismayed, shalt o'er the ruins smile, beging that as common almana, may get a hint as to the origin of yone of them.

Fassed to spirit-life, from Cedar Falls, low, last August. Dr. George W. Stephens, rays of the sun's glory and the heads of the Chrishna, the Grecian Apollo, of the Catholic Jesus, are very sugginted than a common destiny. Each has a duty he was a tabout the age of 10. He was a magnetic healer from his youth, and a Spiritualist before the name was known, of the Catholic Jesus, are very sugginted of the sun worship, and our mode burnches show their ignorance and typ the prominence they give it in gless observer sees evidence of the and fer-worship, as also of the said fire-worship, as also of the sai

the true Christmas. The church must come down from the cross and get into the great heart of humanity; it must leave the uncertain raptures of the next world and take up the certain miseries of this world ere its professions and pretences will strike a balance with the needs of the hour.

The world needs a security for the

faith it places in the God it worships. It needs that security which enables every stricken human being to lift up a heart of despair to a love which fathoms its that work already? woe and bestows a just recompense. If Spiritualism has any general work to do, is not that work better done withHumanity imbued with the knowledge of a future life can face with fortitude with it? The trouble with religion is every vicissitude of mortality. It enables the bereaved father, poor and lowly, who with his motherless babes gathers at the Christmas feast where only a crust and proves that Organizations flourish at the

that Spiritualism breathes the grand democracy of the human family upon all of its members—none of them lost, but all cradled in the care of absolute love.

into it can say with Bryant:

So live that when thy summons comes to join The innumerable caravan that moves To that mysterious realm where each shall His chamber in the silent halls of death,

Thou go not like the quarry slave at night, Scourged to his dungeon; but, sustained and

By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams. WILLARD J. HULL.

IN RE ORGANIZATION.

A Critical Analysis of the Oft-Repeated Movement.

Thoughts Presented Worthy of Careful Consideration.

By the Guides of Mrs. Cora L. V. Rich-

WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER.

Since the advent of what is for con-venience known as Modern Spiritualism, each decade of forty-odd years of existence has witnessed several efforts in "National" or general organization among some portions of those accepting its teachings and manifestations. lack of success attending these various and numerically-limited attempts has been ascribed by those zealous in the belief that organization is needed to every reason except the real one, i.e.: ack or absence of any need or demand for such organization.

Local societies-circles-classes-have and as such are every way desirable; but a general or national organization implies something to be formulated, and something to be done in the way of propagandism. We propose within the brief imits of this article to show our views knowledge of spirit communion.

and forms of belief.

It is a solvent, like water or fire! It is an illumination, like the sunshine! general, like the atmosphere! especial, like consciousness

One cannot organize that which already has laws of its own. One may avail one's baneful effects of a sectarian theology." ety, returned in triumph to his native self of as much or as little of sunlight, No! No!! a thousand times no!!! Your land, with a specimen of the plant, carearrorother existing elements as necessity or opportunity requires or permits; but the limit to one's acceptance of truth is means of secular education known in the air or other existing elements as necessity

ments of its own into human life, a revelation of Christmas, then, is found chiefly in the knowledge that life is eternal, and that from the mausoleum of grief the resurrection morn gilds anew the chambers of hope.

"Eternal Hope! when yonder spheres sublime Peeled their first notes to sound the march of Time, Thy joyous youth began, but not to fade. When wrapt in fire the realms of ether glow, And Heaven's last thunder shakes the world below.

The significance of Christmas, then, is fown into human life, a revealed on the man catholic or Baptist school as well?

Spiritualism has expressed itself from the medium unexpectedly developed—(usually in the home circle), to the family, to a small social circle, to a spirit-life who have passed through the family, to a small social circle, to a larger general circle, to local societies and to the public, according to the conditions and demonstrations furnished by the spirit controls of the medium, aided by the spirit controls of the medium unexpectedly developed—(usually in the home circle), to the family, to a small social circle, to a small social circle, to a

questions arise, the first of which is: What work is there for a "National or-ganization" to do in connection with Spiritualism? You may answer very properly: "To promote the manifestations of Spiritualism, express its teachings and facilitate the forwarding and spreading of this light in the world." We ask: Is not that already accom-

If Spiritualism has any general work too much organization; Church and State

Set apart as an observance of the event. Like everything else in the early doctrines of the church, the incorporation of an old heathen custom was found necessary to bolster up the miracle of a Godbegotten man, and so the 25th day of December was fixed upon as the day.

As a matter of fact the 25th day of December has no more connection with the birth of Jesus than the winking of a Caffre savage has to do with the sun's combustion and the despised he office of confounding the wise; and thus it is cach and all of these ways there is the danger of offensive proselyting or cow-days. The second question is: Who will or-days the stand a cup of water awaits them, to say: "Yes, dears, she is here! though may be we danger of offensive proselyting or cow-days. The second question is: Who will or-days the first the individual effort to aid others in obtaining evidence of these ways there is the acch and all of these ways there is the danger of offensive proselyting or cow-days. The second question is: Who will or-days the first the individual effort to aid others in obtaining evidence of the corner to add others in obtaining evidence of the second question is: Who will or-days the first the cach and all of these ways there is the cach and all of these of an corner to first the second question is: Who will or-days the first the second question is: Who will or-days the first the cach and all of these tays the cach and all of the separate the factors. The first is the individual effort to aid the special type of the second question is: Who will only the separate the follows. The second question is: As a rule represent

misnomer. be the first formulation," you say. Every person having even the smallest The second method is to experience among Spiritualists well knows that there is no one word upon word God. That anything approaching what they with honor name a "personal God" is a veritable bete noir, and that even the phrase Infinite Intelligence is altogether too definite a term for that

The third method is a published recuniverse. Besides, to us it would seem idence is a waste of time.

here here and hereafter, and the intercommunion from the spirit to the mortal side of life, might be a common basis." While each and all of these methods Yes; but as said before, that is knowl- have been used in the promulgation of edge. An organization affirming it does | Spiritualism, the one power that gives not make it more true. "But we can occasion for their use is the spirit aid others in gaining this knowledge," senger. The intelligence communications. you say. We answer: You do that already, as far as is in your power. Local public, or in the fact recorded to the spirit measurement of the spirit measurements. The intelligence communicating at the scance or in the home circle, or in societies springing up has a their societies springing up have their perma- intelligence, this spirit messenger (innent or ephemeral existence, and pass dividually or in the aggregate alone away. Periodicals and publications have knows the conditions necessary for the been formed, attended with the success their long or short periods of duration, manifestation or message. and stifled aspiration and inquiry, the incident to mere temporal arrangements, and books without number give record Human beings have a distinct right

father and a human virgin mother Sakia and Chrishna, and other Indian incarnations, all had virgin mothers, and so had the herogods of Egypt, and so had the herogods of Egypt, e. C. The virgin mother of the Savior of the Druids, more than 2,000 years ago, had a crown of twelve stars upon herhead, and her foot was placed upon the head, and her foot was placed upon the head of a serpent, and the same devices are found engraved in the stone cave temples of India, made thousands of years ago. What does it all mean?

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The father of Life. Eating the hide and hair of the fatted ox, they learned to wordship as whiskered god. Man's extentive became the priests opportunity. After centuries of thraldom doubt became had an answer to its queries. This was the first gilmmer of the new dawn. The great infidels of the past held aloft the beacon light which led an oppressed world out of false if they really believed it. The produced the same devices as as a before, which was pontaneously developed in the home spontaneously developed in the home structure. The fatted ox, they learned to worship a whiskered god. Man's extremity became the priests opportunity. After centuries of thraldom doubt became the priests opportunity. After centuries of thraldom doubt became the priests of the fatted ox, they learned to worship a whiskered god. Man's extremity became the priests opportunity. After centuries of thraldom doubt became the priests of the fatted ox, they learned to worship as the word Sprittuals and teaching as the word Sprituals and the totale, which was pontaneously developed in the ho What is the real source of these uniform Swiss loved and honored William Tell meaning. But doubt, while ridding the have added but few to the quota of me world, the meaning. But doubt, while ridding the have added but few to the quota of me world, the music that enchants, are diums, and psychical research societies fluent, solvent, have not been organized,

It is do not create phenomena, but witness them through already developed media.

"But," you say: "We may at least have schools and institutions where our children can be taught without the long and already children can be taught without the long and already solved to the long and are the common inheritance of marking.

A materialist who had journeyed to the long and are the common inheritance of marking. means of secular education known in the ing specimen to be grown in the scientific only found in one's perception or capabil- world. The home, the private circle, conservatory attached to the university, y.

1. Spiritualism as a "movement" did the Sunday lyceum or school—these are to the faculty of which the naturalist the places for Spiritualism to be taught. belonged. The following summer the

cause to effect; from intention to expression, and has made its organism to suit signally failed. The true seeker, the

the movement as a whole, or nationally -or even in localities, like States or cities, must be utterly free from any

formulated belief or creed. Let there be as many local societies as you please: as many circles as may be required to meet the demands of increasing inquiry; as many camp meetings and public assemblages for interchange of ideas as are the spontaneous outgrowth of the movement; as many periodicals as the people will sustain, and as great unity in all this diversity as is possible; and let Spiritualists work, one and all, with such gifts and evidence as each possesses for the bearing forward of the message of "glad tidings."

