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egins to read the past earth-life of the

kasa, that marvelous medium in which

voyants, but it is described by those

Of all the colors of the auras Mr. Sin-

nett says generally that red is connected

having to do with spiritual character-

characteristics of the personality about

whom the colors are produced. We are much indebted to Mr. Sinnett for this pamphlet.—Light, London.

IDOL WORSHIP.

Customs in New Guinea.

The following extract from an account of certain New Guinea customs is

taken from the Theosophist for May. It

throws a curious side-light on the mean-

ing of idolatry:
It is the custom of the Motumotu peo-

Gulf, to make representations in wood

of the renowned departed men of their

the figures are supposed to represent

hence, when they consult their images, which is invariably done on all topics

the extreme end of the Elamo

gaze of ordinary mortals, and so con-

sults them upon the subject the people are desirous to be enlightened on-such

death, health and most that is evil.

or they stand in imminent danger of

being killed by those immediately con-

cerned in the calamity; in fact, Kadisu

The sorcerers often obtain their rev-

elations in dreams, which they cannot

account for in any other way ex-

cept as coming from Kadisu, and what-

ever their impressions may be, when

purported to come from him, through

direct consultation or dreams, they are

always carried out to the very letter.

No woman is permitted to set eyes on

the idols for fear of provoking their wrath; to let such inferior beings as

women look upon them would mean de-

struction to the people. It is only old

men or professional sorcerers who are

the favored mediums. The professional

dictions do not turn out favorable, they

always create loop-holes, in case of ac-

cidents; yet the spirits are implicitly

believed in. At the same time there

are instances where these conjurers

have to pay the penalty of death for

or idols remain uninjured.—Light,

The Practor was a magistrate elected for the purpose of administering justice

had the sense of our word emperor.

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is the solace of all their troubles.

tylle: These images are treated as counterparts or spirits of the dead men

a powerful tribe in the Papuan

brilliancy.

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THE HUMAN AURA.

It Certainly Has Been Seen.

Interesting Particulars Concerning It.

mean by the Human Aura. Of the existence of this aura there can be no quessible as a rule for a mere natural clair tion; it has been seen by too many for any doubt to be entertained regarding training, to do this effectually. But concerning the tribe, they imagine them it, even if right reason did not tend to the clairvoyant faculty is unlike physitotalk, and themselves to receive wise

sophic teaching in assuring us that all training, the clairvoyant faculty appears sents, is located in a special compartemanation described as a sort of human of the various elements in the aura, and cloud, imperceptible to common physical evesight, but known to occult students it is composed—though all blended toas their sura

Mr. Sinnett says there are other departments of the great investigation in of the aura are stated to be: which Theosophists are concerned where the information received cannot be verified; but this is not the case with the human aura—though even here the majority of mankind must be dependent soul in man. for the proof of its existence on the testimony of those who have seen it. This kind of dependence is, however, quite common. Who of all those that use electricity have the slightest knowledge of the laws according to which its action takes place, and yet they do not hesitate to take on trust what they are

told. Here we quote Mr. Sinnett:

'Madam Blavatsky says very little on the subject. Speaking of the early de- body. velopment of some races, she refers to the astral form as being surrounded by an egg-shaped sphere or aura; and in trical work is done. Moreover, this phical terms she describes the aura as a looking at one's hand, for example, subtle, invisible fluid which emanates while the "lines of force" may generally from animals and even things. It is, be seen, either as a light on a dark she says, 'psychic effluvium, partaking ground, or dark on a light ground, a both of the mind and body, and it is the slight movement of the hand may electro-vital, and at the same time an change the lines into the sections of the electro-mental aura, called in Theosophy corresponding equipotential surfaces. the akasic, or magnetic aura. In the To speak a little less pedantically, somewritings of Paracelsus, who belonged to times one can see the radial lines of a the beginning of the sixteenth century, spider's web, sometimes the circular there is a good deal about subjects of the kind, not couched precisely in the language we now employ, but in language which is quite intelligible to occult students. In speaking of the astral light, which is one of the finer media of nature, and even finer than the luminiferous ether, he says 'it exists throughout planetary space, . . . especially around the brains and spinal cords of human beings. . . It may be seen by in their position while the body is in clairwoyants, and as each person has an good health! Says Mr. Sinnett: astral aura of his own, a person's character may be read in his astral light by those who are able to see it.' In the case of a child who has not yet generated any special characteristics it is milk

the essence of life and cause diseases, or impure and restore the health."

OUR ECLECTIC MAGAZINE. | the sphere of an odoriferous body by smell, the sphere of a man or an animal by the abnormally sensitive brain." He points out how the glory painted round the heads of infants was not al-

> traditional knowledge concerning those phenomena with which I am now dealing. Of the composition of the aura, Mr.

> together the imagination on the part of the artists, but was suggested by the

Sinnett says:
"The first thing to be realized in connection with the aura is that it is not a homogeneous and uniform 'effluvium.' It is a highly complicated and entangled manifestation, consisting of many influences that are operating within the same area. Some of the elements composing the aura are projected from the body, others from the astral principles, and others again from the more spiritual principles connected with the higher self, or permanent ego; and these various auras are not lying one around the other, but are all blended together and occupy the same space. It seems in imagination at In the Transactions of the London same space. It seems in imagination at first sight as though it would be impossible to separate the various colors clear description of what Theosophists thus superposed, so as to read their meaning, and I think it would be impos-

voyant, without the advantage of occult show that it must be there. Also, as call eyesight in many ways, and for one talk from the figure as they did when Mr. Sinnett says:

thing appears capable of concentration the man was alive, and they mostly act "The testimony of all persons in whom the psychic senses are active in any non to the more or less complete excluequal to the task of a complete analysis

gether-as if each were seen separately. Classifying more exactly, the divisions 1. The health aura.

2. The jivic or vital aura, the aura of vitality.
3. The kamic aura, that of the animal

4. The aura of the lower manas. 5. The aura of the higher manas.

The health aura is thus described: It is almost colorless, but becomes perceptible by reason of possessing a curious system of radical striation; that is to say, it is marked by, or perhaps might be described as composed of, an enormous number of straight lines radiating evenly in all directions from the a trading expedition undertaken by the

ore elaborate glossary of Theoso-curious phenomena may be observed:

The second, or vital aura, which Mr. Sinnett says is, to a certain extent, under the control of the will, is, when it circulates within the "linga charira," or astral body, of a delicate rosy tint, which it loses, becoming bluish, as it radiates outwards. Moreover, it appears class are always paid, and, if their preto be the influence under which the lines of the health aura remain radial

"I have known a case in which the clairvoyant has perceived the more or less crumpled lines in the health aura of unfavorable predictions, while the spirits a person suffering from some nervous prostration, straighten out under the white, but in the adult there is always influence of fresh jivic (vital) energy upon this fundamental color another poured into him by a mesmeric opera

one, such as blue, green, yellow, red, tion." dark red and even black. I am quoting from an epitome of the teachings of Paracelsus given in Dr. Hartmann's book on that subject. In the same from them to someone else, while they volume another passage, given as a are equally conscious of this same vidirect translation, runs as follows: "The tality leaving them in other cases, and vital force is not enclosed in man, but there is no (at any rate apparent) mesradiates round him like a luminous merism taking place at all?

sphere, and it may be made to act at a In the third aura we begin to approach listance. In these semi-material rays the region of those effects which have the imagination of man may produce to do with something more than bodil healthy or morbid effects. It may poison conditions even of the finer order. Thi aura is the field of manifestation or the it may purify it after it has been made mirror in which every feeling, every desire is reflected. From this aura the In another work by Dr. Hartmann, astral body, which can under certain alled, "Magic, Black and White," he conditions leave the natural body and called, "Magic, Black and White," he conditions leave the natural body and entirely disappeared, and when used in cernment. They organize themselves childhood; it may be with a piece of of heaven in words, or tones, or marble. travel on its own account, is made. Of the altered form of Bey, is applied to a into communities, found cities for the charcoal on a rock, or in a tracing on And when the angels come to take him the distance of the sound, or by some simple tune upon home, men shall know his worth and existence can be proved to the senses; trained occultist. An outburst of anger ble than that of Sultan.

SPHERES.

The fourth aura is the aura of permanent character; here the clairvoyant itual Existence.

personality concerned. Emotional changes gradually tint this aura until it obtains a permanent color, and this guides the seer. Nevertheless this aura

Whether the communication, of which this is a very inadequate epitome, came, is kept a mysterious record of all events. Of this akasa, Mr. Sinnett says: 'Its records constitute the memory of Nature, which is absolutely retentive, absolutely complete, which loses no atom or particle of any fact that has ever transpired."

The fifth aura, that of the higher manas, is not often seen even by clair-voyants, but it is described by those as the purposes to have done, from a poet who recently passed away, or from some other spirit, is comparatively immaterial. It is sufficiently interesting in all parents and by her who has been appointed his soul's companion through all eternity, the typical individual who have career I am tracing becomes a spoken through the mediumship of Mrs. Harris, at a private sitting, and occupied an hour in the delivery. The transcriber regretagehat owing to his ignorance of shorthand and of reporting generally, second sphere those notions of communal as it purposes to have done, from a poet shorthand and of reporting generally, second sphere those notions of communal he is unable to offer more than this life which he has acquired there; but who have seen it, only in the cases where the spiritual nature is very much weak and colorless reflection of a singularly lucid, logical and closely coherent the more powerful factor, as "outshining narrative of the after-life, spoken in one all the rest of the auras with startling unbroken flow of well-chosen language associates; and he hates both oppression and picturesque description, by a visitor and oppressors. He is still selfish; likes from the other world, whose presence to be well thought of; is not without diffused an influence of peace, serenity with the lower passions, yellow and bright green with the more active forms and composure, such as one sometimes experiences in the solitude of a forest at of intellectuality; lilac, blue and violet eventide, when "the very air seems hushed in prayer;" but which it would be very difficult to describe. istics, and the ultra-violet and ultra-red rays producing colors unknown to ordinary optics, but which correspond to

"When the spirit leaveth earth, after its first incorporation with matter, it of men, and is sure to fail in such a povague sense of immortality and an in-definite idea of God. An undeveloped soul, subject to the control of animal passions, and accustomed to their habitual indulgence; these have probably exhausted his physical strength and vitality. Or, it may be, that he has been an Ishmael of the desert, whose hand has been raised against every man; who has grown strong by the oppression of others; and has only been prevented suicide, or perchance by lustful excess,

or by disease.

"Be this as it may, when he enters unqualified by wisdom to organize and unqualified by wisdom to organize and direct them aright. magnetic sleep, like that which over takes travelers buried in the snow; and the length of that slumber is proportionate to the length of his late life.

a dark and musty place indeed. The dense for penetration by them. And it Elamo is a house up to a hundred feet long, with a width of about twenty-five is only when he feels the electric influ-ence of these higher spirits that he powerful, more sympathetic, and wiser dark and supposed sacred chamber where they are kept, secure from the

may be called 'the enjoyments of hell,' oughly. He will attract many minds he is nevertheless perceptive of the fact towards himself, because of the warm embark on. Kadisu can produce illness, He is the cause of wreckage of canoes, his soul-cravings and sinister passions ligion will be summed up in obedience if offended with some of the members are indulged to the utmost, and he to God. He will be not altogether good aboard; and should anything happen to people without first seeking the advice from the Kadisu, then woe to the man or men who urged on the journey; he

which is not dreamless, like the first, superstitions and false doctrines of the but is haunted by what people of the churches—a struggle in which he will earth call nightmares, to which he is be severely tempted and tried; for masubject in such wise that he resembles terialism will whisper to him there is one living in a dream within a dream, as no God and no after-life; and having cast

these experiences; and perchance has can obtain from the Spirit-world to asthese experiences; and perchance has can obtain from the Spirit-world to ascome out of the valley of silence, flanked similate and sustain his faith and hope at least of the valley of silence, flanked similate and sustain his faith and hope and to uplift his brother, man. He by its sombre, overhanging cliffs, into in the one true God. an open plain, where the spirits of the "Removed to the second sphere influence him so as to spirit rests for awhile, and when he produce within him a feeling of con-awakens in the midst of beautiful sur-dimmed by contact with the earth-life trition, a sentiment of penitence, a de-sire to make atonement, and a prayer to parents, his spiritual bride and guardi-God for mercy and forgiveness. So, ans. He is conscious that his soul has having been brought into a more tractable frame of mind he is qualified for reincarnation, and enters upon his second life.'

"This passes in a more progressive state of society. He worships—not the God of whom he is incapable of conceiving—but a god who is the reflection of his own ideas of creative power. He is more merciful in his actions, and more ence, and the discipline of trial; for he is subject to much suffering, and is more erently submitting when the Consuls were absent from but he has not yet learned to suffer for

Rome. There were two Praetors, one for the city, one for places of amuseone of more light and order. It is a dim foreshadowing of the earth, with lower hills, stunted forests, and pallid Imperator was originally a title of honor bestowed on a victorious general. After the downfall of the republic it beflowers. But upon it are reflected ame the title of the supreme ruler, and The only genuine Sheikh is the Governor of Medina. His office is said to date from the time of the Prophet. It atte from the time of the Prophet. It a sense of themeed of education—a tends now generally applied as an honorary citle to the head man of an Arab village.

The royal title Beg has now almost which they begin to have a better diswhich they begin to have a better disgin to find expression even in early

Angelo; for he will clothe the thought is now generally applied as an honorary title to the head man of an Arab village.

they become better fitted for another existence; and knowing that this is imminent, there arises within them an earnest desire to become better qualified to enter upon it, and to be more useful to their fellowmen, when once more clothed upon with the garments of mor-

"When again wafted back to the earth sphere, accompanied by his spiritual parents and by her who has been appointed his soul's companion through he is a better son, husband, brother, father, friend, than in his last life. He finds pleasure in giving pleasure to his ambition, and is proud of his social ele vation, if he should rise in life. If he acquires affluence, he becomes arrogant; and he is ofttimes placed in prosperous circumstances in order to try him. If exposed to sorrow, trials and adversity these have a beneficial effect upon him. He is not qualified to become a leader

carries with it to the first sphere only a sition, as he is not yet strong enough to bear it. "His third life ended, he enters the third sphere, much benefited by his prebrightness and instruction. It contains ness and depression; proud with a holy many temples, visited by teachers from pride, yet weak in soul and humble in the higher spheres, and frequented by

those who have been artisans and mechanics in the earth-life. "Here, too, is the source of those inspirations to which mankind are indebted for their mechanical inventions, from acquiring very great power by his lack of practical wisdom. Probably he has come to a violent end in war or by social emancipation, and material improvement-movements which some-

"Here, too, are many studious minds being educated to become artists in their next life, where they will develop,

feet, a sort of club-house where the begins to awaken from his long sleep, and humbler withal. His ideal is excelent and he is conscious of pain and suffer lence. It may be that he is a scientist, privileged man or sorcerer who can ing, like one who has been benumbed or an artist, but in any event, he will bush and supposed sacred chamber. pain, there is experienced an agony of man of integrity, and people will trust soul, and he begins to judge himself; him. He will work himself up into a hating, loathing, and despising himself; prominent position. You will find him and equally reproached and repelled by taking an active interest in the public are desirous to be enlightened on the commissions objects as war, family quarrels, or trading expeditions, or any other important unpeditions, or any other important unpeditions of hell. Sometimes of hell, output the serves of hell, output the serves of hell. the loathsome objects by which he finds welfare. If he reigns he will reign that he is in a realm of phantoms; while glow within his own nature. His replunges into the pursuit of 'pleasure,' as himself, but he will be actively hostile he regards it, with a fierce spirit of en- to evil, error and falsehood. And in joyment, and becomes demoniacal in his this life commences the struggle of the language and conduct. soul for emancipation from the fetters of "Then he falls into a second sleep, creeds, ecclesiastical authority, and the away the broken reeds of man-made re-"Thus he is led for centuries through ligions, he will need all the strength he ished, and he is possessed by a passion-"Removed to the fourth sphere, his

been purified by the experiences of his last existence, and he finds that the beauty of his home exceeds his fondest expectations. The widow, the fatherless and the unhappy whom he has be-friended in his last life come to him and bless him. "Then he becomes possessed of

great zeal and enthusiasm, and he is inspired by an earnest desire to become a savior, and to seek for excellence-

V. "When the call comes to him to guit

derstood, misrepresented, or even scoffed at and derided by his fellow-men; nevertheless, many lives will be gladdened, purified, beautified and blessed by his works; for these will have been inspired by the voice of God speaking to him in the night. His quest of the Holy Grail—his pursuit of the ideal, will be ever strong within him, and he will leave behind him productions that shall be imperishable. And although men may have denied him bread while he was living, they will erect a monument to his memory after death. If he has been an astronomer, he will have revealed the existence of new worlds to the men and women of his race.