There are three ways in which the mode of knowledge of spirit communion may be aided by those on earth, but in each and all of these ways there is the danger of offensive proselyting or cowof the movement; as many periodicals as

In the possession of this divine economy lies the highest significance of this opinion," for another. Spiritualists evidence, will readily recall the diffestival day, and those who have come pride themselves more on this intense ficulties attending the situation. No individuality of opinion and conviction manifestations or messages can be than upon any other one fact. Even the guaranteed as sure to occur; even when truth of Spiritualism itself is less to the medium is considered the most resuch as these than the ego. Who will, liable and the conditions the most per-or can, any Spiritualist represent, but himself? Who will, liable and the conditions the most per-fect. No one knows whether the particular medium selected for the con-Many say: "But we can organize on a general basis of belief, and a statement of the fundamental teachings of Spiritualism." "A general basis of belief" is what the inscrutable something, known The manifestations of as conditions may mean?. Then when Spiritualism are demonstrations, or they are nothing; no Spiritualist believes in Spiritualism; he knows. "A belief in the great Overruling Intelligence might manifestation, the testimony not sought,

The second method is to offer such places for meetings and seances as are considered desirable, and leave which there is such a contrariety and seeker to enter under the prescribed diversity of belief and non-belief as the conditions and decide for himself. This method has its disadvantages, as all

nameless something that pervades the ord of the phenomena and teachings, through books, periodicals, etc. Every that to organize on the basis that the one familiar with the history of Spiritsun shines would mean just as much. Affirm a thing, or formulate it, and some one will feel called upon to deny it. And in such a case, argument or evidence already published in proof of the truth of spirit communion is greater idence is a waste of time. nce is a waste of time.

than that on record of any other subject, whether scientific or ethical, and forms a mass of testimony accessible to all who desire to read it.

While each and all of these methods

of the experiences and theories of those who have received them. No general formulated work could have produced one-tenth part of the results obtained already in the spreading of a partite communion; and, of course, have a right to organize on any basis of those facts or teachings that they may think knowledge of spirit communion; Sith of December.

Some light will pour in upon this subject when we consider the fact that these celebrations were all held in commoration of the alleged birth of advine man, having a supernatural father and a human virgin mother Sakla and Chrishna, and other Indian in repeated concerning him therein, you say the strength of the spiritual outpouring upon the sakla and Chrishna, and other Indian in repeated of him. They beever saw him and never heard his voice. He wrote nothing all wrote heard his voice. He wrote nothing and never heard his voice. He wrote nothing that Iscariot began when he performed his part in the drama of salvation by becommending that Iscariot began when he performed his part in the drama of salvation by becommending the his part in the drama of salvation by becommending the his part in the drama of salvation by becommending that Iscariot began when he performed his voice. He wrote nothing that Iscariot began when he performed his voice. He wrote nothing that Iscariot began when he performed his voice. He wrote nothing that Iscariot began when he performed his voice. He wrote nothing that Iscariot began when he performed his voice. He wrote nothing that Iscariot began when he performed his voice. He wrote nothing that Iscariot began when he performed his voice. He wrote nothing that Iscariot began when he performed his voice. He wrote nothing that Iscariot began when he performed his voice. He wrote nothing that Iscariot began when he performed his voice. He wrote nothing that Iscariot began when he performed his voice. He wrote nothing that Iscariot began when he performed his voice is placed by the his part in the drama of salvation by become heard with the feat with his part in the drama of salvation by the house of the father

not originate in any human mind on earth, as the result of experiment or discovery; but came with laws and requirements of its own into human life, a revenue of its own into human life

Organizations have closed the doors

a free-overlip, as also of the ser defining transmisters of Philicomership, as also of the ser depth and the philips and the principal and the churches, and wonders at the line it grownes and superstition.

It is ille was so consistent, so descorations of Christmas and superstition.

Mrs. P. S. WERD.

E. N. Pickering, of Marshaltown, being in this section of softs worship, while the size, the hot-cross bons, the mystic size, and even church its step less, and superstition.

E. N. Pickering, of Marshaltown, being in this section of softs worship, and carried on for attempted to be who were ready from the thraid of creed, Spiritualism has been the inward force and outward demonstration releasing the opening of the eyes to the turth and on the principal of this divine truth, all ideas of extrance force and outward demonstration releasing the positive forced. Spiritualism has been the inward force and outward demonstration releasing the positive forced. Spiritualism has been the inward control of this divine truth, all ideas of extrance force and outward demonstration releasing the positive truth, all ideas of extrance force and outward demonstration releasing the positive with knowledge. Spiritualism has set and white which the ward of the services of any effort in this step only even to fail the hold three seems to be a great control of the knowledge of Spiritual life. Having no creed to affirm, there has been no account to the knowledge of Spiritual life. Having no creed to affirm, there has been no account to the knowledge of Spiritual life. Having no creed to affirm, there has been no account to the knowledge of Spiritual life. Having no creed to affirm, there has been no account to main the knowledge of Spiritual life. Having no creed to affirm, the knowledge of Spiritual life. Having no creed to affirm, the knowledge of Spiritual life. Having no creed to a

PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS.

Their Place and Value in the Establishment of the Truth of Immortality, Philosophieally Considered.

BY DR. J. H. MENDENHALL.

To the Editor:-Some years ago (1875) while attending a seance given by Mrs. Anna Stewart, Terra Haute, Indiana, among many other phenomena the following occurred. Mattie (spirit), formerly my wife, made her appearance on the rostrum, in the presence of Hope, pure, white-winged Hope, had kept alive some fifteen ladies and gentlemen-all level headed men and women. Addressing me, Mattie said: "Good evening, Mr. Mendenhall, will you please place upon the rostrum a stand, paper and pencil,'

named articles upon the rostrum, a platform seven feet square, fronting the cabinet. Turn-This was true. Opening one of the blades, ing to write a communication. The following all the great forever. is a copy from that communication, executed on that occasion with a speed that would quadruple my own, and I am considered a swift penman. "SEANCE ROOM, June 24th, 1875.

"DEAR MR. MENDENHALL: I take pleasure in fulfilling my promise. I think you still have that much confidence in me. You asked me to-day his remarks he said that a man was foolish to write you a lengthy communication on any subject I saw fit to write on. I am happy, but was millions of years old, and that he believed I can't see as it has ever been religion that has geology to be one of the grandest of studies. caused my happiness. I look at religion like this: If everybody wanted to go to Europe, one starting from one point, and one from anand another that way and finally, all get scribe to the Apostles Creed: there. The only thing I look at is this: so nany get there on someone else's responsibil maker of heaven and earth (we don't know ties, and a Spiritualist gets through on his how, why or when; wn responsibilities.

to receive Spiritualism. She will get through or why): safe, if she does have to come on someone else's responsibilities. You know that mother is old, and like many other old people, has become childish in many things. I must dema-terialize myself. Good-by, Mr. Mendenhall. back again): I thank the audience very kindly for their kind attention. MATTIE MENDENHALL,"

munication given as before stated. A little dead (spiritually): explanation will make it more intelligible. I "I believe in the explanation will make it more intelligible. I had a few weeks previously visited Mattie's had a few weeks previously visited Mattie's spirity: the holy Catholic church (the church Mills as the musician of a Koreshan glee club. She tackled me on this subject on the morning for the departed are all about us); the forgive-Indiana, and as she aimed to cut to the quick the life everlasting: Amen. in her arguments, I could not well refrain from resenting; and no doubt was a little severe in be construed very liberally indeed. my language to the dear old mother. I felt so when I read Mattie's communication. Again, in taking an independent slate-writing of Mattie earlier in the day, I had asked her to write mean lengths, communication and again it was no trouble at all, thoughts flowing into his mind as fast as he could give them. to write me a lengthy communication selecting could give them utterance. Thoughts often to Bro. S. S. Jones for publication in the no other time. That he often wrote sermons lengthy article criticizing the labored argument terest, the object is gained, and I am made should at any time after an experiment in Religio Philosophical Journal, he then being its editor. Mattie's response was: "Please of Dr. Green to resp ask me to write." You see the applicability of my explanation. The deeper you look into of my explanation. The deeper you look into speaker, etc. it (the communication) with the circumstances and phenomena connected with it, the more you recognize the truth of the grand reality of immorality. The subject who wrote the communication in the presence of fifteen intelligent witnesses, was no siry phantom, no put up job; it was a solid, materialized or reincarnated spirit, for the time being, even Mattie the minds of men. Mendenhall, who, previously, for eight years was my wife; and from November, 1872, to June, 1875, was a resident of the Spirit-world. I recognized her by the same three senses (sight, touch, hearing) and the same judgment of intellect that enabled me to first learn her

beyond the grave. Not only was the average mind losing what faith it once had instilled into it, but the ablest intellects of the age were declairing positively against all claims, either in faith or argument, for the truth of the grand reality. Faith had done all it could, without knowledge, to establish the fact. Towering intellect longed for a knowledge of the truth; had searched scientifically; had scaled the high peaks of philosophy, while poesy had heralded in song its sweetest dreams of life down the corridors of time. the palling fames of faith, but no proof came to quiet the heart's deep yearnings for a know-ledge of the truth. It was an age of doubt; the sun of intellect was rapidly turning into darkness, and the moon (faith) into blood. To this request, Bro. Hook placed the But, listen! A sound strikes the ear. Listen! Tis the voice of immortality in the tiny rap. Listen! The very air is filled as with the ocean's ing to me she remarked: "Your knife, if you please." I drew from my pocket a handsome, eight-bladed knife, which she had owned during her earthly stay with me. On presenting the knife, she remarked: "I have seen this knife before. I used to pare peaches with it." immortality. What! angels coming? Yes. she then took the pencil in her left hand, and holding in the other the knife, brought the here, skeptic. Look here, anti-phenomenal pencil to a very fine point, and then took her philosopher; do you see that spirit yonder; one seat near the stand, which was not more than three or four feet from where I sat. Arranging the paper, and placing her left hand to Do you see her in all the beauties of life, sither forehead, (assuming a resting posture, alting at the stand there, with pencil in her so as if reflecting on what to write, a custom hand, and writing on that beautiful white sheet she had in earth-life on all such occasions), she then glanced her eye upon mine, and then upon the paper, at the same instant commenc- life and immortality, and man shall live on in

THE APOSTLE'S CREED. A Very Liberal Church.

I recently was engaged in conversation with who believed otherwise than that the world 'Ours is a very liberal church," he said. Man cannot in reason follow a set code of doc-

trines, dogmas or articles. The new is conother, and so on, we would all get there; and stantly doing away with the old. In joining striving for heaven, one going this way, our church, we only ask the applicant to sub-

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Let mother alone, Mr. Mendenhall, in her Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Chicago Tribune that all the members of Dr. religious belief; her mind is not in a condition born of the Virgin Mary (we don't know how Cyrus Teed's Koreshan Home in San Fran-

fied, dead, and buried (a historical fact):

mother, living over one hundred miles west universal, not the Roman); the communion One of the most ardent Koreshans there is of Terre Hant, in Illinois. She was a shrewd of Saints (this is one of the grandest parts of Schifferstein, once champion runner of the Methodist, considering her advanced age, and our creed, the communion with all good peothe bitterest of the bitter against Spiritualism. ple or souls both in this world and the next, I was about take my leave of hert for home in ness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and

her own subject, stating that I would send it came to him in the pulpit that came to him wait until I materialize again. I think you pulpit. That these strange, new thoughts pears in No. 107 of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER say that until my wondrous-wise atheistic tion your united minds should be that it is so. wait until I materialize again. I think you wait until I materialize again. I think you came from the saints on the other side of the several able articles replying to him, I forbear critics can furnish "expert testimony" to do not hold an autopsy for at least sixty how

> church will let him be. Were he to say more of the Doctor's article, "Is There a Personal advise that they prefer to keep silent rather Queary case of heresy.

> they are liberalizing the preachers. Let us and scientist, and calling upon that class to comes those who profess to believe in immortal thank them for their inspiring influence over the minds of men.
>
> U. G. Figley.
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> present one fact ("as one fact was worth more than ten thousand theories") corroborating their Spirits.
>
> Dr. R. Greer. Defiance, Ohio.

THOMAS LAKE HARRIS.

Grave Charges Against His Community.

To the Editor :- It appears from the dispersonality. In size, general outline, and contour, and in every feature, all declared the writer was Mattie Mendenhall. The style of diction was hers, and when I presented the diction was hers, and where I presented the diction was hers, and where I presented the diction was hers, paper containing the communication to her is made by Miss Chevallier, the sociologist of presents a theory of one or any number of step-father a year afterward to see if he would Boston, who visited Harris last June and rerecognize the handwriting, he, on the first glance at it, remarked; "Why, this is Matter's handwrite, isn't it?" Father Stone was a most profound skeptic to Spiritualism, but he know and self-was under his influence and found it he head will be know and self-was under his influence and found it he head will not apply with he know and self-was under his influence and found it he head work and self-was under his influence and found it he head work and self-was under his influence and found it he head work and self-was under his influence and found it he head work and self-was under his influence and found it he head work and self-was under his influence and found it he head work and self-was under his influence and found it has been and self-was under his influence. a most profound skeptic to Spiritualism, but he knew and acknowledged the handwriting of Mattie his step-daughter.

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The the community Miss Waring, a sister of George the community Miss Waring, a sister of George that will not apply with equal force, and much greater reason, that in the community Miss Waring, a sister of George this limitless universe a self-existent principle.

Why once mighty warriors no longer are bold. My women are dying of hunger and cold. non, as to its place, value, etc. Let us go the widow of a New York banker; Prince Na- is without beginning, than to accept the As moon follows moon my misfortunes inback fifty years, a short period prior to the commencement of what is known today as modern Spiritualism. Tell me, ye condemners of spiritual phenomena, ye who say, "the world has no need of it," how many servers as to where and what was God prior world has no need of it," how many servers as to where and what was God prior to the gavasa, of Japan; Mrs. Parting, an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters, and several others. Mrs. Parting absurd theory of a personal organization out side of namy daughters were highly cultured, yet they world has no need of it," how many servers as to where and what was God prior to the gavasa, of Japan; Mrs. Parting an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters, and several others. Mrs. Parting an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters, and several others. Mrs. Parting an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters, and several others. Mrs. Parting an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters, and several others. Mrs. Parting an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters, and several others. Mrs. Parting an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters, and several others. Mrs. Parting an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters, and several others. Mrs. Parting an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters, and several others. Mrs. Parting an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters, and several others. Mrs. Parting an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters, and several others. Mrs. Parting an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters are lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters, and several others. Mrs. Parting an Anglo-lindam widow, and her two accomplished daughters are lindam widow. And the once haughty Blackhawk clamors for the best mind.

[And the once haughty Blackhawk clamors for the best mind. The widow of a New York base of the widow of a New York base of the widow of a New York base of the widow of a New of spiritual phenomena, ye who say, "the world has no need of it," how many sermons, minus phenomena, not from an orthodox pultine of counterparts Harris has established trine of counterparts Harris has established against it.

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"The world has no need of it," how many sermons, which is a supplicant coward become against it. pit, but from the rostrum of the most enlight practical free love as flagrant as that under ened Spiritualists, would it require to furnish Noyes in the Oneida community. When Miss Sr. Paul to the average developed mind the evidence of Chevallier was convinced of this she left the a future or a continuous life that this single community. Harris lives on oysters, cham-

Nudson Tuttle Be warned in time Stap the publication of that living stary in the hours in the progressing thunker on ruther agressive stinker the days of the just inquisition and pash but god still reigne and will find a bay to put the maj

A THREATENING LETTER.

It is Received by Hudson Tuttle.

TO THE EDITOR:-The above letter, which I have lately received, speaks for itself. True, are not. As the letter bears no address, and that time. hence does not allow of a private answer, I take bigot with murder in his heart. Life would the dangers which surround them! have no value if I were compelled to swerve | Secret organizations are going ahead at a HUDSON TUTTLE. expressions. Berlin Heights, Ohio.

Pacific Coast Too Hot.

MESSIAH TEED'S DECIPLES COMING HOME. It appears from a special dispatch to the isco, Cal., are preparing to come to Chicago. "Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was cruci- Three members left last week. Among them was Mrs. James E. Mills, a rich miner's wife, "He went into the place of departed spirits, who abandoned her home and children to foland the third day he rose from the dead (came low Messiah Teed. About fifty Koreshans remain there. They expect word from Teed every "He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the day to pack up and return to Chicago. Cyrus This is a verbatim copy of my wife's com-Cyrus expects soon to go on a proselyt-

This man is as liberal and spiritual as his to say when my eyes rested upon the heading of a Deity (which they have not done), I would we should doubtless hear of another Mac- God," and that in his opening sentences the than indulge in humorous satire, for humor really have the mysterious and so far inexpla reshould doubtless hear of another Mac-doubtless hear of heresy.

The saints (good spirits) be praised that was to be presented to the benighted Atheist Furthermore, I will say that I think it ill be-that is, the thoughts and ideas of persons than ten thousand theories') corroborating their | Spirits. theory that God is a principle and not an organized personality, my spirits arose with a hope that this much-agitated question was to he forever settled; but on a careful perusal of Once I was strong as the towering oak, the article the buoyant hope at first entertained And my enemies trembled with fear when I sank several degrees below zero at the discovery that there had not been one fact pre- Once I was brave as the lion at bay, Sr. Paul, Minn.

Moving to Strangle the Octopus in Cleveland.

TO THE EDIROR: - " Better late than never, you know!