"If an occultist, he will bring to light by means of mesmerism truths hitherto unknown to mankind. He may be physically a dwarf or a pauper, in this life, but his mind will be great and his soul will be generous; for he will have communed with God, even though his existence should have passed away in obscurity; and so he will enter the fifth sphere of light, glory, felicity and love.'

"Returning to the earth for the sixth time, after rapturous converse with the mighty minds of the past, and filled with love and wisdom, he will be found among the great ones of the earth, with a larger religion and a loftier thought loving art and devoted to the right. He will endeavor to mould humanity to higher aims and a nobler ideal of life he will play upon human hearts as upon an instrument, although the dissonances of life will sorely afflict and distress him; and he will be familiar with wearispirit. Power will be legible in the glance of his eye; he will be capable of controlling armies, ministries, nations; of inspiring heroic thoughts, and of influencing human destinies. Whatsoever is beneficent in science, and beautiful in art, he will honor and esteem, and the people will love and revere, though some of their rulers may hate and revile him; he will be a great philanthropist, subduing misery, healing sickness and subjugating suffering; he will go among the criminals and the degraded, the

outcast and the Magdalenes. 'Whatsoever his power, or whatsoever his wealth, both will be exercised, not ionate to the length of his late life. and give practical effect to, the ideas for himself, but for others; his life will length he occupies is the valley of implanted in them by their teachers in be short, because his vitality will rap-The region he occupies is the valley of silence, in which are silent cities; for the dead are there; that is to say, the dead in trespasses and sins—a condition of stagnation and suspended animation.

"There are spirits in the second sphere who can reach him here if his sphere who can reach him here is his sphere who can reach him here if his sphere. They will return to the that sphere. They will return to the third sphere. They will return to the third sphere. They will return to the their spirit trate into months the labor of years; so that the that when he passes away, men will extend the that when he passes away, men will extend the him trate into months the labor of years; so that the third sphere. They will return to didly exhaust itself, and he will concent the theta when he passes away, men will extend the done his work, and it will bear rich fruit I next saw mountains of work rise bein numberless other lives after him.'

> exceeding lustre, covered with the pur-work is not yet done." I woke up, find-ple mantle which distinguishes the sons ing myself in bed, which looked dark f philosophy. . Here are those who control the destinies of nations, who have recently enjoyed .- Ellen Hyde, in Two conquered demons, ransomed slaves, uplifted the downtrodden and oppressed, and overthrown the strongholds of error and superstition. Here are gathered together the sages of Egypt, of Persia and of India, who are diffusing through every planet the illimitable wisdom of the Father; here he becometh more divine than human. But little evil remains in his constitution, and he can easily make atonement for the blurs and blotches that still sully the picture; he has grown in spiritual stature; his brow is haloed with magnetic light; he wears the robes I have spoken of; he knows that when he goes forth for his final in-carnation it will be as one of the saviors of the race; and that he will be strengthened for the work by the great spirits of the seventh sphere. As he looks into the face of his beloved, he feels that his selfhood has nearly vanknows that as he becomes more Godlike, she will be more luminous. Nor would dimmed by contact with the earth-life. And when he goes forth for the seventh time, that beautiful angel murmurs not, knowing that he does so as a consecrated agent of the Most High; and so he enters one of the temples of the sixth sphere to receive his final commission, The work of six days of the week has been accomplished, but that of the seventh is the holiest of them all, for it is the Sabbath

more earnestly than ever; and though amenable to the correction of experi- no longer for himself, but for others. waves of sorrow roll over him, nothing And so he labors in Spirit-life, and rev- can alienate his faith or weaken his to instruction, trust in God, and therefore his continual benevolent and sympathetic; other men defloiencies, attaches himself to the my own.' Moreover, he feels her influgreat teachers of the long ago, whether ence about him, and wheresoever he them.

"At the close of this existence he enters into the second sphere, which is enters into the second sphere, which is enters into the second sphere, which is heart being to be employed as a messen-speaking, and shall overcome them; his heart being to be employed as a messen-speaking, and shall overcome them; his prominent example, it is well-known to the second sphere."

| Artists, poets, philosophers, musicians, may be, ne carries neaven in the sound speaking aristocracy is manifestly inclined toward psychical investigations; and to cite one prominent example, it is well-known to the second sphere." artists, poets, philosophers, musicians, may be, he carries heaven in his soul. or scientists; the earnest desire of his He will fight with lions, figuratively men shall recognize who is speaking through him, for the angels are very near him, and will utter the thoughts of thoughts from the upper spheres. Its the happy sphere of light and music in God through his voice or pen. He shall habitations are better than the huts and which he has so long abode, and to take discover, by intuition, what is passing in hovels of the first sphere. There is upon him reincarnation for the fifth the minds of men, and the secrets of naamong its population a desire for work, time, he is born with a beautiful mind. ture will not be hidden from him. And

"In his seventh existence he labors

of his week."

and they are surrounded by an at-mosphere more penetrable by the will be a medium; he will pass through higher spirits, under whose influence life an inspired soul; he may be misunthe lessons he shall have left behind

"And they shall say: 'He hath indeed finished his work,' and as he is wafted homeward, the arches of heaven will ring with songs of joyous welcome; and when the glory of the seventh home is revealed to him, and the seven colors of the rainbow blend in a crown of white radiance for his brow, he will receive the fruition of his labors; he will know that he is no longer the son of man, but the son of God; he will bear the new name' by which he shall be henceforth known; and shall repose on the bosom of his beloved; and shall hear the angel say: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of thy Lord.'"—Harbinger of Light, Australia.

A VISION.

The Spirit Realms Revealed.

Whilst I lay on a sick bed I was carried away (in spirit) to a splendid avenue, and there I saw many friends whom I had known on earth, but who had passed on. They looked very bright, brighter by far than in earth-life. I was taken up the avenue, the brightness and beauty of which baffles description, when I heard voices calling out for me to stop, and also felt a hand upon my shoulder. Turning round I was taken to a great multitude of people, and whilst standing in their midst I saw a magnificant marble building, on the front of which was a very large balcony, filled with a great number of gentlemen robed in white. In the center of the row was an old gentleman with a long gray beard, and long hair which came lown to his shoulders. The top of the head was quite bald and his face was lit up with intelligence. He pointed to some of the people, and one called out: "Is it me you mean?" and he answered, "No." Then I felt a hand on my shoulder, and a voice said, "It is you

he means." Holding up my hand I said, "Is it me you want?" and he said, "Yes." I saw whilst he was speaking a cross come right before him, and it was laid at his feet. It seemed to be glass, very thick, but I could see through it. The old gentleman again spoke: "What you teach a right." He pointed to the cross, saying: "Tell the people not to believe in it (and I saw it crumble to duct whilst he exples) but get factly a duct whilst he exples but get factly a saw it crumble to dust whilst he spoke), but go forth and love each other." The multitude around fore me, and many friends came to me 'In the sixth sphere, which is the robed in white. They said: "We have sphere of wisdom, he rests with the come to help you, for this work you will companion of his soul, wearing a robe of have to do before you come home; your and wretched to me after the brightness among the loved ones which I had so

IN HIGH PLACES.

Worlds.

Spiritualism in Palaces.

Under the title of "Politics and Spiritualism," El Deluvio, a journal hostile to the latter, publishes an article from which we make the following extract: In Russia all the court affects Spiritualism. The imperial family frequently gives itself up to the experiments of mediums. The czar declares himself completely convinced. In court circles table-turning is resorted to, and spirits are questioned by a great variety of methods. It is an open secret that the ezar himself and the grand dukes sub-mit themselves to the counsels and directions of the spirits in serious political emergencies. It further appears that the czar is favored with frequent and characteristic communications, the his serious attention and inspired him with a great interest in the subject.

During the reign of the Emperor William in Germany, he was much occupied with Spiritualism, both in Potsdam and Berlin. It will be remembered that the emperor believed himself to be in continual communication with the tutelary genii of the German nation. During the short reign of the Emperor Frederick, Spiritualism still continued to be much in vogue.

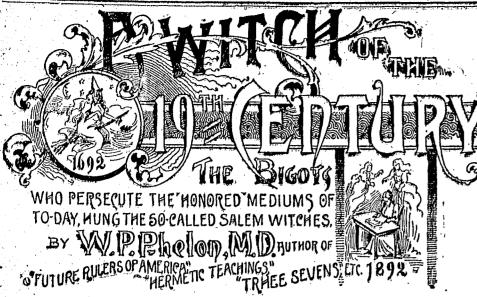
Queen Victoria, who has preserved a species of worship for the memory of the Prince Consort, has been for some time engaged in collecting into a volume the communications which she professes to have received from her deceased husband. She always consults him when great political questions are at stake, and pretends that his advice is of inestimable value.

For the rest, the whole of the English prominent example, it is well-known that Lord Lytton, the British Ambassador in Paris who died recently, was a

confirmed Spiritualist. We need scarcely add that his father, the famous novelist and poet, was also an ardent Spiritualist at a time when a belief in communion with the inhabitants of the unseen world was much less generally entertained that it is at present.-Harbinger of Light, Australia.

The title Grand Duke was of mediæval dies have their invisible spheres. this aura the colors constantly change, as military rank in the Turkish army, sake of social intercourse and mutual the ground, or by some simple tune upon thome, men shall know his worth and the eleventh century. It traveled to Originally it was deemed more honorable, and of the proved to the senses; trained occultist. An outburst of anger ble than that of Sultan.

There is an oaten pipe. And whether he shall be harmonized, purified, refined bestowed it on Cosmo de Medici,



CHAPTER V.

of a living soul grew and strengthened from day ago!" and perfectly bewildered she stopped. to day. It really seemed sickness proof. It with her great blue eyes wide open and lips eat and slept; the ordinary set backs of child-parted. It was perfectly plain that whatever hood had no effect upon it. It could hardly it might seem to others, it was a reality to have been said to have had a sick day up to her. the time when this chapter opens. It was her seventh birthday.

She was always kindly considerate of her large eyes an intent expression, as if con- his neck, and this was hanging on it. He called "death," and the possibility of commu. you cannot have Intelligence without them. stantly listening, a weird impression, and her took it off and gave it to me. He said: I nicating with it. quaint speech was a constant surprise to her return thee this, which for years I have held 4. Spirit-life is intensely real. If the Holy mother, to whom she had become very dear, and to whom, in the soul's self, had come a and fairly out of breath the little one stopped. feeling of more than parental love comparable to nothing but old comradeship of sacrifice

would be in the company of the father as him. much as in that of the mother, but many better pleased than when she could go into the fields with her father, and "help fix it," whatever was the allotment of the day.

It was no wonder, then, that she was strong and full of life, and a good deal of a romp. Every live thing on the place seemed to know and respect her, from the hig dog Turk, who air. had been a present as a puppy, for the baby, to the home-bred horse, who chafed under he?" was Elsie's exclamation. every hand but hers.

As a birthday privilege she had begged her father's permission to go over to the wood. lot with him to bring up a load of wood for winter's use. Bright and happy nearly always, and yet with an indefinable something resting upon her fair face, as the dawn imprints itself weels, so we'll put it on a string until thy upon the hem of night's sable robe, a mystic there seemed always a perception of the light the locket, which held in a heavy frame of old all, and controls all, in its potent energy.

She sat by her father's side on the springseat, and, instead of bubbling over with her Egyptians in both temple and tomb. usual winsome chatter, a great stillness settled upon her. This her father perceived, and junction of the unknown messenger was of finally said:

"What gils thee, Elsie? What makes thee so still?"

Then there's another member verv well. thing, papa—didn't I used to live somewhere At last everything being in readiness, he ment.

"You were born here, and have never been had they started when Elsie said: ont of the neighborhood," was the father's reply, a perplexed look stealing into his own

"Then why is it, papa, I seem to remember about great, big palaces and temples, such as mamma reads about out of that history, and so many splendid people, who had the most beautifulest dresses and things on, and I seem to be one of them myself. Then I have times." What makes me papa, say?"

The father could only reply:

manner of it?

as if the love and affection of the child, which was held in a cloud. had been so much to him, was about to become less.

up soberly, and said: "But, papa, I don't wagon was broken, the horses lamed and the care how many ones I be, and the dreams owner, though badly scratched, had not been won't make me proud. I shall always love fatally injured. my papa, just as long as he is good, and ever 'I knew you generally went that wav." so much longer, too, I guess."

So she dropped the subject, and the merry tell you." self reasserted itself again. But the lesson to "Yes," replied Mr. Holmes, "but I did not the father was of much import, and did not come that way to-day." drift out of his memory for days as he wondered what it all portended.

Arriving at the lot, the child was put upon the ground to wander at her own sweet will, well-to-do, nothing more was said of it. for she was no stranger to "the woods," and Neither then nor at any other time did they to gather such treasures of late fall flowers or Elsie mention her gift to their neighbors: and leaf and nut as are always dear to the nor did she ever, in her girlish years. offer to childish heart. Meanwhile the father occu- show it to her playmates. pied himself in making up the load he intended to carry back to the home.

ing something that glistened in the sun- Elsie? shine.

Mr. Holmes, taking it in his hand, perceived the glitter of gold and gem, and said: that's plain," "Where did you get this, Elsle?"

"That gentleman gave—but where did he The vigorous body given into the keeping go to? He was right there just a moment

> "There is no gentleman," said the father. "He was there," persisted the child. "He had a long, white dress on, and a white sun. vesture of decay." in trust.' What does 'in trust mean,' papa?"

and adherence, until life itself had faded out then, how—" and he stopped, for it was the stopped than the stopped then, how—" and he stopped, for it was the stopped then the stopped the stopped the stopped then the stopped then the stopped then the stopped the stopped the stopped the stopped the stopped the stopped then the stopped the st

As he stopped speaking, a voice close by, membrance of the day. Bind it about thy lem might surround us and we know it not." neck forever." The father and the child both heard these words, and saw a grave, tall personage, in an ashy gray robe, who smiled kindly upon them, and faded out into thin

"I didn't see him go anywhere, where is

"I guess you will see him again sometime," said the father, not at all alarmed by a phe nomenon by no means strange to him.

The father produced from his pocket a stout piece of twine. "The man said thou't to wear it, lass. He did not seem of the ne'er-domother can get a gold chain for thee from the change constantly evolved. Upon that tablet city." So saying, he tied firmly on her neck foul, wise or foolish, hateful or loveable. which is not on land nor sea, and yet is over gold a circular plate of sea-green beryl; on communications and experiences of every into communion with that which is universal

This ready obedience of the father to the in-

else than here? Have I always lived here made a seat for himself and the girl, and, call-

Why papa, this locket talks. I hear words that seem to come from it." "What does it say, lass?" asked father.

"Don't cross the river on the upper bridge, or you'll be sorry."

"Are you sure that is what it says?" "Yes; it said it over and over two or three

horrid dreams sometimes. Seems as if I'd This advice, if followed, would make neobeen real wicked, and I was going to be essary a detour of at least two miles, and the which calls itself "God" is God, or that every- spiritual powers has come about naturally, drowned, just like our poor little kittens. road was not quite so good; but not being a thing which is said to be from "heaven" is and the Bible bears unmistakable evidence to doubting Thomas, and having lived so many from heaven, or that every message which the gradual evolution of clearer thoughts years in full consciousness of the reality of comes from the unseen is infallible. "Why, Elsie, I can't tell." Then there the invisible and their intended benefactions came vividly to his mind his wife's vision, so to man, he turned off on the road that led to simulated just as pewter shillings can be made; the Bible showed a gradual evolution in many years since. Had that any connection the lower bridge. "It's but a little thing," he or self-seekers may trade upon them religion: there had been a gradual and orderly with these thoughts of his little one? Was it said, "and how can we get good or help from just as other self-seekers may trade upon development by which people were led to the true that the first rounding out of the number the invisible if we don't act on their advice?" the Church. But that only suggests purity truth as they could bear it." It would be seven brought about the beginning of a new As he thought this he happened to glance at and care, unfolding, and was this the beginning of the the locket, which hung in full sight on Elsie's neck. It seemed as if a ray of sunshine rested A little feeling of jealousy came over him, on it, made more prominent because the sun

During the evening a neighbor called, and told him the upper bridge had broken down As if in reply to the thought, Elsie looked while a load of wood was going over it. The

said, "so I thought I would come around and

"Mighty lucky for you you didn't, neighbor," was the response.