Please allow me at this late day to thank you kindly for the book, "Romanism and the the days of the "just inquisition" are passed, Republic," which you kindly sent me some but the days of the religious assasin, it seems, months since in answer to inquiries I made at

Perhaps it may please you to know that this this method of informing the writer that the able little work has been doing a great deal of deep to be so persuasive. The chances of the publication of the story which reveals the de- good in opening the eyes of some of our pravity behind the convent and the church people here to the dangers which threaten our ing up to be sound men and stainless women will not be stopped. For the bravest to say public institutions, especially our common public institutions, especially our common public schools. Thank heaven! the great ontlined its result is neglected as a potential of the midwight beautiful to the dangers which the midnight hour would not be true; but masses of our people seem to be "waking up" there are things more to be feared than the from their lethargy, and are becoming alive to duct or of manners it is falling into hopeless.

from my convictions and bend to the de rapid pace in Northern Ohio, and we already less than a miracle can save it from perishing mands of any one in the freedom of my have four well organized councils of the of its own putrescence. "A. P. A." here in the city of Cleveland, and will probably, before spring, number at least three thousand members, "and every man a most deplorable condition in England, where there is an "established church." The world

> The city of Toledo has about two thousand members already, and are beginning to exert their influence in the direction of reform. Thank God we have only two classes to deal College of the grand truths of with in this order-those who are against us are easily known; and the whole remaining number are with and for us! Religion and dogmas and creeds are sunk and buried out of sight in our haste and earnestness to reach schemes of deviltry are truly marvellous.

ANTI DOGMA. Cleveland, Ohio,

Dr. Greer to His Critics.

The Ever-Recurring Questions.

To the Editor:—Having written a somewhat

standpoint; and now that the article has seemingly aroused their attention, or has, at least, awakened within them more than a passing interest of them is explained by a type-written letter found in his pocket, which reads as follows:

"To the Doctors in attendance. Sire of them is explained by a type-written letter found in his pocket, which reads as follows: Chicago, Ill.

Blackhawk's Lament,

skill,

MRS. M. SCHOFFELD.

The Duke of Edinburg, the second son of ton, in Braxton County, W. Va., has probably so doing they reach the largest number of

LOW LIFE IN HIGH CIRCLES.

THE GREAT NEED OF SPIRITUALITY.

A corner of the curtain has again been lifted from that section of British society into which it is the highest ambition of certain rich Americans to find entrance.

The bearer of a historic name has been found by a British jury not guilty of the charge of treating his wife like a drunken costermonger, and society joins with the street loafers in regarding him as an ill-used man. Very little must be expected of an English lord in these days if the present bearer of the name of Earl Russell be a person deserving of applause or sympathy. Fashionable society in England must be too corrupt to be conscious ous of its own rottenness if it can regard without loathing the mess of impurity which the trial of last week disclosed or suggested. There is no item in the awful catalogue of

the sins of the ancient world set forth by the author of the Epistle to the Romans which might not form part of an indictment of what-calls itself society in England. A collection of the recorded fashionable scandals of the last few years would be a more bitter satire on the manners and morals of the court circles of London than the least quotable passages of Juvenal are of those of the early Roman Empire. The circle around the heir to the throne has been a hotbed of them, and the next prospective King of England has come within the touch of their pollution. There is no name so honored that its bearers have felt obliged to keep it clean; no ancestry so ancient as to carry with it a patent of self-respecting manhood.

And the women, the gently-nurtured daughters of noble houses, seem disposed to imitate the speech and the habits of the cocottes of the music halls with whom their brothers become infatuated. The taint of heredity must be coming generation of British aristocrats growoutlived its usefulness. As a model of concontempt. Flunkies may continue to admire the snobs, to imitate its usages, but nothing

The above from a New York paper shows a even now is in some respects very wicked; high places" are polluted, and the stench of unclean habits and practices darkens the spiritual atmosphere. The hope of humanity Spiritualism.

Mind-Reader Tyndall in a Trance,

That mind-reading is a species of spirit consuccess. And we are surely going to win! trol in many instances is no longer doubted. There's music in the air; " and I'm afraid At San Francisco, Cal., young Alexander our beloved friends(?), the Jesuits, will be McIvor Tyndail, an English mind-reader, fell 5 right hand of God the Father Almighty; from has announced that he will be theoreacized at obliged ere long to scratch their heads for a bad specific fit one evening lately, after he theoreacized at obliged ere long to scratch their heads for a bad specific and the later theoreacized at obliged ere long to scratch their heads for a bad specific and the later theoreacized at obliged ere long to scratch their heads for a bad specific and the later the lat new idea, to get the upper hand of us. Their had successfully performed a severe test. He fell in the street and was hurried to the receiving hospital, where it was found that he was in a cataleptic trance. The man lay like one dead. He was finally put to bed in one of the TO THE EDITOR: —From the lengthy inimical The arms and legs and the head were moved reviews of my article on the God question, I with great violence. Though he is but a slight What deluded simpletons! Teed's philosophy is dry rot—worse than that! He is the champion impostor of the world; yet, like Prigham Vanne with his spurious bible, he Brigham Young with his spurious bible, he will have numerous followers. Is not any one who believes in Teed's "astronomy" either semi-idiotic, or under hypnotic influence?

Chicago, Ill.

Atheists, and I am glad of it, for, as you will remember, the object of the article was to stimulate thought among Atheists and Materialists, by advancing some arguments in favor of a Deity, so as, if possible, to foster among them a rational study of Deity, from a rational study of Deity,

"To the Doctors in attendance-Sirs : If I as I am subject to trance and have remaine in that condition for more than the abov specified time. Then let my brain be the oughly examined so as to show whether "Yours truly

"ALEXANDER J. McIvor TYNDALL "P. S .- If I am taken ill or die, cable Dr. Tyndall, the Lilacs, Market Harborough, England.

He evidently wrote this letter of warning the doctors after reading of the fate of Was ington Irving Bishop, all of whose facts he rivals. After an exhibition at the Lambs the mind-reader was in a trance, and that the doctors who made the perusal of his body

After lying fifteen hours in a cataleptic trance young Tyndall revived, but he was s weak that the physicians ordered him to re main in the hospital till to-morrow.

The probability is that the young man wa so completely exhausted that he was taken

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER combines CHEAPNESS and EXCELLENCE. Mr. James Brown, who lives near Bealing- writers send it their best thoughts, because it phenomenon affords? For eighteen hundred years Christianity, whose principal function it is to teach the immortality of man, had with the midnight lamp exhausted its intellectual and moral effort, without furnishing so much and moral effort, where the facts she has gathered to the furnishing the facts she has gathered to the facts she sent thirteen weeks for 25 cents.

WILIGHT MUSINGS.

The Poor Old Pauper.

BY M. P. ROSECRANS.

One day we met an old man on the street; ke was leaning on a cane; his steps were short, weak and tottering; his body was worn en a life of dissipation; it was feeble and

causes and effects.

drunkard and used tobacco to excess, and I earth. inherited my desire for those vile poisons from him. Tobacco being fashionable, I was soon led into the vile and nasty habit; then it was easy to take the two next steps on the road to ruin, and I began to drink and gamble, and you see the sad result. My mother, God bless her, was as good, as kind and loving in her It Will Require a Representative Spiritnature as an angel, else she could not have tolerated such a filthy brute of a husband and father as was mine. All that is good in my nature was imparted to me by her. Drunkard as you have known me, I was not entirely bad. I had in my nature some redeeming traits of to the hands of the unfortunate, poor and suffering. Oh! now I wish that some more had gone the same way, and were it not for the cursed appetite I had for the three worst evils that ever debased and ruined human beings-tobacco, rum, and gambling,-how much good I could have done, and how much happier I would be today. But, no! my money was lost on foolish games, or was paid out for the cursed poisons that stole from me my health, my happiness, and degraded me below ago you saw me when I was recovering from the sad effects of a drunken carousal. You looked into my eyes so kindly and with such a sad expression on your face! Well do I remember what you said to me, after the lapse of many

you in your sad and deplorable condition! pure, the intellectual in your nature swallowed up by the raging appetite for the vilest and most disgusting poisons the world ever saw-the demon alcohol, and its twin partner, that conference will be no small achievement for loathsome, foul, nasty narcotic, tobacco! You are a man of good mental ability when sober; you are capable of moving among and within the society of men and women of culture and refinement. If you do not change your mode of life and abandon the evils that are leading you down lower and lower into the cesspools of vice and degradation-abandon the company of the gambler, the low, the drunken and the sottish, in their revels and their fill a pauper's grave.'

Were you a prophet?

a rich man, only a worker, but he is clean, situation. manly, sober, and full of happy thoughts. He is loved and respected, almost adored by he tells them simple stories till the little ones He started right years ago; he never spends a the lot alone. night or day in dissipation; he never smokes | Miss Mabel Dunlap, a graduate of the Philfor those he loves, and who love him. He is walking as straight to everlasting happiness riors at Wilmington, Del.

ful angels. But, oh! what can we say of the poor old pauper, whose life has been spent in dissipation?

the darkness, without chart or compass; out over bitter and troubled waters he will go in He will go groping his way through the thinkers. houses and prisons, that their end be not that be." Mr. Griffen says: Said he: "Judge! You have known me for of the old pauper, but rather that they may

HON. A. B. FRENCH.

That Religious Congress.

ualist.

TO THE EDITOR: As the News says: "Perhaps the most remarkable of all the World's Fair auxilliary congresses to be held in 1893 will be the one in which the representatives of all known phases of religious belief will meet congresses, is in itself a remarkable document. the proposed ecumenical conference, and the will be a parliament of religions. Catholics the brute, and now you see before you the sad Brahmans, Confucians, Parsees and Mohamend of a wasted and ruined life. Many years medans are expected to sit together in friendly conference over common truths and common reforms. Broadly speaking, it will be an ethicame to me and took me by the hand, and cal conference in which creeds will be lost sight of temporarily and the great moral forces that work for the betterment of mankind will be discussed without reference to particular beliefs. The recent conference between Jews "My poor, dear friend, how sorry I feel for and Christians in Chicago attracted the attention of the civilized world. Important as this How bad it makes me feel to see such a noble conference was, it can scarcely be compared life as yours wasted; to see all the good, the to the comprehensive gathering of religious teachers and workers that is proposed for 1893. The success of the latter is undoubtedly assured, and the mere holding of such a

tolerant and progressive Chicago. A Religious Congress will do no harm, and may be instrumental in doing a great deal of good. It would not be well for anyone, while tory of the spirit, and makes the matrix of both souls. This wordless eloquence had participating in the exercises, to allude to the matter the nativity of spirit. inquisition in Spain and elsewhere, where drunken orgies, the 'poor house' will become ent. Each one must keep perfectly silent as man body corporate. But I did not-I am now a wreck on the great ation society, and while religion is left out the lower orders of beings. ocean of human life. I am nearing the other morality-ethics-will step in. Now, Spiritscenity, and their attendant evils, you will not planting a seed there that will produce a hunhave lived in vain, for there is surely great dred fold. The man who comes the nearest ble joy in heaven over one poor victim that casts off his vices and resolves to lead a new life."

Tonight, in contrast with the poor old pautable of the wear in the world, and that it behoved an end of the wear in the world, and that it behoved an eleast ble to the above requirements is that peerless oration, the faculty of choice in selecting means and rejecting pebble. Choice is a perpetual league against the assaults of the discontent from the rebellious heart, and she enjoyed the two days of rest from school work more than was impious.

Spiritualists, bear in mind, that THE an infusorial micro-organism his home ones. He laughs with them, Progressive Thinker is sustained on its He says: There is not a ciliated infusory manifestation of boyish love—which he slyly away at his employment. He wears clean fact alone should commend it to you. It is the Arachaidians or spiders. clothes when not at labor. He puts his dirty sent 13 weeks for 25 cents, or \$1 per year.

These talents are elements of intellect. Inbut it was enough to make him happy all day.
sity in Washington.

Mrs. Hoderson B.

JUS TICE.

dren with their disgusting perfumes. He lives one of five ladies to decorate palace-car inte-

flowers, while the spirit will be met and wel- did not believe in the infallibility of the acid and metalic predicate, comed into the "Summerland" by the beauti- Bible or the divinity of Christ.

SPIRIT EVOLUTION.

Soon he will go out on the waves-out into Numerous Facts for Consideration.

In PROGRESSIVE THINKER, No. 103, Mr. search of the shore where no lamp of love will A. M. Griffen has contributed a most excellent be beaming for him. The angels will know thesis on "Free Moral Agency." The reader him by his haggard look, as one that spent his can take exception to but little of it. But to threads by the constant friction attendant earthly life in drunkenness and dissipation. that little is the turntable of a great many For the Boy Readers of "The Progressive

thick darkness surrounding him. Can our If I understand him correctly, he seeks for When we came into his presence he reached reader see the great contrast? May the blessed soul genesis in the mythical realm of imma-

> matter; it is the free-born offspring of that in- one, among the little ones. visible immaterial essence which constitutes my own reality. That limitless, spaceless, of the new boy, and placing it in his hand, deathless thing, the immortal spirit.

discussion.

in an "impression or a nervous shock." They ourselves." While her finger was upon the sigare cumulative and enduring. They belong nal bell, she noted a new expression upon evfect at a distance.

are synonymous terms.

spirit of man and his "purpose have their

Why seek the genesis of psychic man in a for- nificant, she sat down by the boy whose head our cosmic domain; and where there is a plus around him, she noticed that his tidy clothing

cerebrum is the citadel of the soul. The soul hungry for that indefinable something which dwells in a domicile of matter, feeds more or lives only in the heart of a truly sympathetic dwells in a domicile of matter, feeds more or lives only in the heart of a truly sympathetic less on material pabulum. It is acquainted woman. He did not resist this show of affecting the woman are truly sympathetic. The grass forever green—

The waving grain and cornfields with matter and spirit. It takes part in the tion, but as if actuaed by an impulse foreign to refinement of matter and in the elevation of a ten-year-old boy, he clasped her round the

Now the physical organism of man finds the "Tell me all about it, Fred.

But it is indifferent to a bit of glass or peb-

begins with the echinoderms, says Romanes.

romps with them, and helps the little ones to merits alone, and not by crowding it- with that cannot be frightened, and manifest fear transferred to the one who had brought his is worth \$100,000. make nice little toys. He spends his evenings twelve or fifteen columns of advertisements by rapid flight. "Reason commences with mamma back to him. She had just time The daughter of William Lloyd Garrison,

apron and jacket away in the car and takes Aid us to publish the best Spiritualist paper in tellect is an element of mind and soul, and is pains to go home with clean hands and face, the world, by sending us a new subscriber. In the proved to be a very torgeted the pains to go home with clean hands and face, the world, by sending us a new subscriber. In the proved to be a very torgeted to be a think in all the world there is not another man so good, so kind and loving, and so full of knowledge as is their father. His world the father. His world the father is not another man so good, so kind and loving, and so full and no spirit has been able to secure annihilation." These integrants of spirit are evolved away without after all his pains. But then the world to be no more than the world of the condition of Pennsylvania, has which is said to be no more than the world of the condition. These integrants of spirit are evolved away without after all his pooks were home life is very beautiful and harmonious. which is said to be no more than the worth of from matter, or as Faraday says: "from eter- he ought to have known that his books were nal, self-existent elements.

Is there any difference in the electric matter tent assistant.

or force from the Gimnotus, or electric eel, and that from the chemist's electrical machine? his face aglow with anticipation, and slipped Elsewhere I have demonstrated that electricity a tiny gift into her hand, saying: "I know of the human body is identical with that of mamma would like this, and I thought you A. S. HUDSON, M. D. the laboratory.

INSIGNIFICANT.

Thinker.

It was Friday afternoon and the books were out his old, withered hand and said: 'There angels that love humanity seek him out in the teriality, outside of matter, and in a world re- all put away. Fifty pairs of eager feet were Fred and wonders where he is. The picture is my hand, if you are not too proud to shake dark and lonely road, and lead him up to high-mote from that in which physical man is doing their best to refrain from beating time comes vividly before her, of his pathetic face the hand of a pauper."

dark and lonely road, and lead him up to high-mote from that in which physical man is evolved. Whereas, to my view, the rational to the merry music of fifty juvenile hearts. Too proud to shake your hand! No, old rounding the saloon, the brothel, the den of exposition is that both Psychos and Corepos, The teacher was very weary, after the manner in psychology. From the moment the new We are glad to shake it, and while prostitution, the hell of the gambler-up the soul and body are built up coincident with each of those who labor for something more than boy half whispered "mamma is dead," we are shaking it we wish we could shake you plane of purity, honesty, true nobility of soul, other in one and the same environment. With wages. She had been striving, under a storm she had daily been coming nearer the truth into better and happier conditions of life! We and may all our readers be impressed by these Michael Faraday from spirit life, I emphasize of censure and opposition, since the first of wish we could shake you into a good pleasant good angels to shun dissipation and its evils, his statement, that "Life lays its foundation September, to bring order out of chaos, and in any way the least of the human family, and where are sweet loving associa- whether the dissipation be that of the fashion- in certain relations of the elementary powers November, when she had partially succeeded, tions! We wish that we could shake you out able vice, tobacco, or of rum, gambling, the of nature, nor is it ever discerned apart from a new boy had seen fit to enter school, and less, giftless boy, is of as much consequence of the condition that you, no doubt, inherited ruining of virtue, the making of homes sad these relations." Note this, that "we are as she felt that he would in a measure disarrange as that of a prince, and that every boy has a from those that brought you into this world of and desolate, as well as the filling of mad much in the Spirit-world now as we ever shall her plans. While writing a list of books he soul capable of the highest development, would need, these complaints raced through "I am alone the effect of pre-existing her tired brain: What an insignificant work number of years! I was once a strong, step out into the light, and be welcomed by causes; I am the cause of substantial changes, mine is! What a narrow, useless round of EXTRACT FROM MY SCRAPhealthy man, a good workman and commanded the beautiful, the kind and loving angels or effects more or less enduring, in both maduties! Fate was unkind to drive me into the good wages, but I inherited the desire for to- into a home of purity, happiness and virtue, terial and Spirit-world. With me, something intermediate, where it is all work, chalk-dust, bacco and strong drink. My father was a when they close their eyes for the last time on begins to be an individual purpose which is impudence and comm'n d'nom'naters, without not a material thing, subject to the laws of the companionship one finds among more adheat, cold, time, and space. That purpose vanced pupils, and also without the burst- In thy palmiest days, as I sense them now In the passing shadows shown? had its origin in another world than that of ing baby love, in all its purity, which cheers The list being finished, she went to the desk

said: "Give this to your mamma and tell-This is no new battle-ground or problem of but the boyish face quivered, and a pair of but the boyish face quivered, and a pair of gray blue eyes, swimming in tears, were lifted to her fees, and a boyish voice faltered. If My To my mind an immaterial thing is an un- to her face, and a boyish voice faltered: " My thinkable nonentity. I can conceive of no force in the universe that is not material. Spirit is material refined. And potencies are trembled with it, and a momentary silence fell such as the teacher could not have believed.