As the man of whom they were talking was

When they were alone that night the father and mother talked long and anxiously over An hour had elapsed, when suddenly a Elsie's birthday gift, and the circumstances of laughing exclamation of Elsie's rang clearly its coming. The mother, while having no who reigned in Syria, out on the crisp air. Then, "Oh, papa! see doubt of the account, had but one solicitude in what the gentleman has given me," and the regard to it, and that was, would the talisman, next instant she came running up to him, hold, for such it seemed to be, bring good to

> "Wife, I think it must," said Thomas: "anyhow it is her's, and she must wear it.

So it happened that the very next time title back for a thousand years.

good mother went to Chicago, she brought back a strong gold chain and clasp. In this case price was not counted nor considered. In those days gold was gold, for men's passions and wrong doing had precipitated a crisis, and the War of the Rebellion was on,

From this eventful day, Elsie, while not in any sense moping, seemed to have grown ary as "the state of being spiritual; the doc-wonderfully discreet. It was like the blossom of the rose, which reaches a certain point of matter; belief in communication with the slowly and in sequence, and then suddenly all unseen world of the departed through the imat once bursts into full bloom, the air is pressibility of certain media to so-called has appeared in Die Natur Halle. The overdeluged with its fragrance, and the eye daz. spiritual influence; the doctrine that all which lapping of the so-called spiritual on to the sozled with its harmonies of color. So with Elsie; it seemed as if the minute-hand of her life had been moved forward several points. It was not the transitory change of a cloud passing over the sun, but permanent and natural, in some ways strange, however, he-cause of the unexpectedness of it.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

cerning Spiritualism. 1. Spiritualism is the science or art of com-

munion with spirits. somehow produced in the unseen, or a man;

woman or child promoted out of "this muddy companions, and helpful beyond the expecta bonnet, and he looked so kind I wasn't a bit 3. A Spiritualist is a believer in the con tion of her age. But there was about her sfraid of him. He had a gold chain about tinued existence of the spirit after what is

> Spirit or Holy Ghost is the highest being in the universe, it is a proper inference that a The father, still in a sort of daze, replied: human spirit or ghost may be in a superior or "Why, Elsie, it means it was yours, and he more intense condition in the spirit-sphere

It was hardly to be expected that the child getting to be more and more of a puzzle to as real as, or more real than, earth substances are to earthly beings,

6. The earthly senses are extremely limited. hours were spent together. Never was Elsie grave in accent, but clear and ball-like in its So much so that, as one of our thoughtful intonation, said; "It is thing to wear in re- scientists said, "The glories of the New Jerusa-

7. The Spirit-world is a world with a teeming population and with endless occupations, We know this because we send into it a constant stream of human beings, sensible and senseless, gracious and spiteful, sober and in. temperate, young and old, the worn out and

8. At least part of it must, therefore, be near and all about us, and not far away.

9. Heaven and hell, as all inclusive and guarded places, are a delusion. A spirit expression. "The basis of religion lies in the but different tones may be produced by varying freed from the body is literally free, held fast very essence of man's nature as a thinking, the width of the slots in several pipes. In the only by the laws of its sphere, and by the self-conscious being. We are rational or human voice the quality of the tone depends vital realities of the spirit self, whether fair or spiritual beings only in virtue of our power to

this was engraved a mystic symbol of brother. grade, from lowest and most foolish to highest and objective." So says a philosophical writer, hood often seen in the carvings of the ancient and most wise; gradually rising in moral and yet to enter into communion with the Egyptians in both temple and tomb, worth and spiritual purity, and culminating universal and objective must still be by feeling in the life and experiences of Jesus.

far more importance to him than could have ences were in no sense miraculous. They and comprehension of truth leads to the cogniseemed possible, as we shall see later on. We were merely more or less unusual, but they tion of the intercommunion which exists are very often liable to blame our spirit friends occurred in harmony with laws which, so far between all parts of the universal whole, and for the disastrous effects of our own tardy obe. as we can see, are as fundamental and as the knowledge of this identity of substance,

member that I felt so when I was six years a seat between two tree-trunks growing munication comes from "the unseen," it is, divine. Hence spiritual intercourse may take vibrations to it. We may say further, simply, old. But," she added, "I don't think I re. closely together and was silent while her therefore, from God as a revelation. It may place on this plane of spiritual affinity; inspirations to it, we may say luriner, simply, that the influence of music is due to a stimulus be from the latest dead lounger as an amuse

with you and mamma ever since I was ing her, helped her up, then mounting himborned? Tell me true, papa Thomas." is no argument against its validity. No mirmay be consciously enjoyed, and the higher acle and nothing arbitrary happens at death. Spiritualism become a joyous reality where Death is only the out-marching of the spirit, soul pulses to soul in sweet sympathetic accord, and the unpleasantness of the suggestion that and one is baptized by the afflatus from the compensated for by the suggestion that educations conscious of these interior possibilities; has in-

> of phenomena and experiences that were well-house of evidences of this fact. It is now known in ancient times. But modern Spirit admitted that it records the progressive growth ualism has the opportunity of guarding itself of humanity in the rational consciousness of against the ancient delusion that every spirit the spiritual ideals. The development of man's

16. As an evidence of the existence of an recognized the truth with increasing clearness unseen universe and of human immortality, as they were driven to it by the discipline of Spiritualism is of priceless value, not because pain and the increasing activity of their latent, the communications that come are superla- rational and spiritual powers. tively lofty, but because they come at all.

portance to accustom ourselves to the fact that plane, modern Spiritualism also affirms the joys of sense, and humanizes spiritual thought. we neither see nor know everything, and that establishment on a surer scientific basis of the Hence the tone which a great artist brings out "the universe is more than one-story high."— outward and phenomenal manifestation of of his instrument is distinctly individual, be-J. Page Hopps in Light, London, Eng.

the commander of a hundred men in the operator at the other end of the line is now artist himself. - Light, London.

Kings, was the title of the Assyrian com- other of the many phases of mediumship, mander in chief.

The Holy Roman Empire has but three genuine Landgraves -- those of Thuringia, Lower and Higher Alsace.

equivalent to Mayor.

neric title to a long race of Macedonian kings

The Kings of Yeman and Muscat style themselves Imaums, and claim an ancestry back to the time of Mohammed.

The word captain, so often used in the Bible, simply means officer. his sure foundation for faith in the perfectibility

The Shah of Persia pretends to date

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

What Constitutes Spiritualism?

Spiritualism is defined by Nuttall's Dictionary as "the state of being spiritual; the docexists is spirit or soul,"

Spiritualist is defined as "a believer in Spiritualism in either of its senses." Philo. of, and then the article continues: sophically speaking, there are Materialists, Spiritualists, and Agnostics.

Modern Spiritualism is the name applied to the movement which sets forth the claim that with the source of the tones. String and wind occurrence through the agency of media of differently do the same tones strike on the ear Seventeen Elementary Facts Con- various kinds. The spiritual philosophy from different instruments! This is so familiar affirms that the visible universe is the objective that we think no more about it. It is very presentation of the underlying spiritual reality. simple; nevertheless the expounder comes to 2. A spirit is either an intelligent being cognized by man the spirit. Spirit is the real for example, he is momentarily forced to various forms and phases. The highest mani. board from the molecular point of view. Here knowledge are all involved in Intelligence; player. A good player by producing only

centre and circumference of man's spiritual ginner produces confusion in the molecular nature and possibilities.

all existence to Spirit—the Infinite Intelligence, these facts would be inexplicable. Self-existent, Uncreated, who is, knows, and But the limitations of our knowledge in this does, Man, in a limited degree, reflects the department of science are very narrow. We universe, with its varying panoramic display ment has a most decisive influence on tone and of changing conditions and operating forces, sound, but there is no one who could give a is his object lesson and preceptor.

Spiritualism as a science deals with the vidual case. It is only in the matter of the phenomenal manifestations of spirit existence human voice that it has been found approxiand the exercise of spiritual powers. It is the mately possible to explain the facts scientificscience of life, or of spirit, in its expressions ally. The organ of speech, a tongued instruand attainments here and hereafter.

of the gradual and progressive outworking of gives us a little insight into the causes which the possibilities of man the spirit. It finds the determine the timbre of a tone. This, as is temperate, young and old, the worn out and basis and cause of all religious sentiment, the very base. It must be a busy and active aspiration and effort in the spirit itself. It is as natural for man to aspire, to praise, pray and be devout as it is for him to think, feel, and love.

Religion is feeling and love in their highest

transcend our individuality, to rise above the 10. The Bible is one long record of spirit region of feeling and sensation, and to enter and consciousness of sensation, only of a more 11. All such communications and experi- universal relationship. Spiritual-apprehension hearing. Our organs of hearing are designed two great big people. I think it's 'cause I have a birthday. Do you think people feel help us.

different on different birthdays? I don't re.

Seemingly quite impressed, Elsie found 12, It does not follow that because a comthe unitary oneness of all life, human and experience; the manifestation of protecting 13. The unpleasantness of this suggestion care, guiding love and enlightening influence idd spirits may trifle with us is more than spheres. Man has ever been more or less tion and advance must, with freedom, be open tuitively recognized relationship to, and dependence upon, the unseen for strength and 14. Modern Spiritualism is only a revival guidance, and the Bible is a valuable treasureregarding God, duty, immortality, and destiny. 15. Spiritual phenomena can, of course, be The Bishop of Manchester says: "A study of probably nearer the mark to say that people

> While it is true that Spiritualism recognizes 17. Finally, it is of the greatest possible im- the communion of soul with soul on the interior humanity." It is the art which ennobles the spirit presence, and especially of the identifica- cause his soul lies in it; and this it is which tion of the intelligences who communicate. The centurion, as the name implies, was The Spiritualist declares that the intelligent known in many cases, and is no other than a The Rabshakeh, mentioned in the book of discarnate human being, who, through one or establishes the fact with scientific accuracy, by outward and oftentimes visible demonstration, that man survives physical dissolution; that materialism has received its death blow at the hand of despised phenomenal Spiritual-The Town Clerk mentioned in Acts as ad- ism. The manifestations, through mediumship, dressing the mob at Ephesus, held an office of persistent conscious individuality after death have accomplished what all the philo-The name Seleucidæ was applied as a ge- sophical arguments—the "interior" and "inspirational" and "higher spirit", failed to effect: they have silenced the skeptical, convinced the materialist, and dispelled the doubts and fears of the timid and bereaved. The rap, the tion, spontaneous or evoked, have given the pointed to prevent Saxon invasions. world, which was fast drifting into pessimism

ideal by every soul, the supremacy of good, and the Window of the Infinite Spirit — The and the Wisdom of the Infinite Spirit. - The Two Worlds, London, Eng.

NATURE IN MUSIC.

Some interesting Particulars.

The Literary Digest for July 1st contains condensed article by Dr. Karl Mueller, which called material is well brought out. The physical conditions of music are first treated

After these physical observations it can scarcely astonish one to learn that an octave of tones is an infinite world of itself, varying communication with the unseen world of the instruments, and also keyed instruments, deal departed is not only possible, but of frequent fundamentally with the same tones, but how Matter is substance, conditioned so as to be recognize it as something wonderful, when, the one and only existence manifested in regard the sympathetically vibrating sounding. festation of spirit is in Life and of Life in In- we get an explanation of the fact that a good telligence; consciousness, power, volition, and violin is soon spoiled in the hands of a had harmonious vibrations in the wood leaves its To be, to know, and to do, constitute the molecular structure undisturbed, while a bearrangement. The same is true of wind instru-Spiritualism, as a philosophy, thus refers ments. Apart from the molecular theory

scientific reason for the cause in every indiment, like a clarionet, a hauthoy, or an organ-Spiritualism as a religion is the recognition pipe, but much more perfect than any of these. reduces to tone the compressed air flowing from the lungs. That this is really the case may be demonstrated by any primitive straw pipe, such as children cut out of green rye straw. These give, of course, only one tone. primarily on the condition of the walls of the

glottis, but the cavities of mouth and chest

play the part of two distinct sounding-boards,

and may materially influence the timbre. And precisely as there are light rays beyond the violet in the solar spectrum to which our ocular nerves are not sensitive, so also there are tones both above and below our power of to appreciate only a prescribed number of sound vibrations; if these rise above or fall below the prescribed limitations, we are insensible to them. How sounds produce mental sensations we do not know; all we do know is that molecular changes in the substance of the PART FIRST---Religion and Science. brain accompany the communication of sound matter of stimuli. But how is it that the and Obligations of Man to God and Himself. same music affects different people differently; that tones which attract one will repel another? Is it a matter of elective affinity such as we observe in chemistry? How is it, again, that different musical instruments affect us so differently; and why do we experience the same thing with regard to human voices in speech and song? Is there really scientific ground for voices impressing us as sympathetic or unsympathetic? We see as a final result that there is an established relation between our spiritual life and the phenomena of sound. Music, which is nothing but an orderly succession of wave-vibrations, is, in spite of its plebeian, mechanical origin, capable of raising us to the heights or plunging us in profoundest melancholy. The skillful composer, too, may so arrange his tones as not only to affect our there is an established relation between our moods, but to open out new vistas of thought to the unthinking soul! That is the glory of music: it excites simultaneously thought and feeling so that the hearer is transported into a world of harmony in which he, too, is in harmony with all his surroundings. That there is an art capable of combining isolated tones by means of harmony and rhythm into a melody for which our organ of hearing was primarily designed gives point to the words of Richard Wagner, "Music is the heart of Joys of sense, and numanizes spiritual thought.

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The Wanderer and His Child. I dreamed that I was in the interior of the "but I cannot see." Australian country, and had been traveling The tone of his voice was one of intense

conversation with him. I could hear him semi-stupidity, confusion, and mental blind. the depositions made at one of these trials, speaking, and in a tone of great sadness he ness. His being brought into thought concerning the special case is that of certain Essex witches who were told me his pathetic story. It was to this versation with me would at once cause him to case is that of certain Essex witches who were

a little grave by the road-side, and placed the I then lost touch with him, and also with unknown to anyone."

and the simple, pathetic manner of telling his Harbinger of Light, Australia. story affected me almost to tears, and I wondered how I could help him, for I recognized that he had in some way been brought to me for help. I asked him if he was still Sometimes It Seems Spontaneous. unhappy? He replied, "Very much so;" for he could not find the mother of his child; he had never seen her since she died. I asked him if he had ever prayed for God to help him, ualism have come under our notice lately, of the last night, being the 24th of this instant and he replied, "No! he had never thought of which the following extracts from a letter March, but intended not to have stay'd long and he would at once get help. He seemed astonished and delighted. Needless to say I prayed God to help him, and to send a spirit-

A few minutes afterwards my guide (a female friend) gave me the following explanation of the circumstance:—She, herself, had then I have given very earnest thought to the caused me the dream, and had brought this subject, and I may now very truthfully say I poor sufferer into rapport with me. It was a sm a firm believer. I have participated in a sad case. The story he had told me was true, few private seances here, and have witnessed and he was still in a state of bewilderment. very elementary phenomena at these sittings, He knew he had died, but still imagined he being communications through a planchette. was on earth. Half demented with grief I am not, therefore, convinced through wonderwhen his wife had died, he had actually taken ful phenomena witnessed at seances. I was the child and tramped with it in his arms for impressed to believe, first, by reading books days, for it was too young to walk. His whole on Spiritualism, and then confirmed in my thoughts were centred on his little babe, and belief by what I consider phenomena disclosed his loss. Of course the child sickened, and to myself when alone. finally died, and he buried it as he had told me. He himself did not long survive, and on ism, I have seen beautiful visions when in a his return to consciousness his thoughts fully wakeful state. To a certain extent I assumed the same feelings, and this strong could command these visions, in so far as I attraction drew the child to him. Then he could almost at any time lie down on a sofa, began again his wanderings, still imagining close my eyes and concentrate my attention on he was on earth, and thus he had been ever the subject; and I would surely see the visions, since, wandering about with the wee, wee babe which generally consisted of groups of people in his arms!