They live and progress in that boundless world The unopened eye never saw!

They reap their joy and gather their strength In the sunshine of love-governed law. character. Many and many a dollar of my for mutual counsel. The report of Dr. Bar-the substance of mind or spirit has its genesis dear, and we will talk about your books by Mr. Spencer and J. Luys have shown that possible. She said, in a low voice: "Remain, Ah! Mother, confirm me, if true indeed congresses, is in itself a remarkable document.

The committee has held communication with leading representatives of all faiths regarding leading representatives of all faiths regarding to this primary mundane world of matter.

Mind is as material as light, heat, electricity, once, the feet were all still. "Bless their to live and to rest in the Summer-land to live and to rest in the Summer-land." and magnetism. Thoughts are material, freckled noses! I really do believe they have replies received are uniformly favorable to the They are sometimes so hard as to strike a souls, in spite of themselves," she said menidea. Certainly the indorsement of the movement is most broadly representative and in-a thought gone mad, and the victims of it time in all those tiresome weeks, each restless by the waters still, and in pastures green We will seek for that "beautiful home." fluential. In effect the proposed conference have dropped dead. Like bullets shot from shoe took a correct position in the aisle. At a gun, thoughts may be sent in advance of the next signal, they all moved together, an Yes, mother! but doubtless thou knowest now and Protestants, Jews, Greeks, Buddh ists, the ordnance projecting them, and they take ef- event she had long ceased to hope for—and all this on Friday! Even the big boy, that was So far as we know, soul, spirit, mind, ego, noted for his pugnacity, seemed toned down, and she began to entertain hopes that, in time, If I understand Mr. Griffen, he says the he might become humanized too.

When the last sound of the noisy feet was What is the proof? Where is that world? the last few minutes that her work was insignificant, she sat down by the boy whose head and prealm when there is ample room in this lay upon his desk, and as she put her arm with the happy thoughts of by-gone times. We will mingle our farewell tears. origin in another world than that of matter." lost to the teacher, who had forgotten within eign realm when there is ample room in this lay upon his desk, and as she put her arm our cosmic domain; and where there is a plus amount of proof that it was evolved coincident was of the best quality, and she understood with the body and in the same environment?

If true, then, as wise ones tell us, That "nothing we love shall die," I'll see thee again, my boyhood's home, As the body grows the spirit grows. The that money could buy. She knew that it was efinement of matter and in the elevation of pirit.

The gray matter of the brain is in the laboratory of the spirit, and makes the matrix of both souls. This wordless eloquence had lasted but a few moments, when she whispered:

thousands upon thousands were cruelly mur-counterpart of the different organs typified in What he had to tell was very insignificant. dered; nor would it be well to refer to the the lower order of beings: as if those little pri- Similar things happen every day. His mother URGES AN UNIVERSAL CATHOLIC LEAGUE FOR atonement as furnishing a license to sin, as mates had, by common consent in congress had died three weeks before, and he was her that would anger three-fourths of those pres- assembled, organized themselves into the hu- only child. His father had brought him to

Alfred Binet finds will in Didinium nasutum odorous new books. He also had the plump- Europe. est orange that he could find-an immense not in the teacher's desk, where he always went. opened a law office at Tacoma, Wash boy became, without knowing it, her most po-tent assistant. genie's train whose foot was small enough to fit them.

Upon Christmas eve he ran in to see her, would too. Like it! It would be impossible to tell how happy it made her. Fred's many presents, on that Christmas, did not give him one half the joy that this trifle gave her; and she has kept it these many years among her most cherished treasures. When she feels the old discontent, because her life is so narrow and her work so insignificant, some accident brings it to view, and she remembers little that no work is insignificant which helps in she feels that the soul of even a ragged, home-

Concordia, Kon. RETTA S. ANDERSON.

воок.

"Visions of Boyhood's Home." The visions deepen: Ah! where are they

The fathers and mothers—yes, every and all The worthies that came to thy shrine? They all have gone on in their endless path In accordance with will Divine.

They grow to perennial bloom

As thy spirit voice hath said: A beautiful home is preparing for thee" In that world of the risen "dead."

That is made se enchantingly fair.

I'll meet thee, my mother! thy joyous guest When the fullness of time shall come!

That rest is for gathering still
The strength to join with the angel bands Who are working the Infinite will.

If a ray of the Infinite shines in our hearts "As sparkles the sunlight in drops of dew," Not long can we joy in a sluggard rest, But seek that Infinite will to do.

In some valley beyond the sky With thy orchard and sparkling fountain

Beneath a more golden sheen.

Hockessin, Del. J. G. JACKSON.

Pope Leo Calls for Help.

DEFENSE AGAINST THE IMPIOUS.

ROME, Dec. 15.—The Pope in his allocution this little town, to live with his aunt and his at yesterday's consistory said that the enemies your home, and you will die unlamented, and to the important sale of church property in What was an individual clliated moner in cousins, but he wasn't used to the ways of of the Romish Church ruthlessly encompassed Spain and Mexico, and not once mention even nature becomes a ciliated epithelial cell in cousins, and he wanted his own mamma and it on every side. Not content with displaying one of hundreds of religious massacres. Any some mucous membrane of the human body. Its own home. Not much of a story—no their hatred in words, they had proceeded to reference to Galileo and his persecuters will what was a many flygored polynome burger, no regression to their hatred in words, they had proceeded to reference to Galileo and his persecuters will "My answer was: 'I pay for my poison and it costs you nothing. You look after your bad habits, and I will attend to mine. I know when to drink and when to be sober. I am the conflict between religion and science. Don't peen about the conflict process. The conflict process are presented by filial when to drink and when to be sober. I am the conflict process and many-fingered polypus become the hunger—no rags—nothing to excite pity, but acts of violence against the place of the stomach and so on.

So with psyche man. The human soul or most pathetic story, and with her arm still about him, she found herself making clear, in simple words the richest and most cominsults, and threats, now sought to deal the not the fool you take me to be; it costs you not the fool you take me to be; it costs you take me to be now I wish I had heeded what you said to me then so frankly and so kindly! How I wish I had lived a clean, manly and intellectual life!

The school-room lost papers and the scene from the world. It must be most moral people in the world. It must be most moral people in the world. It must be most moral people in the world. It must be most moral people in the world. It must be most moral people in the world. It must be most moral people in the world with the outer world was more and the scene from the world with the outer world was more and the scene from the world with the outer world was more and the scene from the world with the outer world was more and the scene from the world with the scene from the world with the scene from the world with the scene from the world was more and the world was more was more was more was more and the scene from the world was more w woman of whom he had stood in awe in the curtailed and the situation becoming more and "Consciousness belong to matter, though morning, and he was happier than he had more difficult. By waging war on the papacy shore, where all is darkness. I have no oil in man with a "head on him," whose thoughts is endowed with consciousness. That wonderful to the ground. In fact, as he dried his eyes, and proscribe the name of Christianity. The good friend! Do all you can for poor de are as clear as crystal; and whose words roll plant Drosera rotundi folia (sun dew) exhibits he felt that she was not in the ground, as he Pope protested that if the heads of States graded humanity, and if you can only save from his lips in rhythmic melody, and the the faculty of perception and nervous reflex had supposed, but that she was alive and would give earnest consideration to the posione poor wreck of humanity from becoming that goes right to the heart and understanding, and insect or bit of meat and consume it. to do right, and to become a noble man.

And the teacher wes benefited too. Those that it was to their interest to uphold the authority of the church as the greatest moral tears had washed away some of the weariness, power in the world, and that it behooved all

per, we think of another man we know! He sharp, quick at repartee, sees a point at a tality on the plant and places it the equal, or nearly so, of the animate amoeba. Memory to meet the motley array of faces. The first pupil to arrive was Fred, with a strap full of from getting a foothold here as it has in ANTI-ROMISH.