to comfort him, but was unable to make him of tints and arrangement so beautiful that I understand, for this poor sufferer, like many cannot attempt to describe them. At other spirits whose thoughts are engrossed by the times it would be an ordinary landscape, one idea, must be brought into rapport with stretching for miles away, although I knew some one on earth before he would be able to there was a wall only a foot from my eyes. grasp his spiritual state. Knowing my long acquaintance with the bush workers, and my down to some derangement in my system, and imp called "Sack and Sugar," of which Hopforthis loss is madness. sympathy for them, an endeavor had been as the sensation was pleasurable, I took no kins says nothing. Of course the "Polecat" made to place him in thought communion with steps to check it. me, and to induce him to tell me his story.

given a thought to Gcd, and knew nothing of connect my visions with Spiritualism; and, as a future life, he had prayed, "God take care I said, I convened small circles, at which of my little baby," at the time he knelt down small and not very important results were by its wee grave, and the child had con, obtained. I read a good deal, not only in the sequently been cared for in the spirit land, Harlinger of Light, but such works as 'There but his strong love and thought had, on his Is No Death; 'The Question Settled;' 'The becoming a spirit, drawn the babe to him.

and, returning to me, said that he now was felt impressed to believe, and I became a firm able to understand, and that his astonishment believer, through the teachings being not only was indeed great to find all his trouble arose attractive, but so completely in accord with through his ignorance of God. It had never reason. even occurred to him to pray for help. "He "I am fifty years of age, and although for is now," said my control, "kneeling, and with thirty years I have not been able to enter a sobbing voice asking God's forgiveness, and church, it has not by any means been due to thanking Him for opening his eyes. He was my being careless in matters of religion; on not a bad man; only ignorant of God s love the contrary, I have been painfully solicitous, and providence. His beloved wife was in a but none of the church teachings would satisfy higher sphere, but quite unable to go to him, my reason; and Col. Ingersoll, if I had any so long as his state of bewilderment and self-doubt, would have dispelled them. Still, Col. engrossment continued, but now she would be Ingersoll was not enough. He took away able to renew her companionship, and hus-imperfect things, but he did not give me band, wife and child would all be happy adequate substitutes; this I feel sure I have

He "Could Not See."

on first entering the spirit world to be more or place of them I see the heads and faces of less in a state of confusion, as was shown in many spirits; some I can recognize as friends she, together with Elizabeth Clarke and Eliza- We know the danger of dynamite here. There the instance just related, and in the other cases whom I knew years ago, but the large majority I have from time to time written of in the are unknown to me. They come in a white Harbinger. The ignorance of a spirit of any mist, through which a gleam of light like a cow, belonging to Mr. Edwards, which was son of the equilibrium of two forces in the idea of a state other than that he knows of golden nucleus appears, and there transforms done accordingly; and that she sent her grey astral light; augment the action of one the from his earthly experience, causes him to itself into the spirit features, and almost in limp, Elizabeth Clarke her black timp, and other will immediately yield." By making create surroundings identical with what he stantly fade away. knows of and is accustomed to, and con- "This has gone on for days and weeks, not sequently such a spirit imagines himself still every night, but frequently. Two or three on earth. To those who have trust in God or nights ago, however, I had a new experience: a knowledge of Spiritualism, such a state of a spirit-form appeared to me, in all details, confusion could only be for a very brief period. from head to foot. It was that of a woman, But it is a fact that, in many instances, the elderly but beautiful, and simply and tastefully recovery of consciousness after death is, when dressed. I had been some hours asleep, when one, and Elizabeth Gooding's a black play—the personal equation taken into acthere have been no higher thoughts or aspira- I awoke feeling most thoroughly a creepy imp, &c. tions. only to a state of confusion, or cloudi-sensation of fear, and I opened my eyes wide ness of mind which may last days, months, and saw the lady at my door looking at me. place in 1645, but Sterne published an account factorily settled all their labor will be as scatand (so I am told) even years. The following Immediately the creepy sensation left me, and of the event in 1648, and from that we find tered leaves, and well if no further harm instance also illustrates this truth, and shows I looked at her very anxiously to see if I knew that Clarke had been kept three days and ensue. me that to bring such beclouded spirits into her, but I did not. I then thought it may be three nights under guard before this precious rapport with some person on earth is one of my mother who died forty-seven years ago, investigation was made. In this pamphlet, the means used by missionary spirits to break when I was only four, so I would not know after the usual obscene references to the down this confused self-delusion:

the matter? The reply came to me in a sorrow- pillow, she faded away."-Harbinger of Light, by some of us, and others by some of us. ful tone, "I cannot see." I asked him if he was Australia.

blind? He replied, "No! But I cannot see." Puzzled at this reply, I imagined he perhaps had been blind while on earth, and so asked him if that had been the case. "No," he said, "he had not been blind." "Then what do you mean?" "I don't know," he replied,

on foot, apparently for many days, and I felt distress, and I could not help feeling distressed so weary and sad. Looking behind me, I saw as well, until I felt the influence of the cona man dressed as a bushman walking, and trolling spirit, who gave me the following excarrying in his arms a baby; and I felt that he planation of the matter: This spirit had only had carried this child a very long distance. | just left the earth-life, and having been totally Upon awaking, I found myself in thought- ignorant of spiritual affairs, was in a state of get rid of this fog; especially would it be His wife had died and left him this little beneficial to him if I could induce him to pray.

child to care for. His grief was great, and he Again I found myself speaking to the poor working on squatting stations. Too sorrow- and relatives who had died, so I told him they stricken to work, he had tramped on foot over could all come to him if only he would ask the country, always carrying the child. Thus God to permit them. This prayer he at once

baby in it, for she had died during the night, the controlling spirit, but I don't doubt that "witch" and report what they saw and heard, and there the little body lies in the lone bush, this female friend at once was enabled to visit and partly on their testimony the condemna-The sad tone of this poor swagsman's voice, glories of the spiritual zones.—Suglamno in Matthew Hopkins is as follows:

MEDIUMSHIP.

Several instances of mediumship manifesting itself in persons who were ignorant of Spirit the said Elizabeth was watcht, as aforesaid, are illustrative.

teacher to comfort him. Immediately I heard ous manifestations are as a rule too feeble to imps, and play with it in her lap; but this inmediumistic person in them; but the spontane-

"In the early months of 1892, my attention was first attracted to Spiritualism. Since

"Before ever I heard anything of Spiritualwith indescribably lovely surroundings; at My spirit-friend had seen him and had tried other times I would see nothing but flowers,

"But when I began to study spirit phe-Though this man, when on earth, had never nomena, or rather to read of them, I began to Medium's Book, by Allan Kardec-and in-The spirit messenger again went to him, deed anything I could get; and as I said, I

found in Spiritualism.

"Following my conviction of the truth of Spiritualism, the visions such as I described It is by no means uncommon for the spirit above have almost completely ceased, and in

her if she was. I then spoke and said, 'Are witch and her relations with the devil, Sterne likes to call it, for it is both everything and There flashed before me, one night when you my mother?' No answer. 'Will you tell speaks of "Laught" as having come in the lying awake, the picture of a middle-aged man me who you are?' 'Will you tell me through likeness of a cat before the appearance of in distress, and apparently blind. Then I the planchette to morrow?' But there was no Jamara. And there is a very isuggestive heard a spirit-voice say: "Speak to him. He answer, only the figure glided slowly towards passage. Sterne says of the imps what they cannot see." I did so, asking him what was me, and when within three feet or so of my came in several shapes, and were seen "some

THE WITCHES.

An Essex Witch in 1645.

There would probably be very much that is interesting in a comparison of the accounts of some of the noted trials for witchcraft in the seventeenth century, with the accounts of some of the experiments in modern hypnotism. In an old book by one John Beaumont, called "An Account of Genii or Familiar Spirits," there is a fairly full description of executed.

The informations were given upon oath, There were taken separately the sworn stateknew not what to do. He lived in the bush, fellow, and I found out that he had friends ments of Matthew Hopkins, John Sterne, Edward Parsley and John Banks; and jointly those of Frances Mills, Grace Norman, Mary Phillips and Mary Parsons. All these people he traveled many a long day and many a offered, and particularly asked that his special were of Manningtree, and their informations weary mile. "One day," he told me, "I dug friend, a female, might come to him. appear to have been appointed to sit with the him, and that his eyes would be opened to the tion was pronounced. The information of

This informant saith, that the said Elizabeth Clarke, alias Beddingfield (suspected for a witch as aforesaid, and whose mother and some others of her kinfolk did suffer death for witchcraft and murther) being by appointment of the said justices, watchtseveral nights for the better discovery of her wicked pracrecently received from a gentleman at Mildura there, but the said Elizabeth forthwith told There are few families who have not one ent, if they would stay, and do the said Elizathis informant, and one Mr. Sterne there pres. the voice of my spirit-guide saying, "We will impress the prejudiced mind with their origin formant told her they would not allow of it; but that staying there a while longer, within a quarter of an hour after, there appeared an imp like to a dog, which was white with some sandy spots, and seemed to he very fat and plump, with very short legs, and forthwith vanisht away, and the said Elizabeth said the name of that imp was Jarmara; and immediately there appeared another imp, which she called Vinegar Tom, in the shape of a greyhound, with long legs, and the said Elizabeth then said that the next imp should be a black imp, and should come for the said Mr. Sterne. which appeared but presently vanisht; and the last that appeared was in the shape of a polecat, but the head somewhat bigger, and the said Elizabeth then told this informant that she had five imps of her own, and two of the imps of the old beldam West (meaning one Ann West, widow, who is now also suspected to be guilty of witchcraft) . . . and the said Elizabeth farther told this informant that Satan would never let her be at rest or quiet till she did consent to the killing of the hogs of one Mr. Edwards, of Manningtree, and the horse of one Robert Taylor of the same

> Hopkins, Sterne and Parsley swear to Jamara and Vinegar Tom, but the women say nothing about them, and Banks simply corand "Sack and Sugar" may be the same. women's deposition is curious:

> These informants say jointly that, watching with the said Elizabeth Clarke, suspected as aforesaid, about twelve of the clock last night, the said Elizabeth smack'd with her mouth, and beckon'd with her hand, and inbigness of a cat, and that these informants saw five imps more, which the said Elizabeth named as abovesaid, &c.

> From which it is obvious that these wit nesses had seen the depositions of both Hopkins and Sterne. Moreover these two latter worthies are each labeled "gent." and the process of contradicting them would probably have led one or all of the women into the same difficulties as the unhappy Elizabeth Clarke. Banks, who also corroborated the two "gents," is simple John Banks. Be it noted also that the women speak to a "white thing" instantly appearing, while Hopkins says a quarter of an hour elapsed before the coming of Jamara, which had red spots.

> The so-called confessions which helped condemn the "witches" are also strange reading. Before Elizabeth Clarke was executed they got the testimony of a sister witch named Ann Leech, of Mistley. Ann Leech said:

That she had a grey imp sent her, and that beth Gooding, did about a year since, send are possibly greater forces in the astral light. their imps to kill a black cow, and a white Elizabeth Gooding her white imp; and that about thirty years since she sent a grey imp to once steps into a new world of causes and kill two horses of one Mr. Bragg, of Mistley, effects. It is usual to say, "Oh! well, they are which were killed accordingly. That she and not afraid." The reply is, certainly there is the said Elizabeth Gooding seuteither of them cause for no fear if they have taken into conan imp to destroy the child of the said Mr. sideration and have thoroughly understood the

pected. It is hardly necessary to say that Ann Leech was executed at Chelmsford, as was Elizabeth Clarke.

To dismiss all this testimony as absolutely worthless would be as ridiculous as to receive it all as absolutely true. But given one or more mediums through whom a very low order of spirits were accustomed to manifest, spirits that were as debased as they well could be; given moreover a number of witnesses who expected to see certain things-a white dog with red spots, or an abnormal cat, were not out-of-the way objects for such; and given moreover the atmosphere of spiritual entrancement which makes easy, on occasions, the presentment of evil principles in living shape, all which conditions were present—and we have all that was necessary for producing the evidence, such as it was. The history of English witchcraft has yet to be written, and its lessons yet to be learned.—Light, London.

ASTRAL DANGER.

The Astral Light Is Very Real.

It may not be inopportune to translate for some of your readers who may not be acquainted with the "History of Magic," by that enlightened occulist "Eliphaz Levi," some remarks he sent to a well-known investigator (a man of honor and renown regarding certain automatic writing phenomena much sought for and received by this investigator. They are as follows:

"You have by your repeated and successful experiments, by the excessive tension in consequence of your will, destroyed the equilibrium of your body, spiritual and astral; the latter, therefore, is forced to realize your dreams, and your astral body traces in characters borrowed from your body the reflection of your thoughts and imagination." (These last being from the upper and lower triad.) "The being troit the paper is ink that you see appearing on the paper is your blood, blackened and changed," (I may mention the writing in this case was at a distance that may be called precipitated, not by the hand direct, though the cause is the same of the paper is the hand direct, though the cause is the same of the same Mr. Stead's "Julia" communications, "You exhaust yourself in multiplying the writing. If you continue your experiences your brain will gradually be weakened, your memory will begin to fail, you will begin to feal, which will increase, so that the result, if the experiments are increased or continue will, in the long run, be insanity and death." What is known to the medical world as softening of the brain.

The brain. Eliphaz Levi was no neophyte; he knew the band who, with him, inagine that they are surely the advanced state of modern science is secongh to give the hint of caution at least.

The word "Hallucination" was once supposed to mean something that did not exist, as such it was used by doctors and scientists but let me say that everything exists, and that when a person is hallucinated he really absolutely sees with his senses all that he says he does. There is no mistake about this, and this is the terrible part of it. The one supreme danger to be avoided in this world is the loss of the equilibrium which healthy nature gives us, for this loss is madees.

What is madeess? The atrophy of the sense of conscience, the science of understanding. This strongly can one and the support of the sense of conscience, the science of understanding. This strongly can one and the support of the sense of conscience, the science of understanding. This strongly can one and the support of the sense of conscience, the science of understanding. This strongly can come about they not have a support on the end of the sense of conscience, the science of understanding. This strongly can be a support on the end of the sense of conscience, the science of understanding. This strongly can consider the configuration of ink that you see appearing on the paper is the bed that was rappit on it the nicht my your blood, blackened and changed." (I may brither Wull dee'd o' flyver at Bombay. I took

What is madness? The atrophy of the sense of conscience, the science of understanding. This atrophy can come about from physical antenatal (Karmic) causes, or from ignoral antly tampering with that veiled, but very real, world called the "astral." "Supreme real, world called the "astral." "Supreme sanity" does not mean supreme "cold commonplaceness," as I have heard it called, but it means the calm, clear voice of wisdom, the judgments of the wise as opposed to the counsels of disorder and enthusiasm, that which places all that is perceived in its proper sphere.

So many people are adapted by physical people by alcohol) that at least as a caution it is wall that people should know that not a sense of conscience, the science of understanding. When the turn up. When, thought I, in the sense of conscience, the science of understanding. This atrophy can come about from physical antenatal (Karmic) causes, or from ignoral antity tampering with that veiled, but very real, world called the "astral." "Supreme real, world called the stantly there appeared a white thing about the it means the calm, clear voice of wisdom, the

spiritual newspaper, is either new or has not been over and over again well-considered. An is being forearmed. The astral light is very real, a necessary part of this planet; the dauger lies not in it, but in the misunderstanding of its extraordinary power. Light means force as well as weight, also transformation and many things, as science teaches us. Apply and it being a true tale, it is indeed suggesthe science of one planet to that of another.

For instance, "weight exists only by rea-"experiments" in the dark the experimenter at count. The experimenters themselves are the The execution of Elizabeth Clarke took first phenomena to explore; until that is satis-

"Know thyself" and thou wilt know all: short of this the fathomless waters of the astral sea or air or light or force or anything anyone nothing, may spoil the equilibrium already existing in healthy man and womanhood, and then begins the trouble,—Isabel de Steiger, F. T. S., in Light, London.

THE INNER WORLD.

diminutive little bachelor, advanced in years and saturated with what may too frequently be referred to disparagingly as "superstition." In this "butt" without a "ben," he, in an oldfashioned Scottish "box-bed," slept with a big

gray tom-cat in his arms, but with no human creature near him. I, the boy somnambulist, with my head struck the end of the boxbed. I was awakened by a shrick such as I had never heard before, and as I hope never to hear again. For a moment I felt dazed, but next moment I beheld the starlight peep in through Grier's well-known window, and I heard the slow and solemn tick-tack of his old. fashioned eight day clock. I recognized AN EXCELLENT WORK where I was and what I must have done. I retreated as noiselessly as I presume I had advanced, closed the door behind me, and returned to bed without my absence having been detected by anyone. Wondering what Grier would say in the morning, I fell asleep.

In the morning Grier was reported ill. I called to see him, and found him deadly pale and more than half mad. He told me with a morbid impressiveness I shall never forget:

"My brither Tam's deid. I was lyin' in my bed last nicht thinkin' on lang syne an' my deid faither and mither—God bless them! when the very warnin' was rappit on the end o'

says nothing, while Parsley speaks of a third imp called "Sack and Sugar," of which Hop-

is well that people should know that not a spect it is true to fact; the rest I leave to single phenomenon investigated by the Society students of the occult. When the end of the of Psychical Research, or narrated in any bed was rapped to give warning of the death of Wull, I had not yet seen Grier or heard of cient and modern occult works should be raps on that occasion? How, on the second occasion, was I roused up in my sleep, sent off into another man's house to act involuntary and unknowingly as the herald of the Angel of Death?

> That "Saladin" vouches for the accuracy of the account is ample evidence of its truth, tive. It is easier or more reasonable to suppose that "Salladin" knew of Tam's death in his subliminal consciousness than that Tam found "Saladin" in his somnambulic state the readiest and easiest instrument for delivering the message he wished to communicate to his brother? If the former is the right solution, it opens up a wide field for investigation. But a very large number of people are sensitives, if not absolutely mediumistic, and there seems no reason why intelligences should not try to communicate through them, and in the attempt but too often produce that discomfort and malaise which is as difficult of removal as it is of explanation. "Saladin" has done well to give us this history. - Light, London, Eng.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 1893

WHITE CITY SKETCHES.

It was Chicago Day at the Fair.

It was a day made to the order of the Directory of the Columbian Exposition as a fit receptacle for the greatest event of the season. By some means known only to themselves, and they never will tell, they cajoled the clerk of the weather to smuggle it through on time. Of course the New York Sun and Herald said: "It was just Chicago's durned bullheaded luck." But they have kicked themselves until they are sore because they hadn't the foresight to have been born in Chicago, and Chicago Day got here just the same as the Fair did, so we will forgive them. Chicago has no time to waste in holding malice, for or to THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. Spiragainst anybody. No cloud veiled the itualists, The PROGRESSIVE THINKER Indian summer sun, nor marred the has, in the language of Mr. French, royal blue of the vaulted dome. No white-capped waves disturbed the even that statement is fully realized by those ruffling of old Lake Michigan's placid who visit this office and look over its bosom, by the light zephyrs detailed to mailing galleys, which number over 100 Halsted street, Chicago, as a very fine temper the reflection of the fervid kisses of the sun, as they fell upon the walls of by any other freethought paper on the city of palaces, beginning to show this earth, and it is on the increase. something of the grayness of age as the day of demolition approaches.

known or heard of, concluded to give it in the rear of the Car of Progress. another boost, in honor of its luck.

for a day, and see how it would seem to tower of strength to any cause or paper. quit throughout the length and breadth of the city of interminable distances, for twenty-four hours, buying and selling wheat, corn, oats, hogs and real estate; to lav a brick nor add a beam to his repudiates, says: twenty-story buildings. In fact, for the first time since he began to whoop her rested from his usual labors, and went down to the Fair, to see with his own eyes that Chicago Day was properly on

He went in his usual manner, numerously, and his wife and family went with him. And he called upon all his uncles and aunts and cousins, and all his first wife's relations, and all his second wife's connections, and his mothers-in-law and all her friends, and all his business friends, unto the third and fourth generation, to come and do like wise. And they came. And their coming covered the city, as the seven-year locusts covered the prairies of Kan. sas. And everything eatable disappeared before them., Selah.

The manner of his going was in a continuous train of cars seven miles long, on the Illinois Central Railroad. He also spread himself all over the street-cars and the L cars, after the daily routine of manner made and provided by the generous and obliging corporation who hold the franchises thereof. only more so. He stuck to the sides of the cars as balls of putty stick to nail heads. He rode on the whiffletrees. He balanced on the connecting links, in the expert manner begotten of long practice, which his country cousins were wild to emulate. He sat on the roofs of the cars. Wherever he could find sticking-room long enough to pay his fare, he was there and staid there until he reached the grounds. If he couldn't make it by going seven miles, he went fifteen, and got there, just as he always does.

Thus he found himself at the park. He had been down several times already. In fact he had blown into its treasury all his vacation-trip money, Now is the time to aid us in making our and declared it was the biggest bargain Fall and winter Campaign a grand suche ever struck in his life, and he is a cess. good judge of value received. But he did not go down Chicago Day to see things. He just dropped in to see how it would seem to be one of three-quarters of a million of people, when they at the interment or cremation, to attend were all in sight. He never will the deceased in the next world.

give up thinking that it was somehing specially dealt to him, as part of his heritage.

Eight hundred acres of people. The whole park, except the buildings, was in motion. The moving crowd did no jostling, by keeping to the right, a lesson learned twenty-two years ago, as, routed by the fire demons, Chicago poured through the Washington street tunnel, with the roar of the lurid flames behind and unknown dangers in front. While the 716,881 were good-humored and smiling, the awe of the White City had not faded away. The tramp, tramp, of the hundreds of thousands of marching feet was distinctly audible above the pleasant babel of voices.

Then Chicago reached down into his money-chest and celebrated by paying the Fair debt in full. As usual, he broke the record. He is the most desperate record-smasher known, It is always the biggest, both in the giving and the taking.

But while manifestation after manifestation of Chicago's power to grapple with opportunity and win has been given, we must not forget that it is all due to the centering here, more than in any city in the world, of spirit force. As such, THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER is bound to champion the fifty-six-yearold giant.

HON. A. B. FRENCH.

Our Fall and Winter Campaign.

It is with great pleasure for us to announce that Hon. A. B. French, of Clyde, Ohio, will assist us in making THE PRO-Profound as a thinker, brilliant as an being interpreted, means magnetism. orator, and fascinating as a writer, he will prove an attraction which the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER will highly appreciate. He will give Cal, the paper his cordial and unqualified support in its efforts to advance mankind to a higher plane. Mr. French has a success from the start must have the There were twenty-two people in the undivided attention of those high in circle and thirty spirits materialized in Spirit-life. Sometime in November we | will publish one of his remarkable lectures on

'Evolution and Revolution," and it will be worth a year's subscription -a larger list by far than ever gained

Our Fall and Winter Campaign will be especially attractive. The paper C) Chicago having boosted the Fair, from will manifest more than its usual dash various meetings, and first in that flow the point of a single-man thought up, and brilliancy, and those who do not and feast they reserved for THE PROup to the biggest thing of its kind ever read it from week to week, will be left GRESSIVE THINKER. They report the

We congratulate our readers that we To do this in his usual whole-hearted are able to announce Mr. French as one To do this in his usual whole-hearted are able to announce Mr. French as one hered to its teachings for forty years of place. Address her at 728 10th street, manner, he determined to stop business of our principal attractions. He is a his life; was creed-bound in the full N. W., Washington, D. C.

EXCELLENT ADVICE.

to stop digging holes in the streets, to was so outrageously treated by the Betput down gas-pipes, water-pipes, tele- ter Way Company, of Cincinnati, having tional speaker. Recently they were led graph-pipes, and political pipes; and not paid his money for stock which it now

"I advise all-no matter of what class to send 25 cents to J. R. Francis for up out of the ashes of the deadest kind THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. You will of a past, twenty-two years ago, he get ten times the worth before the three months expire.

It is too bad that Mr. Leonard and many others should have been beat out of their hard-earned money by the Better Way Company. Mr. Leonard is now 81 years of age, and he can see but little difference between such a way of doing business and the methods of the one who stealthily gets into the pocket. Reader, if you had been treated like Mr. Leonard, you would feel just as he does. Let some one wrong you to the amount he has been, and see if you don't feel exactly as he does-indignant!

tury.

Please try it and report.

The preceeding chapters of this remarkable story will be sent free to all new subscribers. Now is the time to editor of the Western Christian Advocate, enter on the work of our Fall and Winter for his display of ignorance and misrep-Campaign. The paper will be sent resentation respecting psychic phenom-three months for twenty-five cents. For ena in general and the position of Mr. one additional cent THE PROGRESSIVE W. T. Stead in particular. The Methone additional cent THE PROGRESSIVE odist who ignores and flouts Spiritual-ism, containing eight pages of golden sentiments—PROGRESSIVE of his church—the Rev. John Wesley. THINKER Tracts—will be sent. It is the The apparent Informance and headstrong most wonderful paper ever issued from dishonesty of the editor of the abovethe Spiritualist press.

Our Eclectic Magazine.

be found especially interesting, a rare intellectual feast, and every Spiritualist will thank us for publishing it. It is indeed refreshing to be brought in alism, as written by his own hand—and writes with the leading thinkers of the interesting to the results of contact with the leading thinkers of the they cannot deny the fact, though they old world, and observe their trend of would be glad to if they dared. thought. It is beginning to be a recognized fact everywhere that THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER leads in the extent and variety of the matter furnished.

The Dajakese, of Borneo, never bury a dead member of their tribe until a slave can be procured, who is beheaded good success. Her lectures and tests



of lecturers and mediums. Meetings, which are doing a grand work, are of local interest only, hence we cannot publish long reports with reference to them. They are too numerous for that. A few lines explanatory of the good work being done are always acceptable. A great deal can be said of a meeting in a dozen lines, giving a "general survey" of the giorious work being done.

WORKERS, DOINGS, ETC.

The Eolectic Magazine crowds out

would recommend a work recently pub- 22 and 29. lished by Carl Sextus, and on sale at THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER office.
This book is adapted to the general month. He writes that he is in delicate month.

at 84 North Second street, San Jose, tendance is about the same as then, but Moses Hull will lecture at Rochester,

N. Y., during November. Mr. A. E. T. Hasendeor, of Chicago, writes: "Through the kind invitation always had great faith in THE PRO- of Mr. Max Hoffmann's guides I was GRESSIVE THINKER, realizing the fact able to attend one of his materializing that a Spiritualist paper which has been seances, at 988 Northwestern avenue.

> and outside of the curtain, and all were recognized by their friends. Prof. Edmunds lectured two Sundays at Saginaw, Mich., and gave remarkable tests after each lecture. His work

gives good satisfaction. H. C. Andrews, M. D., of Bridgeport, Mich., addressed the people of Brooklyn, Mich., and gave tests to general satisfaction. Expects to lecture there during December, and would make en-"only just begun its great work," and gagements with societies in other towns in Michigan or Ohio.

> clairvoyant and clairaudient medium. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stowell, influential Mazeppa, Minn., are in the great city, taking in the Fair and the flow of soul and feast of reason by attending the

cause growing in the North.

the Methodist Episcopal Church, was by Mr. E. C. Leonard, of New York, who spirit power developed into a writing and clairvoyant medium and trance inspirato visit Evansville, Ind., where she under spirit influence, delivered two lectures to the Spiritual Church on Sunday. The society is anxious for further visits from them.

tory Association, corner of 75th St. and

Y., for October and November. H: N. Graves having read Mr. Neely's

reply to his query concerning the Lord's shaving with a hired razor, desires further light-about the fiv and the bee for which God was going to hiss (Isaiah vii:18). He says he reverences all that is good and pure and worthy of imita-tion in the Bible, but its absurdities and obscenity he has outgrown. His dear mother taught him to read the Bible. which, she supposed, as many do now-alays, was dropped down from heaven all A Witch of The Nineteenth Cen-printed and bound. He owes to Spiritualism his emancipation from the thralldom of Bible belief. Geo. A. Bacon, of Washington, D. C.,

commends Dr. Sweringen's ungloved handling of the Rev. Dr. D. H. Moore, mentioned paper is all of a piece with the course of the managers or control-ing powers of the great Methodist Epis-copal Book Concern in expunging from the later editions of Wesley's works and We issue it again this week. It will other of their publications the accounts

of honor.

W. L. Osborne, of Twin Bridges, up ever since the Guy rawase parameters.

Montana, writes that Mrs. J. Held, of Butte City, held two meetings with stained from wine and agreeable food, took off all ornaments, dressed in coarse took off all ornaments, dressed in coarse as a good, honest medium.

H. E. Hanson, of Dubith, writes that Spiritualism is advancing in that city. Mrs. Colby-Luther is speaking there for two months under the auspices of are developing, and some very fine phenomena have occurred, including a delightful fragrance from spirit howers, which was made apparent in turn to each person present.

Mrs, A. E. Sheets, of Michigan, is engaged for the month of October to serve the Religious Society of Progressive Spiritualists of Bichmond, Pa. She will also speak for the Columbus Society during her stay there. All mail should be sent to her permanent address, Grand Ledge, Mich.

E. J. Bowtell lectured at Kingston Dr. Juliet H. Severance wishes to say evenings of the first two above mento the many friends who have kindly tioned Sundays for the Brooklyn Spiritwritten her regarding her recent articulated Association at People's Party cle on magnetism, that it is utterly im- Hall, 102 Court street. On the evening of possible to reply personally to the many lighted at the interest awakened, she S. 3d St. Speaks at Hartford, Ct., Oct.

GRESSIVE THINKER especially attractive reader, and is full of interesting matter health, but is hopeful that by spirit aid during our Fall and Winter Campaign. on the subject of "Hypnotism," which, he may be able to continue his twentyeighth year of public work on the ros-Bishop A. Beals is having excellent trum, through the winter at least. He success at San Jose and Santa Clara, Cal. is now on a rostrum that he first oc-He can be addressed for engagements oupled nineteen years ago. The atthe principles of Spiritualism are much more diffused than at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lindsey are now at their home, N. W. corner of Lyons and Ransom Sts., Grand Rapids, Mich. They are prepared to fill engagements, Correspondence promptly answered,

Mrs. Moore, of Seattle, writes: "It is with the greatest regret that we are obliged to part with Dr. Wilder. She has had a genuine revival of Spiritualism in this place, where it was much needed, as the Spiritualists were lukewarm. Her honest, whole-souled mauner of giving tests touched the most skeptical."

On Sunday, Oct. 1, Oscar A. Edgerly began a month's engagement with the First Spiritualist Society of New Bedford, Mass., his guides on this occasion giving two eloquent and eminently logical discourses. If this first Sunday is a criterion of what is to follow for A Student, writes in high commendation of Mrs. Tillie Henkle, of 879 N. the remainder of the month, we are sure workers in the cause we all love, from the month of February, 1894, he is en- Buddha, and possibly derived from Bedford, Mass.

Mrs. J. D. Compton, inspirational peaker, will accept work for November, John B. Chrisney writes that he was least, will accept work for hovember, 1893, or the season of 1894. She will raised in the Catholic Church and addeliver funeral orations at any time or

ber, at South Haven. They enjoyed the lake and peaches, while the Spiritualists in and about the place enjoyed their society and the lectures. psychometric readings were also highly

risits from them.

Side Spiritualist Society of this city who seems to be a more respectable in with a visit and delivered a fine lecture dividual than himself. The devil they Finer Forces, East Orange, N. J., will and the good there is in the Philosophy," citing that Spiritualism means good in the Family Dormiall its branches, and that each individual must work out his own salvation, and Yates Ave., for one or two weeks.

Celia M. Nickerson is engaged by the First Spiritualist Society of Buffalo, N.

Representation and not depend upon dogmas and creeds to save him. He held his hearers for over the control of the co one hour and was heartily applauded at the close. F. Corden White followed with tests which were very satisfactory, the guides giving one young man something to digest, who tried to ereep out edged is that which is understood, and

> give test every Sunday afternoon at faith, others by grace, others by works 3 o'clock, in Schlotthauer hall, corner —and they all find their contradictory of Sigel and Sedgwick street, and F. Corden White will officiate at 7:45 p. m. The society at Helena, Mont., num-

Harlow Davis is engaged for Sunday evening, Oct. 15th. by the Progressive piritualists, 102 Court street, Brooklyn, Y., and also by the same society for the entire month of December, Theo. F. Price, the gifted speaker. Mr. Davis has postponed his return to Cali-fornia until spring. He can be addressed to 245 East 14th street New York.

an address Mrs. J. I. Mattice,

W. T. Curtiss thinks there is danger in woman's suffrage, because, under the pressure of priestly influence, all Cathoic women, he thinks, would go to the

Mother Eastman, of Ayer, Mass., writes that she is 82 years old, and was born a medium. Spiritualism takes her above all the clouds of of so-called Chris-

in the mire or ashes.