The Shah of Persia has a tobacco pipe which

at home with his loved ones when he is not that can be seen in every country paper. This the higher crustaceans," or still earlier, as with to kiss his clean, red cheek, by the way of who is the wife of Henry Villard, has prethanks, before other pupils entered the room, sented a bust of her father to Howard Univer-

organized from the element, and life is capa- knew that his teacher was alone in the school- Lionel, the original of "Little Lord Fontle-

night or day in dissipation; he never smokes old nasty pipes, or poisons his wife and chiladelphia School of Design, has been appointed declare, that psychic life unfolds in conformity

To my mind all science points, if it does not adelphia school of Design, has been appointed declare, that psychic life unfolds in conformity

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Those formidable other fellers' didn't onag' and call him a 'mollycoddle,' as he had admiration of the French court, has now, it is and coincident with physical life. Therefore, feared; they seemed to appreciate the situation said, become swollen out of shape by gout and for those he loves, and who love him. He is walking as straight to everlasting happiness as ever a bullet flew to the center of a target!

When this coffin and his grave will be wreathed with flowers, while the spirit will be wreathed with flowers, while the spirit will be met and well and observed as a spring from thin flowers, while the spirit will be met and well and observed as saying that he flowers, while the spirit will be met and well and observed as saying that he flowers, while the spirit will be met and well and observed as saying that he flowers, while the spirit will be met and well and observed as saying that he flowers, while the spirit will be met and well and observed as saying that he flowers, while the spirit will be met and well and observed as saying that he content of shape by gout and they allowed the understanding to go on the sense it seems impossible that the ego of the sense in the flower and they allowed the understanding to go on the sense it seems impossible that the ego of the sense.

Dr. Lyman Abbott emphatically denies the cinct away from the material cosmos. Mind develop in a foreign zone or pre-known in the days of its fame, was so Cinderella-like in its tininess that its discarded shoes could be worn only by children, for there was no woman in all Eu-

CONVENT of the SACRED HEART



A CATHOLIC PRIEST PLANNING A DEVIL-ISH WORK, IN THE CONVENT OF THE THINKING OF ENTERING A CATHOLIC

Written for The Progressive Thinker.

BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

CHAPTER IX.

shrines consecrated to their respective beliefs. Within the walls of the Sacred fined in a cell. You will receive daily a Heart, worship had become reduced to the business of life, and the observance of forms and ceremonies the occupation, and the occupation, the business to an intellegation of the business of life, and the observance of forms and ceremonies the occupation.

of the priests could not remove. Zelda had a bosom friend, a confidente, as far as that were possible amid such restraining influences. It was a foolish thing to do, to confide in this friend, the good Sister Hilds, but there are times when to thick walls and barred doors allowed thick walls and barred doors allowed thick walls and barred doors. Hildah, but there are times when to share a grief with another casts off a part of the burden, and sympathy is sweet for the soul. There are times when we must be a season of atonement in the chapel,"

ings of last evening?"

you now as will save you from years strength. A moan of anguish escaped in purgatory. Sister Eudocia, as hitherto the most exemplary, I begin with you; and for the sake of Jesus you will enjoying the scene. have the cap, and then be retired to a cell, with one loaf of bread a day, until I release or further punish you. May you pray unceasingly, and find forgive-

each resistance.

She paused and glowered on the shrinking sisterhood, helpless as lambs in the hands of the butcher. Were the vials of her wrath spent? Far from it, for "May this be a lesson to you," said the she had reserved until the last the Superior. "Sister Stantia, stand before essence of her cruelty. The pause was to emphasize the coming sentence."

forfeit her oath? Religion had so warped and blighted her sense of right and justice that she had yielded, and how arose to betray the most sacred obligation and the Sisters again grasping her arms, carried or rather dragged her away. forfelt her oath? Religion had so warped to the floor.

"I have questioned my conscience, Mother Superior," she said slowly, gasp-



your sins9 I am not surprised. You have been convicted of lying—and more, against a priest—worse, a thousand times worse—against the Bishop. The Devil only could have invented this falsehood. CHAPTER IX.

Punishment.

Sunday morning broke over the world in its glory. The bells of the churches called their worshipers, and thousands with light hearts and joyous countenances wended the streets to unite at the shrines consecrated to their respective.

only could have invented this falsehood. The father of lies, only, could thus speak of God's auointed one. You have lied; you have rebelled against Jesus Christ, and even the Virgin Mary, his Blessed Mother, will wrathfully resent that Insult. You ought to be scourged! You ought to be burned! I will reserve the shrines consecrated to their respective sultation. At present you will be consultation. even to meanness, to an intolerable ennu:
a burden and a penance of itself.

The Sisters gathered in the dimly lighted chapel. They were depressed by the dissipation of the preceding evening, and many had reproving compunctions of conscience which the assurances of the priests could not remove. Zelda were its unlimited time and the impenditure of the priests could not remove.

of the burden, and sympathy is sweet for the soul. There are times when we must have a comforter. After the light was extinguished in the dormitory, Zelda had stepped to Hildah's cot, which was side by side with hers, and putting her arms around her neck, had whispered to her the thing which had happened and the terrible consequences she feared. "If the Bishop absolved you, you have naught to fear, for there is no higher authority," was the assuring response. Perhaps Zelda, of all the Sisters that morning assembled, was the only one who feared punishment. The others argued that as the priests participated, and were primarily the cause, and had repeatedly granted pardons, the matter would not be referred to. They were miserably mistaken. The face of the Superior was dark as a storm-cloud, and they saw that evil portended. "Have yon questioned your consciences?" she asked, in a reproving and exultant voice. "Do you find no cause for reproof in the outrageous proceedings of last evening?"

"After the hour of dinner, there will be a season of atonement in the chapel, "summoned the Superior. That was the euphonious manner of speaking of the execution of the imposed sentences. Rome, when she summoned a heretic to the flames, softly said there "should be no shedding of blood!"

There was no necessity of the rule imposing silence, for a shadow rested gloomily on the minds of all those poor Sisters, and the lecture droned by the nun was not heard. They arose at the signal and marched into the chapel. The sentences were to follow in the order received, and two Sisters were to "seize Eudocia and drag her before the judgment seat." It is strange to record—it will test the credulity of the reader, and yet it is true, that these Sisters, so lov-ling, refined and gentle, had become so degraded by their religious belief and training—I will not say education—that they arose with the alacrity of furies, seized the unresisting girl, and literally dragged her to a seat in front of the platform on which the Superior sat. At a sign platform on which the Superior sat. At There was a painful silence-every one, a sign another Sister brought the cap. as it were, holding their breath in their suspense.

"I knew you would blame the priests," she continued, "but know you the priests must never be censured. You tempted them, as Eve tempted Adam and brought sin and death into the world. She was punished, just as you will be punished, and I am thankful God has given me the power to inflict such chastlement on the strap with all here.

a sign another Sister brought the cap. It was made of heavy leather, shaped like the crown of the head, and thickly set on the inner surface with needle points. As the Sisters' hair is cut short, the cap fits closely, and is drawn tight by a strap under the chin. It is a horrible punishment and quickly grows unendurable. While the two Sisters held like the crown of the head, and thickly set on the inner surface with needle points. As the Sisters' hair is cut short, the cap fits closely, and is drawn tight by a strap under the chin. It is a horrible punishment and quickly grows unendurable. While the two Sisters held cap. power to inflict such chastisement on cap, and drew the strap with all her

clent to dislocate the jaw. The Sister The cheeks of Eudocia whitened, and roughly forced the bar into Eudocia's she remained motionless, her fingers mouth, and drew up the straps until the clutching her beads. The Superior then called ten Sisters | quivering lips trickled down to her chin, by name, who for the next month were to kneel on peas, during services, and wear peas in their shoes. She mentioned ten more who were to be subjected to the gag every morning for a Then the instruments were removed, month, and if they resisted, a month for and the Sister executioners taking her up in her chair carried her down into the cellar and left her on the floor of the

"Sister Stantia, stand before

Here, however, a new element was unexpectedly introduced. Sister Hildah powers utterly failed under the strain arose. She had given her oath to reveal to the Superior all secrets entrusted to of her carried her to the place designation. Would she betray her friend, or nated, and loosing their grasp she sank

With a flerce glance at the ten Sisters sentenced to the gag, she said: "There



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CORA DEAN.

BY O. W. BARNARD.

When the summer days were long
And the groves were sweet with song—
When the roses everywhere
Filled with fragrance all the air—
When the air was soft and clear,
While joy crowned the growing year;
Then a mansion clad in flowers
Smilled amid her leafy bowers;
Here a wealth of vines and trees
Are arranged the eye to please. Here a wealth of vines and trees
Are arranged the eye to please,
And within are works of art
Well designed to please the heart;
Here a home is blest with love;
Sweet heaven's from above—
Here a family one and all
Ever moves at duty's call—
Here the angels smile to see
Such a lovely "family tree." Here a maiden (eldest child), With a nature sweet and mild, Dwelt amid this fairy scene, Known as lovely Cora Dean; Rare and radiant maiden she, Fairest on the "family tree!" And this glorious day in June It would seem had come too soon; 'Tis the fairest ever seen
And leaves the maiden "sweet sixteen,"
And a feast she would prepare
That her friends must come and share. And her parents gladly aid All the efforts of the maid, That her natal day may be Blest with mirth and festive glee.