A FUNNY FAITH.

the A. P. A. Several trance mediums Christianity as Viewed by a Japanese.

faith usually retain some of the glamor non-producers and the large standing of solemn reverence with which it is sur- armies of which I have told you, and rounded as a representative against in the multitude of idlers and sinecurists vestigation and ridicule. Probably who all fancy their position is backed heavens, and they showed me the beauonly a complete outsider can see its full up by religion, no wonder the many are absurdities. Cat-worship had no suggreation and ridicule. Probably who all fancy their position is backed heavens, and they showed me the beauup by religion, no wonder the many are growed and they showed me the beauup by religion, no wonder the many are growed and they showed me the beauup by religion, no wonder the many are growed and they showed me the beauup by religion, no wonder the many are growed and they showed me the beauup by religion, no wonder the many are growed and they showed me the beauup by religion, no wonder the many are growed and they showed me the beauup by religion, no wonder the many are growed and they showed me the beauup by religion, no wonder the many are growed and they showed me the beauup by religion. gestion of the ridiculous to the ancient Egyptians. Joking upon the subject would have been resented as an injury John H. Lohmyer, secretary, of to their religious feelings. Jews rarely Pittsburg, Pa., writes: "Our church is give their real opinion of the Christian being favored with the ministrations of faith. Their race has felt so terribly Mr. F. A. Wiggin, of Salem, Mass. At what it is to rouse the spirit of Chrisevery service our hall is well filled with tian bigotry and persecution, that cauan appreciative audience, while in the tion always marks their guarded way. Remember, everyone, that on account of our large edition, we go to press early Monday morning. Short items only will be inserted if received on the previous Baturday, We take pleasure in publishing the movements of lecturers and mediums. Meetings, which are doing a grand work, are of local interest only which are doing a grand work, are of local interest only because we saved will be inserted if received on the previous Baturday. We take pleasure in publishing the movements of lecturers and mediums. Meetings, which are doing a grand work, are of local interest nized."

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The truth is in the interest tion always marks their guarded way. Mondammedans are bound to speak with respect of "his lordship, the prophet, isa," as they call Mary's son, though they resent with indignation the document of lecturers are quickly recognized way. Mrs. E, Cutler, trance and test me while really despising the Christian dium and psychometric reader, would doctrine of salvation through blood, like to make engagements with societies content themselves with the tolerant reon liberal terms. Willchelp build up flection that all streams lose themselves those that need help. Address at 118 in the same sea. From the Chinese na-Lamberton street, Trenton, N. J. 1 tive papers may be gathered their notive papers may be gathered their no-tions of "the pig religion" as exhibited many items, etc., which will appear Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y., on the afternoons by the missionaries. But probably no of Sept. 24 and Oct. 1 and 8. On the more interesting survey of Christianity could be given than that by an intelligent, educated Japanese who has studied it among us. Some day, no doubt, this will be done; meantime I am able to in European politics than in religion. Here it is, somewhat freely rendered:—

MY DEAR CHOJIRO-You ask my opinion of Western religion. I find it the richest compound of absurdity and hypocrisy possible. Just as you find it home, those with other worlds on their lips always have this one in their hearts. What they pretend to believe is the most ridiculous nonsense conceivable. I have tried to read their sacred Bible. The earlier part is all savagery and stupidity. Their God has a chosen which, if she is guilty, causes her to swell (Num. v.). Many of the stories in this sacred book are of a most indecent character. Yet the book is put into the hands of children of both sexes in all the schools. These people are fond of talking of the indecent oustoms of the of the infinite God, who is his own self.

do not really digest, but only pretend to. Indeed no gullet could swallow the keep to put all their sins on. But their sacred book ascribes as many crimes and follies to God as to the Devil himself. They make him partial and vindictive, sending all who do not believe in him to not depend upon dogmas and creeds to eternal torment. They make him get a thrown into a serious illness, and the remains a virgin, though her son has have to retire from business for some both brothers and sisters. He employs time Not understanding this I did not angels to get a poor carpenter to father his child, who is nevertheless said to be a descendant of kings, and then he puts without acknowledging a fact. All his son to death by his chosen people that the guides want to have acknowl- who believe in sacrifice, though at the same time he died to satisfy his own at the hotel, and the next morning that they will have. Mr. Hodge can be father with an atonement of his blood. addressed for engagements at 40 Loomis This is supposed to save the believers, street, Chicago, Ill. but how it is done I never could dis-Mrs. S. C. Scovell will lecture and cover. Some say they are saved by doctrines in the sacred book. Indeed, you must know they are all divided in opinion as to what their book (of which bers about thirty members, eight of there are several versions) really whom are mediums. Those wishing means.

Indeed, it seems a mass of contradictions of the society of the society in the society in the society of the seems a mass of contradictions of the seems a mass of contradictions.

tions, So far as I have observed, their religion only gives an aspect of greater gloom to the sordid lives of these people. Nowhere will you find the liveli-nust go home, pay your money over, and ness, grace, courtesy and kindly joy of we will then instruct you further." This ness, grace, courtesy and kindly joy of Japan. These Christians are all dull, coarse and hypocritical, and the more several days I was put through the consultations they are the worse they appeared to the wo pear. If you visit the countries where faith abounds, as, for instance, Spain bearable weakness. and Ireland, there you find misery also Occasionally soler abounds. The priests thrive at the ex-pense of the people. The Catholics of heights, and I then became conscious that abounds. The priests thrive at the exto worshipers, since they keep a god- and strong powers. I was made psychootherwise than vote according to the shelf or private altar at home. These logically to traverse the streets of Newpeople make their god into a wafer and castle for hours together, to book myself swallow him alive. With the Supreme by train to distant towns, and to walk Being inside them you may imagine over wide areas of country, and I was althey work wonders. One of the gloomy ways made to feel as if I had a spiritual elements is observance of every seventh halter round my neok. These experiday as a day of worship. Worship means ences culminated in a painful manner, Mrs. M. J. Pound, of Lake Helen, Fla., nearly 86 years old, renews her subscription. She gave nine years of labor to the cause "without price," caring for the sick, and helping people out of their troubles, before the meeting of every British helping people out of their troubles, who have steeples points above all the clouds of of so-called Christian churches, who have steeples points than churches, who have steeples points and lie as ever. They talk much of Jependa. After various remarks, interport of which I will defer to some future such than they really believe in is money-making, guns and iron-clads. They attribute all their blessings to Jependa. They attribute all their blessings to Jependa the procession generation.

Before the meeting of every British cases not alone with the same and experienced both personally and relatively, the history of which I will defer to some future scorner and stop while more both personally and relatively, the history of which I will defer to some future such that they cannot true accorner and stop while more fireworks are burned. The devil cannot true accorner and stop while more standard in a painful manner, both personally and relatively, the history of which I will defer to some future such that they cannot true accorner and stop while more standard in a painful manner, both personally and relatively, the history of which I will defer to some future such that they cannot true accorner and stop while more standard in a painful manner, both personally and relatively, the history of which I will defer to some future such that they cannot true accorner and stop while more standard in a painful manner, both personally and relatively, the history of which I will defer to some future such that they cannot true accorner and stop while more standard in a painful manner, both personally and relatively, the history of which I will defer to some future such that they cannot true accorner and stop while more day accorner and stop while more day accorner and stop while more day accorn

took off all ornaments, dressed in coarse ly the beliefs of people whose ships several hours, but I can assure my there is less chance to outwit the enblack stuff, shaved the head, and rolled levery part of the world? No, they are visible, myself ascended into regions of often be done.

not so much the irbeliefs as their hypoc-

Yours, OKAKURI. The letter of Okakuri will, to the sinas without any capacity to understand abode with them." the true spiritual beauties and sublimisseending I felt a co is it not also possible that the heathen, should they see Christian missionary accounts of their faith, might also

INTERESTING VISIONS.

Incidents in the Life of a Seer.

I will mention one or two special cases which will illustrate what I mean. A friend of mine, Mr. Samuel H-Chester-le-street, who was developing his clairvoyance at my circle, was unfortunately representative of a large browery in Chester-le-street, and in his earlier life had filled a most respectable

commercial position. This gentleman, notwithstanding occasional bouts with customers, maintained great interest in spirit com-munion, and when the spirit controlled knife. Standing on the right side of him he would cry like a child, and pray that he could get out of this business. advised him to leave it and have faith you to do me a favor. It is that you, tomorrow morning, write to the Right his family might suffer, as he thought it impossible to secure another situation tary of Ireland, and inform him that people, whom he orders to slaughter On one occasion, while sitting in my other nations as idolaters. His rules to kitchen conversing, I received a sudden his own people are of the most filthy communication which I imparted to him and barbarous description. Thus if a at once! It was to the effect that if he man is jealous of his wife she has to were not more cautious he would meet drink a water prepared by the priest, with a terribly sudden death. He wiped the tears from his eyes, and seemed affected with the message, he knowing from past experience that it was no use doubting it. A few weeks after, while I shall never forget this appalling maniwas booking myself at the station to go a journey a gentleman said to me: "Have Japanese! Some pretend they do not cident?" I did not feel at all surprised, regard the older part of the Bible, but as the influence of the message was only the newer, which they say has superseded it. But the truth is, they regard neither, and their lives are far theman said: Mr. H———, while drivgard neither, and their lives are far tleman said: Mr. H—, while driv-more regulated by the Old than by the ling home from Murton Colliery late in New. Indeed, their doctrine, which is the past evening, had been thrown mainly the absurd and barbarous one of from his conveyance, his neck broken, salvation from sin by bloody sacrifice, is from his conveyance, his neck broken, and picked up dead. The valuable found everywhere in the older book, but horse had been shot, and his money, in to be satisfied. During the month of I falled to detect much of it in the New, November Mr. Edgerly will serve the Spiritual Society of Dayton, Ohio; for monkish doctrines similar to those of Dicked up on the way—one of the Principles. picked up on the way—one of the Pru-Buddhism, but interspersed with a lot was troubled with this poor spirit for gaged to speak and give tests for the Buddhism, but interspersed with a lot was troubled with this poor spirit for Society of Modern Spiritual Thought, of of absurd tables of miracles, such as of many days. I head him clearly and audi-Minneapolis, Minn. Address during Jesus being carried through the air by October, 242 Acushnet avenue, New Jesus being carried through the air by bly groaning and crying for my sympathy. The devils into pigs; the Devil; turning devils into pigs; they, and he suffered on account of his walking on the water; ascending up to heaven—which they think is above, though the earth is always turning round—where he sits on the right hand voyance, as he was a natural seer. One morning early, he came to see me, Some of his miracles were poor con- and said that on the previous night he juring tricks, like turning writer into had been awakened by a Mr. Scott, an sense of the word. Investigating Spiritualist. His Brooks, of Elgin, Ill., spoke on the church, and became a Spiritualist. His present wife. formerly a class leader in three Sundays in the month of Sentemand Buddhism], only it is a mixture they much excited by the vision, and upon telling me the story I told him it would to. Indeed no guillet could swallow the crude absurdities of their creed. They have, for instance, an infinite God who is nevertheless three persons. He or psychometric readings were also highly is nevertheless three persons. He, or husband had died suddenly the night before. Mr. H—— having been one of the trustees, the spirit had undoubtedly been endeavoring to request his friend to look after his affairs. By a singular coincidence, it was this Mr Scott's house (his wife having conducted the business after his death) that Mr. --- had left the night he was killed.

son as old as himself of a woman who spirit voices informed me that I should time. Not understanding this I did not prepare myself, but one afternoon during my journey to the town of Allendale, I felt as if I were about to leave my body, and during that night I had a series of strange psychological vibrations during my walk through the beautifu valley, I experienced a magnetic shock and felt sure I had passed from the form. But to satisfy myself I went and touched the wall which skirted the road, and I reasoned thus, as the solid substance is impervious, I must still be in the form.

It was an awful shock, and I afterwards saw forms, beautiful in their spiritual radiance, and heard rapid conversations, which seemed to proceed from anxious groups of persons who appeared to surround me. I lost all control of normal power, and seemed a spiritual automaton. Voices then said: mind, my body also being reduced to un-

Occasionally solemn communications these countries remind one of the Shin- I was in the immediate presence of great

I fancy I hear you ask, are these real- wife that I lay unconscious in body for country is not in such good luck, for

remarkable extent and beauty. I found risies. The sensible ones do not credit myself in the companionship of three any of the nonsensical legends of the gentlemen, whose historic names are old religion. A few are honest enough to openly repudiate it, and the others set on them as if they were criminals. John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Churchi and John Fletcher, late of Madynysteined electric telescope and the control of the Methodist church; and John Fletcher, late of Madynysteined electric telescope and the control of the Methodist church; and John Fletcher, late of Madynysteined electric telescope and the control of the Methodist church; and John Fletcher, late of Madynysteined electric telescope and the control of the Methodist church; and John Fletcher, late of Madynysteined electric telescope and the control of the Methodist church; and John Fletcher, late of Madynysteined electric telescope and the control of the method is the method is the method is the method in the method in the method in the method is the method in the method in the method in the method is the method in the meth Those who have been brought up in a get the negative professional class who take millions out cley, Salop. John Bunyan came occurred to the country yearly to preach and defend their religion. What with these fore-mentioned friends seemed to have charge of me, and we appeared to fleat through the atmosphere.

I visited distant parts of the spiritual revel in every conceivable luxury. Intender and beautiful expressions. With stead of filling the earth with brotherly the poet, I wished this sort of life would stead of filling the earth with brotherly the poet, I wished this sort of life would love, Christianity has brought the in- last "like a long summer's day." Much struments of contention and war .- to my grief, I began to descend, and expressing a wish to remain, Mr. Wesley informed me that I must return to cere Christian, appear flippant and superficial. The writer will be esteemed swithout any capacity to understand abode with them." I remember in descending I felt a cold chill, and experities of our blessed religion. But then enced a change of atmosphere, which seemed to be damp and offensive on reaching earth.

accounts of their faith, might also think them flippant, superficial, and without insight into the real merits of their blessed religion.—J. M. Wheeler, in Freethinker, London, Eng.

After recovering from my illness I felt so weak that I did not think I should ever be able to walk again, but, nevertheless, I gradually grew strong, and began to look about for something to do, my other situation having lapsed. was lying on the sofa one Sunday afternoon, when Mr. Fletcher approached me and said: "Go to Newcastle market and commence business, and we will assist you." Next morning took train for the city, took a small place in the market, and commenced with a handful of books, much to the amusement of the trade, and belies incorrely that spiritual assistance has been accorded me for many years.

In about 1881 I was recipient of many visions, when living in Nun street, one or two of which I will relate. I was awoke one morning at I o'clock and experienced a horrible sensation, and I still truly believed that right through my the bed was a tall gentleman, who spoke to me and said: "I have come to request morrow morning, write to the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M. P., Chief Secrethere will be several attempts to take his life in the manner which I indicate Tremblingly I promised him faithfully I would do so. He rejoined: "Be sure and fulfill your promise," after which the apparition melted away, and I recovered my normal selfhood. awoke my wife and great drops of sweat stood on my face, and as long as I live I festation. Next morning I awoke, went to business as usual, tried to believe it was only a dream, but all the time I was getting my books out I felt as if the apparition were standing close by my side, chiding me for not having fulfilled my promise to him. I lingered on until about 4 in the afternoon, when I sent for my wife to take charge of the business, and I rushed home, seized a sheet of paper, and communicated direct with Mr. Forster, giving him full particulars, and the name of the spirit, Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton. I received no reply from Mr. Forster,

but after his death, I obtained ample dential Insurance Company's agents. I evidence from one of his constituents that he had thankfully accepted the supernatural message.

I took care to suppress all these particulars from the public until after the strangulation of the invincibles in Dublin, but I need not say everything was fulfilled to the letter, Mr. Forster having taken every precaution to pre-serve his life. The Newcastle Daily Chronicle in 1885 and 1886 gave these particulars, the facts being written by Mr. Henry Burton, now in Australia,

visions in reference to the invasion of this island by Americans. I saw in vision the kind of instrument they would employ in the destruction of public buildings. These facts were communicated to the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M. P., through some personal friends, Mr. H. Gladstone being the medium of their reaching the premier. This all took place about twelve months before the real occurrence, and I may say I received kindly letters in reply from Mr. H. Gladstone.—W. H. Robinson, in Light, London.

The Maldivian islanders always eat in the most private room in the house, and carefully close the doors and darken the windcos, that they may be unobserved. Down to the time of Domitian the female mourning dress among the Romans was a black gown and white veil; after that time it was a white robe and black veil.

In some parts of Ethiopia men present themselves entirely without clothes before a person to whom they wish to pay especial reverence, in order to sho their humility.

Titles abounded in Germany during mediæval times, but many disappeared about the beginning of this century. Palatine, Margrave, Rurgrave, Rhine-grave, Wildgrave and Altgrave were among the titles that vanished in that

A Procurator was the governor of a province having especial charge of the revenues and collection of taxes. Pontius Pilate was a Procurator, but owing to the rebellious character of the Jews he I did by the afternoon train, and for was invested with the power of a Pro-

A Chinese funeral never proceeds straight from the house of mourning to the graveyard. The devil is always on the lookout for funerals, and follows them to seize the soul of the dead man, so in order to outwit the evil one, the bearers take up the body and start with it in a brisk trot, while packs of firecrackers and pyrotechnics emitting a dense smoke and vile smell are set off just as the procession starts. Having thus deceived Old Nick as to the direction taken by the bearers they run as fast as they can with the body, then sudstopping, and a lavish expenditure of fireworks, the funeral procession generhelping people out of their troubles, many times standing alone, yet not faltering by the way. Such are worthy of honor.

W. L. Osborne, of Twin Bridges, Montana, writes that Mrs. J. Held, of Greeks, on the loss of a relative, ab-

REMARKABLE FAKIR.

Surpassing All Other Mediums.

Gleanings from the Foreign Press. The Dutch Sphinz gives an interest ing account of the fakir, Soliman Ben and one or two other subjects, gives an Aissa. He is twenty-eight years old, and account of the following manifestations was born in Mequinez, in Morocco, but of child spirits. A family in Leipsic lost was brought up in Algiers. In his their youngest child, to, whom the twelfth year he became a Moslem. parents had given a great many toys. His father instructed him as a fakir, After the body was interred they were and he faithfully attended the prespellbound with amazement to observe scribed Friday exercises of the Mosque. the playthings moving about, as if the Coming in touch with European ele-little hands were still with them. This, ments in Algiers, he began to exhibit in and other wonderful things that ocpublic these performances which he had curred, but which are not described, He visited France, Germany, Austria, Italy and Holland, and aroused much finding there an active old woman who attention throughout these countries, is charged with the keeping of the He is a slimly-built man, of almost European color, with brown hair and of to her the distressing things which a very healthy appearance. His eyes were occurring at home. This person protrude in a marked fashion, as is company the case with ascetics, but there child. They did so, and from that mois nothing obtrusive in his manner. In ment the disturbances ceased. It seems his conversation, which he carries on almost cruel to suggest that this pro-in fluent French, he is devoid of all cedure may have caused the spirit of pretension, and displays considerable the child some needless sorrow. The general culture and good breeding. In story is told by Herr Carl Alexander tional control of the spirit is the be all short, his personal appearance and behavior make a very favorable impression. Psychische Studien, and the editor of that few persons form a circle at home, and He appears in Arabic costume, and de-journal supplies a similar incident, livers a preliminary address concerning drawn from the experiences of a rector's his tribe and his own performance. When he proceeds to bring about the required conditions he first repeats a short prayer, then throws some incense. Adolph Schubert, using shafing-dish, Kaaden, April, I893, communicates the Dutch and bends over it, inhaling the smoke, while he strokes his forehead with his Sphinx: In 1875 I was an artillery hand, sometimes using both hands. He corporal in garrison at Prague. I was also takes a little of the powder in young, healthy and slept well. On Febwater-the powder being a mixture of benzoin, haschisch, wormwood and some other ingredients. These preparations do not occupy more than a few minutes, and after moving his head about in Dervish fashion and carrying out some other arrangements, he is in the necessary state, and proceeds with his in Bohemia. I strove to drive my exhibition, which is of a somewhat thoughts away, and finally I prayed, and startling character. Although in a also for my mother. It was of no use, condition of complete invulnerability, and the feeling of anxiety would not Soliman is, to all appearances, in his leave me. Next morning I received a usual state. At any rate, he retains full telegram informing me that my mother consciousness of what he does, and of was dead. I immediately went home on what is done. He stabs his own arms, or gets some one else to do it for him, while he himself looks calmly on, exhorting the ladies present not to disturb themselves, as he feels nothing. He fore her death mother "could not speak, takes toilet pins of about six inches in but signed with her hand as if she length, breathes on them and moistens wished us beside her, and when we went them between his lips, then sticks one through the fleshy part of each ear, others through both cheeks, and so on. including several much more sensitive parts of the face and head. There is no question of trickery about these per-formances, and after people have had sufficient opportunities of examining his condition of absolute tranquility and seeming immunity from pain, he slowly withdraws the pins, and the examiners can find no trace of any wound or the slightest effusion of blood. Occasionally, before proceeding to a fresh experiment, he has recourse to the anæsthetic. which he inhales from his little chafingdish or incense-boat, and he also renews the manual passes which are a part of his process. He removes his right or left eye from its socket, and holds it for examination between his fingers in front of its natural cavity, to which it is returned when the inspection is completed. There is nothing novel about this last feat, of course, except the circumstance that the gentleman does it himself, but much of his performance is not occur during the night. There is a of the physical self, practice self-control, of a kind so startling that a detailed description of it is only suitable for the pages of a surgical journal. He keeps adders whose fangs are quite familiar with his hands and arms; and he can, at will, allow the blood to flow after their bites, and then cause it and all trace of

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRESS AND SPIRIT-UALISM.

The Spanish Revista de Estudios Psicol the bench and at the bar; that he was a wife on the same day as that on which and happy, when it is seen that the pupil of the famous Swiss educational the incident happened. She at once grand purpose of life is to make the reformer, J. H. Pestalozzi, and that he recognized it as an accurate likeness of was the author of valuable educational the face she had seen. and scientific works, besides those comprising his occult studies-such, for example, as his "Practical and Theoretical editions; that he founded in Paris free he has had a busy literary life in addimany learned and scientific bodies; and ported as being quite remarkable. One the one side the soul struggles to make its to each, so on. It was necessary to supply this of these may be cited. At Jonuts, in power felt—tries to be omnipotent; on The word Pharach was not, strictly

the practice of electro-biology. The means at hand, and for two hours in suc- edge that the soul is the man, to obey the experiments of Mr. Crookes.

CURIOUS CHILD MANIFESTATIONS. The Dutch Sphinz, besides dealing with "Professor Lombroso's Theories re Spiritualism," "Mr. Traill Taylor's Spirit Photographs," "Haunted Houses in Holland," "Maternal Love in Death," hitherto confined to religious services. greatly upset the parents. The mother went to the churchyard one day, and grave decorations in order, she related

> INFLUENCE AT A DISTANCE. following circumstances to the Dutch ruary 24 I went to bed at my usual hour, but this time I could not close my eyes. An unaccountable anxiety and nervous insomnia quite mastered me, and in addition I was compelled to think in-cessantly of my mother, who dwelt in truths. Flaunting iguorance on a pubmy native place, Atschau, near Kaaden. leave, and when I asked my sister at what time mother died, she replied: "On February 24, at twelve, midnight." She further told me that beto the bedside she motioned us away, and again made the same sign. concluded she must be thinking of you, and wishing to have you beside her."

SPIRIT INCENDIARIES.

The Spiritualistisch Weekblad quotes the following from another Dutch paper: 'A curious phenomenon has occurred in Reuver. At V. D. V.'s brewery the fourth of those sudden fires in a garret has occurred during an electrical storm unaccompanied by the usual thunder. The fire was mastered, but since then it has broken out afresh about a dozen times a day in the same place, and frequently when it is impossible there can have been any trace of smoldering. Once it started in a file of business accounts, at another time it was a curtain or a dress, lying on a table; that was burnt, and all this in a room where there was no regular fire. It started among the shelves of a closed trunk where no fire could get of a closed trunk where no fire could get sible. Read as many books as you can through so soon. It begins with a genof a progressive character, study hygiene tle hissing, and the phenomenon does and the laws that regulate the harmony good deal of speculation as to the cause do not simulate the manners of others. of it, excluding the possibility of trickery but remember that you and your indi-

SPIRIT IDENTIFICATION.

cussion. The Revue quotes from the self-satisfaction that he should pose be-Rebus an interesting case of what it fore the public as an orator or a mystic. the famous fire tests of D. D. Home, Soliman throws himself down and repeats another prayer, then arises and calls telepathy. The person who was The office of a public expositor of restores himself to his normal condition, the object of the manifestation says that that is, to the state which resembles some years ago she, her husband, a little that is, to the state which resembles some years ago sic, in its left in a far as possible of immortality is one reappeared the Brahmin seized his breathes only words of peace, and whose house on its feet, wrestling with the unappears as if either state might in his lodging in St. Petersburg, and after some that ever fell to the lot of any body of hands and raised them to his forehead, life is like the tranquil running stream happy wretch, who had deliberately appears as if either state might in his lodging in St. Petersburg, and after some case be called normal. These experi- family disturbances she on one occasion, ments, although not absolutely new, feeling much upset, slept on a sofa in the have now been subjected to scientific parlor. Awakening at five next morninvestigation, and Dr. John Ranke, professor of Anthropology in the University head for a few minutes, as was her of Munich, has written to Soliman to custom before getting up. Suddenly the following effect: 'In the name and she experienced an indefinable sensaon the invitation of the Munich Anthro- tion similar to what one might feel pological Society, the undersigned, its at the unexpected presence of a stranger first President, begs to express to Mr. in the room. She turned her head, Soliman Ben Aissa his cordial thanks and, in the clear light—it was in April for the opportunity of witnessing, on —she saw standing on the sofa, at her November 25, 1892, the most remarkable feet, and clothed in creamy white, a exhibition of which the high value, female figure which was wholly unanthropologically and ethnologically, is known to her. The face was very pale. hereby in the fullest manner acknowl- but the features were so peculiar and striking that the lady could have identified her visitor among a thousand.
Unable to move or utter a sound, the narrator lay rigid, while the apparition looked at her fixedly and sadly. At what it must be admitted appear to be nothing was left but a grey, cloud-like body and soul, and render the brain exism by a portion of the Roman Catholic. Then the lady recovered the recovered the results of the lady recovered the recovered the results of the results of the results of the results of the recovered the results of the r ism by a portion of the Roman Catholic Then the lady recovered the use of her The Revista has been obliged to faculties and shouted with all her inform its opponents that the real name | might. Her husband and the house of Allan Kardec was not Duvoille, but servants rushed to her room, and when shaken from his spiritual lethargy. We Leon Hippolyte Denizart Revail; that she was able to describe minutely the he was not a "boarding-housekeeper in the environs of Paris"—although that "I declare, it is my aunt X—!" That would have been nothing to his diswas the first time she had ever tell him—if he is an earthly slave—he credit—but was a man of education and culture, who was born at Lyons in 1804, some years before their marriage.

of a good family, many of whose scions

The husband procured a photograph of lighter, the had distinguished themselves both on his deceased relative, and gave it to his intellect clearer, the mind more content

La Irradiacion of Madrid has a portrait Course of Arithmetic," "Solutions of Or. Leopoldo Calleja, editor of Lux ex external life must be in unison with the Mathematical Problems," "Classical Tenebris, and gives an interesting actine Grammar," etc., etc., all of count of his career. Born in 1850, he The struggles of the soul, when the out-distinguish himself from the crowd of which have gone through very many took his degree in 1875, and since then courses of instruction in chemistry, tion to his medical practice. He is an that antagonism between the inward sovereigns the universal custom was to for such relationship? The negroes the negroes the negroes and the growing spirit of physics, comparative anatomy, astron-accomplished man in many ways, and and outward life militates against the give a list of the various countries over which he has efforted way and outward life militates against the give a list of the various countries over which the monarch ruled, or was sup-their sweaters. The Russian Jew who has ence; that he was an elected member of fected by means of magnetism are re-

Spiritualism.—Light; London, Eng.

MEDIUMS.

Their Education Considered.

"That one man should die ignoran who had the capacity for knowledge, this I call a tragedy, were it to happen more than twenty times in a minute, by some computations it does.'

Ignorance is an enemy to progression, and it the more often buries its falons in self-opinionated and conceited persons who arrogate to themselves the supremacy of knowledge. I know of scarcely anything which is so disastrous to the developing medium as a feeling of selfsufficiency, that the trance or inspirain due course the advent of a medium takes place. The sitter seems perfectly satisfied with the results, and, lo, wonderful tales of the doings and sayings of the medium so and so go the rounds of the local society, should there be one The medium is forthwith pushed into public notice and onto the platform, often without the least adequate preparation. We frequently are given glowing accounts of mediums, but how often are we disappointed when we hear them makes one squirm in one's seat to listen to a merciless murdering of the Queen's English, and erroneous lie platform goes much against the spiritual cause. I have heard persons say: "If that is the sort of discourses you get here, I don't want to hear any more.' And after that it is often difficult to persuade them to go and listen to a really intelligent speaker. I believe all mediums should be encouraged in their quite fit for the task.

The exercise of mediumship in public is no light work. It looks easy, say some, and the spirits do all the work, but the medium has much to bear.

tune, the bellows leaky, and the finest musician can make but very poor music. An indifferent musician will make better harmony out of a good organ than a perfect musician can make out of one that is imperfect. Substitute a medium for the organ and a spirit for the player and you will see my meaning.

I have heard mediums delight in say

ing they seldom read any books. I do not know why that should be, unless to show the comparative power of the spirit over them when under control. I see nothing creditable in boasting of ignorance; one would have thought they would have been anxious to cover up that. Some persons say too much knowledge confounds the spirit. If it does, I say, God help the spirit. Let every individual who intends developing as a medium get as much knowledge as posand, of course, many of the villagers viduality can do something that is believe it to be witchcraft." La Reveue Spirite continues its articles will be enriched by the higher mental wound to vanish, merely by a few passes on psychology, and begins a series of development of the individual. An eduof his hand. He also holds a flaming papers on the causes of the former cated medium will get along better than

philosophy and truths, the demonstration as far as possible of immortality is that ever fell to the lot of any body of public teachers. Some ignorant persons make good mediums. Granted; but how much better might they have been had they been educated? It seems all very well to say we know so and so cannot read and write, yet he has got well on; but what might he have done with even a moderate education? We know what we are, but not what we may

Amongst all spiritual societies should be instructors, capable of guiding and training mediums at properly appointed circles-free from prejudice. Further, think mediums should not exercise mediumship in public until they are capable of passing satisfactorily an ex-

The nobler and grander the thoughts greatest possible advancement towards spiritual perfection.

There is a prerogative in the soul which makes itself felt when the right chord is touched. The vibration of the ward life is inharmonious, cause discrete who filled the German courts, content and unhappiness. It is obvious Among ancient and media

Revisia is also full of news, and the sup-plement, comprises a translation of the passes until, at the end of that time, the happiness; to disobey, misery, discontent woman was restored to consciousness. Land neavishness It is because of these The doctor afterwards fell into a sleep things that mediums should be eduwhich lasted several hours, and it is said cated to a knowledge of sail; to take the that even three days later his own soul as a spiritual standard of high A Communication from the Marbreath exhaled the odor of the drug, degree, as a moral code, as the arbiter although he had in the interim swal- of right action. Our efforts must be lowed various cups of strong coffee. In to relegate passion and the wanton de-the same periodical Dr. Acevedo con- sires of the flesh to oblivion; to crown the same periodical Dr. Acevedo con-tinues his articles on Lombroso and with laurels of everlasting freshness the powers of the soul; to scatter the seeds of knowledge of spiritual truth; to pour the waters of the spirit on the minds of men continually, until they are shall be well-conditioned? We want no soft squeaky or broken wheels, no soft spiritual movement, which an all-wise springs or rusty axles in the spiritual movement, which an all-wise proceeding slowly yet surely on an upportunity of developing your medium.

The conditioned? We want no soft time thrust into undue notoriety that and especially avoiding quarrels with spiritual movement, which an all-wise their white colleagues. I admit they proceeding slowly yet surely on an upportunity of developing your medium.

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The conditioned? We want no soft time thrust into undue notoriety that and especially avoiding quarrels with such their white colleagues. I admit they have strong amorous tendencies, but I want the college of the portunity of developing your medium-istic powers, and never venture to publicly exercise your powers until you are in a fit and capable condition for so which you record and a few others scatdoing .- The Two Worlds, London, Eng. tered throughout the United States, the

FINAL ORDEAL,

The Occult Powers of an Aged Brahmin.