Now a joyful day is past,
For such pleasures cannot last,
And the morrow soon will bring
Anguish that her heart will sting.
By her father's stern decree
She her lover could not see;
He's forbid to enter there,
Or their festive joys to share;
But at evening's witching hour
She met him in the trysting bower.
When this fact her father knew. She met him in the trysting bower.
When this fact her father knew,
His anger like a rocket flew;
He rudely turned her from his door
Forbidding her to enter more,
And poor Cora's heart must grieve
Thus her home and friends to leave;
But she leaves that long, sad day
To pursue her thorny way,—
Over hillions, over plain Over hilltops, over plain, While her tears pour down like rain, Sad and lone she wanders on 'Til three days have come and gone, Searching for a servant's place With her blanched and tearful face, 'Til at length she enters where She a servant's toll must bear From the hours of early morn 'Til night's long sad hours forlorn , But her heart is brave and strong Though bereft of joy and song.

Cruel father, thus to blight Thy fair daughter's life so bright; For against the moral sense She's committed no offense; He was worthy of her love, She would ever faithful prove, And thy prejudice unwise Was the fruit of wicked lies That his father may have told In the long, dark days of old When the candidates divide Friends that should in love abide,

Sore her mother's heart doth bleed Sore her mother's heart doth bleed When she thinks of Cora's need. Many a sleepless night is spent Since her darling's banishment. Her lover, too, with anguish riven Seems almost to madness driven, Then a fever's scorching breath Brings him near the verge of death, Where he linears long and low Where he lingers, long and low, With life's current moving slow-Weary nights and restless days
Wasting on his couch be lays,
While delirium's troubled dream
Makes his life a desert seem;
But at length the "boatman" came, Found him murmuring Cora's name; Then his spirit took its flight To the realms so pure and bright.

Years have come and passed away, Still Cora's tolling day by day, To sustain the vital breath To sustain the vital breath
And keep at bay the mask of death.
Whispering angels cheer her life—
Give her strength for daily strife—
Give her hope, amid the gloom,
That flowers yet in her heart will bloom:
She's kept courage—hid her grief
And many tears have given relief;
In her dreams aboves once more And many tears have given relief;
In her dreams she sees once more
A happy group at her father's door,
And hears a whisper, soft and plain,
That she'll see her home again;
For the Christmas—joyful day!
Is coming now without delay,
While her father now relents—
Of his rashness sore repents—
Briugs Cora to a Christmas feast
Where all hearts with love are blest,
For good will now reigns supreme, For good will now reigns supreme, A gift of Christmas it must seem?

"It have questioned my conscience, Mother Superior," and said alowly, gas, he said: "There will be interesting overcless for you to the fall that I have committed sin. Let us invoke the me that the Bishop sought to kiss according to the Bishop sought t

THE OLD PATCHWORK QUILT.

BY EMNA ROOD TUTTLE.

The winter wind is screaming
And whistling ionesomely;
'Tis time myself were dreaming,
Dead to its revelry;
But all things seem to drive me
Away from Poppy Vale,
And mad enough to knife me
Is Boreas,—by his wall.

Bring out the patchwork bedquilt
And spread it on the floor;
I hear "The house that Jack built,"
At mother's knee once more;
And "Intry mintry," even,
That patch of blue recalls,
When off for Farcy's heaven
Ten white "geese" Broke their thralls.

This buff patch was an apron
Just like my best doll's dress,—
The doll named for my cousin,—
My red-haired cousin, Bess.
That piece of pale, pink fabric
I wore to do the role
Of scribe for Sir John Franklin,
A sailing toward the pole.

My school Professors praised me, The crowd seemed entertained,
That day my foolish "compo"
The prize o'er others rained.
Only a pink-cheeked school-girl
When that sweet dress was new; ut oh! what tangled briers
My feet have since been through!

This black piece looks the saddest Of any one sewed in, for mamma wore that sllk shroud

To take her grave-sleep in;
But when she came to see me
From lovely Angel-land,
She wore the whitest garments,
And flowers were in her hand,

And this embroidered patch was And this embroidered patch was
My wedding dress, you know;
The sight of it—well, always,
It sets my heart aglow!
And that dear little diamond
Was my first baby's dress!
The very, very sweetest
Of any, I confess.

Here is the cloth which made up The first pants for my boy.

Ha! ha! I see him strutting,
In his exultant joy,
Prouder than any coxcomb,
From shining boots to head!

No king on velvet carpet
E'er walked with kinglier tread.

That sheer scrap once enveloped My youngest nestling; grown Now to a tail blond lady. Into life's glitter thrown; Posing before the footlights— Charming by highest art, But everywhere my darling,

Her mother's own true heart! Fold up the dear old bedquilt,— Why! There's the dress I bought And gave my own dear mother After that school I taught! I was a slim, young school ma'am,
With quite a level head,
And—well, I carned some money,
And bought that, as I said.

Now fold the bed-quilt neatly, Now fold the bed-quilt neatly,
Its patches tell so much
As Memory's flying fingers
The chords of feeling touch,
And send my longings forward
Into the vast unknown,
Where, up the hills of Progress,
My old-time friends have gone.
—Berlin Heights, Ohio.

SOMETHING NEW.

Messages Written in a Stocking.

They Come Instantaneously

To the Editor:—During my recent visit to Lockport, N. Y., I became much interested in the mediumistic phases and intellectual productions of Mrs. Anna L. Robinson, who is the central magnet that unites and educates harmoniously. I did not witness the most striking manifestations, for my time and opportunities were limited; but the testiment of all who spoke of her and testimony of all who spoke of her and the manifest candor and high purposes of the medium convinced me that no shamming accompanies her medium-ship. It is both phenomenal and instructive, and she seems to have the confidence and good will of all. She in-formed me that when she anticipated physical demonstrations, she found it necessary to abstain from food and avoid all clashing and clogging influences. She gets writings and drawings in a variety of ways. Under the table-cloth, held at arm's length; in the darkness or folded and concealed inside her stocking, the writings come; not at her bidding, but as the angels please and conditions allow. No pencil is used. She says when a paper is folded and closely packed near her left ankle inside the stocking, she has nothing to do but await the power and pleasure of her guides. An interesting and suggestive feature to it is that she always knows feature to it is that she always knows when the writing is done, and it is instantaneous.

From her experiences she infers that all independent slate-writing is done in like manner, and that no pencil is ever required. But it will not do to interpret all phases by one, nor all medium-ship by the standard of the experience of one. There is evidently a superior class of scientific artists that experiment with Mrs. Robinson, and the same manipulators might find it necessary to use different means and methods with other mediums; but that a tightly-folded, closed crumpled piece of paper, hidden within a stocking, pressing close to her limb, can be instantaneously filled with writing, suggests something more than a mechanical operation performed by materialized fingers between two closed. terialized fingers between two closed slates. Then, too, the superior intelli-gence that flows from this source is full of promise and quite as instructive as the physical phenomena. Besides these phases, Mrs. Robinson is widely known as a successful detective. To her, hid-den things are revealed with a remarkable accuracy. The lost is found-or its whereabouts indicated-and stolen

are an honor to their profession. They attend to their business and success fol lows them. They need no class-legisla-tion to protect them against competi-tion. It is the authorized quacks that have little to do in their line of medical experimentation, who are so anxious to secure the aid of the State and Imprison their superiors. To such these verses, which follow, apply:

WHAT WE NEED.

Those who will not shrink nor falter, Or to slanderous words give beed; Those who seek the road and walk it,— This is what we need!

Bound down by no chains of priestcraft— No dark theories for creed, Men of common sense and reason— This is what we need!

Walking out from the old shadows, In Progression's grassy mead, Earnest searchers, hearty workers— This is what we need!

O'l departed, come and show us As our hungry minds you feed, How to grow in strength and goodness— This is what we need!

From the way of truth oft straying, Drawn by selfish greed, Turn us back; Oh! help and aid us— This is what we need!

Make our circles pure and helpful, True development in deed; Help us daily in progressing— This is what we need!

LYMAN C. HOWE. Pittsburg, Pa.

Michigan Items.

E. R. Keech, of Rockford, Mich., writes: "We have just held our last quarterly meeting for the year 1891, with Miss A. E. Sheets, of Grand Ledge, Mich., as speaker. The weather was all that any one could desire: the sessions harmonious, and the only drawback was the enervated condition of the speaker. She was just recovering from a severe cold brought on by exposure at a meeting the Sunday previous, and consequently the lectures were necessarily short; however, they were well received. We believe our society is one of the oldest in the State, as it was organized Nov. 19, 1863. We have our own hall, and horse sheds, free of debt. Six new names were added to our membership during the sessions just closed. Our annual election of officers will occur on the first Sunday in January, 1892, at which time we choose a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Collector, Janitor, and two Trustees. The Trustees hold their offices for three years. After the holidays we design having a series of socials, as is our custom, at our hall. These are a regular feature and are well attended. We usually hold them on Saturdays and have a dinner, and all give the day over to enjoyment."

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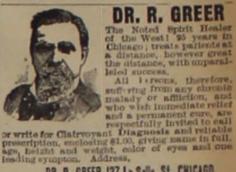
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