The "Times of India" publishes a good story of trial by ordeal. The narrator a farm-help child, was the mail from a head to a sub-office, had who are at present divided. The organ is a noble instrument, but let the action besticky, the pipes out of tune the believe let in the b with the gods, was consulted, and readily undertook to discover the thief. Al Mahratta peasants, were summoned to temple of Mahadeo, situated at some distance from the village. It was a of desecration in the past, had been

> among weeds and tangled brushwood. The hour selected was about six p. m. and the long twilight shadows gave the place a weird, uncanny look. The old the law. I remember when we used instead of allowing him to pass on, bade him stand aside. When the last man had gone through the ordeal, the Brah-

money." To my utter amazement (continues the ance of the money. He had succeeded "Be it so, if it be God's will." I was man over his four score years and two. in opening the mail-bag without seri-deeply impressed with this other and I have told him (and I believe it), that ously disturbing the seals; the post-last prediction, master had not really examined them, I had known t welcome education and training, more estable to repeat at leisure in he was a non-commissioned officer. the district gaol. Now, the natural question is, "How was it done?" Very simply. The temple, the lonely glen, the uncanny hour, the incantations, all the real and lasting pleasures of life, to lieved the wand would stick to his Scarce hands, and his, of course, was the only

min turned to Rama and said quietly-

hand that did not smell of the oil. The explanation looks plausible erners with myself thought that such a enough, but how did the writer find out result would surely have the countethe trick? The Brahmin was very un- nance of the Supreme Being. The fearlikely to tell anyone, even if he prac-ticed such an artifice, and India is not against His gift of life. It was this that

Landgrave is the only one of the old

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

His Assassination Foretold

tyred President.

[A working man, in the unconscious trance, dictates these communications willingly, and in the amount of work to a retired professional gentleman, who takes them down verbatim.]

The sensitive, under control, said:
Abraham Lincoln bids you greeting. saturated with a proper recognition of The last time that I was here was in the their status as spiritual beings. Mepresence of Isaac Disraell, father of the diums cannot shelve the truth; it must Earl of Beaconsfield. He made a reever be present with them, otherwise mark with which I am perfectly agreed; labor is in vain. Is it not the duty of the remark was: "That were he again mediums to impregnate the human race in time, and had to re-write his 'Curioswith a knoweldge of truth and self? to ities of Literature, he would most ceropen up the portals of the eternal life? tainly include the spiritual records given to stand on the borderland and act as in the close of the nineteenth century." Now, my experience of the American black is, that he is most pacific in dispo the vehicle of conveyance between the As he passed away in 1848, in the first black is, that he is most pacific in disput two worlds? Seeing that it is so, is it not month of that year, it would perhaps sition, not by any means prone to force If the utmost importance that the vehicle have been premature to have at that a quarrel when amongst themselves

> Continent and Great Britain, that anything nearly approaches the communications manifested among the simple and hardy sons of Kentucky. In church in their homes, and whenever two or three were assembled together, there were always some form of communication or spiritual phenomena.

On one occasion a young peasant girl, a farm-help child, was "taken in the of it some years ago held charge of a spirit;" for at that time it was so called. postal division on the western coast, I was then about twenty-two years of parts of which had seldom, if ever, been age; this was in the year 1831. The visited by a European officer. The child of whom I am speaking, was about visited by a European officer. The child of whom I am speaking, was about people were for the most part simple eight years old. She came up to me country folk and very superstitious. and said: "Abraham, you must become One morning the narrator received information that a considerable sum of minister, and then a liberator, and then money, forming part of the contents of the presiding genius to unite a people

been stolen on the road. The whole I then laughingly said: "And what affair was wrapped in mystery. The next?" "I see nothing in the darkness only clue the police had been able to to follow," was the strange answer. obtain was that one runner, whom we shall call Rama, had since the theft read and re-read this message, should development, but they ought certainly to be kept from public work until they are quite fit for the task.

paid off certain debts in the village you ever publish this control, so beauti-which had long pressed upon him; but fully and clearly expressed.) I said:
there were no other suspicious circum"Why is there so much darkness which stances, and the man had ten years you cannot penetrate?" She answered good service. As a last recourse it was saying: "Life and death are at God's determined to resort to trial by ordeal, will and within His mercy." I asked: and for this purpose an aged Brahmin, "What is your name, little one?" She answered me: "My name is Nathalie Shaw, and I was bred in the same state as you, Abraham Lincoln."

Like all other of the spiritual mani the runners, a goodly array of sturdy festations, in those days that are passed there was not the slightest recollection the office, and under the guidance of a of the message, its tenor, or that it had cheyla or disciple of the old Brahmin, ever been delivered. It has been a diswe all proceeded to a small deserted puted question as to whether any communication of coming death can be received. With certain positiveness I desolate spot, and bore an evil reputa-know to the contrary. On one occasion spected me, in the midst of this gay tion. The temple, owing to some act I was receiving the thanks of a Ken-throng I seemed to myself to be back tuckian, shortly after the commenceabandoned, and was almost buried ment of hostilities between the Federal and Confederate States.

This man said: "Mr. President, remember you during your first study o Brahmin was awaiting us, and as we meet, away down by Spencer Hugh approached, appeared to be busy mut-Shaw's farm. I recollect how fond littering incantations. The runners all the Nathalie, his youngest daughter, seemed to be more or less under the spell was of you. She was always a delicate of the hour, but the look of real fright child, one of those on whose forehead on Rama's face was quite distinct. The God in His mercy had made his claim, Brahmin having finished his incantably those intelligible imprints, of a fair tions rose and, addressing the men, skin and blue raised veins. She was said: "You'are about to face the gods; given to the spirits, Mr. President. The to the innocent the trial will be nothing, spirits knew that it would not be long but to the guilty much. In the tem- before they would come to fetch her,

nearly dark. I glanced in through the now to claim acquaintance or seek for tory to the North."

door of the temple. A selitary oil buttorch to his arm as long as his audience pleases—until, in short, they are satisfied with the proof. After this fire experiment, which in a slight degree recalls growth in to take part in the disment, which in a slight degree recalls growth and the present decadence of an ignorant one.

The name of the present decadence of an ignorant one of the temple. A selitary oil but the article, invites those who may not an interview, I wish to tell you that and then came the prediction of the which an ordinary bamboo stick about the spirit together, in the dismedium. He is not simply working for the sake of this own ends; it is not for the sake of this moment of his greatest triumph.

Now your readers may observe, dear Recorder, that we have, first, Nathalie and who is moderate in all that he eats Shaw's prediction, that from an agricul- and drinks, should be, if born of healthy "Tell the Sahib how you stole the tural workman to a lawyer, from a law-parents, in the prime of life at fifty-five yer to a senator, from senator to the years. Like to Isaac Disraeli, standing President of the United States, I should writer) Rama fell on his knees, con-fessed that he was the thief, and offered diction, that "In the days of his greatest his healthy body; there he supports the to show where he had hidden the bal-triumph I will slay him," I said to him; fact, that consistent living will carry a

I had known this man from boyhood, amination by a board of examiners. I had escaped notice. Needless to say; the truthful simplicity of his to the seclusion of his library, he would character, yet possessing the courage of have reached a hundred years of time, I knew the truthful simplicity of his to the seclusion of his library, he would the Brahmin was rewarded, and poor a lion in the Federal regiment of which and that since time is a preparation for

Sitting one day in my private study, I thought: What would be the greatest triumph of my life? and immediately came the answer into my mind: When were merely accessories to appeal to the this fearful civil war is ended, and the forgiveness. I went to see him in the superstitions of the ignorant peasants. States of North America are once more company of Charles Helvetus Lloyd The nobler and grander the thoughts of the ignorant peasants. States of North America are once more company of Charles Helvetus Lloyd, shaken from his spiritual lethargy. We want to let man peep from his narrow with strongly scented sandalwood oil. The "majo want to let man peep from his narrow with strongly scented sandalwood oil."

States of North America are once more company of Charles Helvetus Lloyd, united. So again, with a laugh, I said and I want to state here, that I frankly, to myself: "I hope I have not long to fully, and truly for this more to this more than the peasants. Rama's guilty conscience had prevented live, if my death is to be peace to my mend him more to this mercy than the

Scarcely thirty years have passed since the United States of America have freed their slaves. Thousands of Northdestitute of knowledge as to things or nerved the Federal army. It was this cult.—[Light, London, Eng. that gave them the victory. It was through God's approval in the upholding of that liberty, which belongs to all men alike.

distinguish himself from the crowd of to sexual intercourse: to the position of Among anoient and mediæval and wife. What cared the Confederates ever in the United Southern States.

education. I do not know whether Harvard University would open its gates to mind in the body as to the more mathem; but the English and Irish colleges tured one in spirit.—The Medium and know no racial distinction. It is in Daybreak, London, Eng. consequence of this success, that the Africans who have now become naturalized citizens of the United States, and sixty per cent of them born American citizens, that the white men hate them. They hate them while working side by side with them, for they work more in comparison with his white co-worker. is half as much again, and with no mor effort. His head is built for the hot glaring sun of the South; his wooly hair and thick skull tender it impossible for been forced to take alternate spells; so you see that they are hated in the citie

as well as through the plantations.

have strong amorous tendencies, but I believe in that saying which says, "Like clings to like," I do not believe there is the slightest partiality on their side for a white woman. There would be more likely a partiality on the part of a white man towards a black woman but they are made out to be unreasons ble ravishers, whenever opportunity permits. A more lying slander was never uttered. They are prolific in progeny, but it is with themselves; and if the half castes, the quadroons and the octoroons were counted, and their per centage ascertained, it would be found that it was the white man's partiality for the dark race, in ninety-nine case out of every hundred. What I mean is this, the sires of either of the divisions of race might just as equally be the black man with the white woman, or the white man with the black woman.

How many negro families are there. in which there was a black husband and a black wife, who were only too happy to bring up children, who they knew belonged to neither of them, not during to make too close enquiries. That was in the times of slavery. The days of slavery will never come again. The white men may shoot down the negro; they may tear him out of jail and hang him; but they will never again enslav

Unless President Cleveland represses with a strong hand the indignities perpetrated on the colored population of the Southern States, there will be some of the most sanguinary fighting ever known in the history of the world. The blacks are slow to anger, but are very demons when wronged and roused to anger. I think now that it was on the day

following my murder, in April, 1865 that the greatest triumph of my life came: namely, when the Confederate troops surrendered to the Federal army. It is a strange thing, dear P., that as sat in the theatre, with the most courtly and the best of those who loved and reagain in Kentucky, as the humble lawver, with the summer of hope in my neart. Then there came the realization of little Nathalie's prediction to cross'my mind. Then the band of the theatre struck up in martial strains, and many a picture came on my mind of invaluable. those hard-fought contested battle-fields and the liccatombs of American victims on either side.

I asked myself: "Was my anti-slavery agitation worth such fearful sacrifices. Was it for the sake of the union of the States that I aspired, making slavery but a secondary consideration to this end?"-Then, again, I asked self: "Why did the thoughts of the Chicago Society of Ethical Culture. viduality can do something that is peculiar to yourself. Education will not the altar. Each of you must go in by the higher mental three times, repeating the name of Market will take a higher form, and three times, repeating the name of Market will take a higher mental three times, repeating the name of Market will to the sorress of others.

The sound to leter her, will take her form they became familiar, past trouble me so much, when I knew that the army of the Northern States were within a hair's breadth of final will be enriched by the higher mental three times, repeating the name of Market in the sound and therefore they became familiar, past trouble me so much, when I knew that the army of the Northern States were within a hair's breadth of final will be enriched by the higher mental three times, repeating the name of Market in the sound and therefore they became familiar, past trouble me so much, when I knew that the army of the Northern States were within a hair's breadth of final will be enriched by the higher mental three times, repeating the name of Market in the sound and therefore they became familiar, past trouble me so much, when I knew that the served into her ears were within a hair's breadth of final will be enriched by the higher mental three times, repeating the name of Market in the secrets of others. hadeo; the wand will stick to the hand you remember, Mr. President, that I close, that slavery would be over for of the guilty one." By this time it was was always there? I have not come ever, and that God had given the vic-

two feet long reposed among the grains my home, when I lieard a voice say: In his moment of his greatest triumph, I of uncooked rice and cut limes, the the hour of his great triumph I will will slay him." I then prayed, saying: whole sprinkled with red powder. A slay him. This comes through the lips "If it be Thy will, O God! then let Thy curtain was drawn across the door, and of a daughter of the house, Mr. Presi- will, and not mine be done." O God! and then allowed him to pass on and of a brook. We all asked together at broken the commandment of God, and join his fellows. Coming to Rama he the time, 'Who it meant?' and it was had committed an unprovoked murder went through the same pantomime, but your named which came from her lips, and sent a man in the prime of life to instead of allowing him to pass on, bade Mr. President." A man who feeds his body sparingly

there, who lived to eighty-two years of had he been less sedentary in his habits, and more given to field sports than eternity, the more a man has of it the better.

I have lately seen poor, wretched, unhappy Booth. His mind is full of horror and remorse. He is praying for my justice of God.

[The control did not end here. President Lincoln gave me his views on the political position; not only in the United States, but in England and the Continent of Europe, and foreshadowed much publishing controls with a political aspect, as they only tend to provoke angry discussion. Our unseen friends take on in earth-life as we ourselves do. notice that the events passing in every day life induce appropriate controls by That honor and regard which belongs spirit-life. For some time I have been having controls from a political sphere. mother and child, and that of husband The leading point among the controls by American spirits is the treatment of and outward life militates against the give a list of the wind the monarch ruled, or was supprogress of mediumship. How can one which the monarch ruled, or was supposed to rule, and the relation he bore their sweet will. I tell you, dear Repassed over dwells on the enormity of corder, that this hatred is as strong as the wrongs under which his race is suffering; and all classes of our countryso on. It was necessary to supply this information to the clerical critics, as the State of Tabasco, a woman had at the other side the lower desires press the state of Tabasco, a woman had at the other side the lower desires press the State of Tabasco, a woman had at the other side the lower desires press speaking, a name of an individual, but they were gravely writing about Karded as if he had been a sort of quack person who apportioned his time between the who apportioned his time between the dose of laudanum. Dr. Calleja suddenly counterpoise between these two conditions, no give and take, a misery necestable and laborious. Many of the usual therapeutic sarily results. Salvation is in the knowl-were each styled Augustus.

The word Pharagor was not, strictly ever in the quited Southern States. In many of the cities in the South the blacks have become shop-keepers, which they dilate strongly. What will be the eventful upshot of the present them are so prosperous that they can disturbed state of society in general is known only to a higher power than them are so prosperous that they can disturbed state of society in general is ALL ABOUT DEVILS. BY MOSES send their sons here for a collegiate known only to a higher power than Allah. A work rou should read. Price is contained.

man. That great changes are about to take place, is as evident to the thinking

RARE INDUCEMENTS

Our Fall and Winter Campaign.

It is just now commencing, It will be especially brilliant, as announced in another column. THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER has a record—a record that does not require a curtain to screen it the sun's rays to penetrate. I have does not require a curtain to screen it seen black field-hands not turning a from the gaze of a scrutinizing public, hair, whilst the white laborers have and which makes it a desirable acquisition to every family circle. We want every Spiritualist in the United States to enjoy its weekly visits and feel its elevating influence. In order to more fully consummate this work we have just issued a special edition, made up of pages of superior merit, heretofore published, and which we have denominated PROGRESSIVE THINKER tracts. The first page consists of an entertaining lecture on

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OLD WORLD SPIRITUALISM.

Madame Boll, 38 Rue Ducouedic, Paris, has probably merely a medium. been awakened nightly by sounds as if casks of sand were emptled on the floor of the room cause M. Thibaut, a former President of the of Beranger. Four copper buds on the pillars ena. of an ornament flew up to the ceiling and fell From Greece we learn that the editor and back to the floor with some force. The occu- proprietor of the weekly comic journal Romois earth. pant of the room cried for help, and one of has become a Spiritualist. It appears that he her neighbors who came in saw a water-bottle was a determined skeptic until he attended a young lady, about my own age (24), a very and glass move from one table to another with- the seances of a young poet who dwells in good medium, and with whom I have often sat out visible aid, while shortly afterwards a Athens and is a remarkable medium. Law at our family circle. We were thus thrown tolinen chest was upset with a great racket.

and children are in America." As Stromborg gradually dies away. was thought to be present, some photographs were taken, and on one plate was found a been referring to Spiritualism, and there is I must mention here that our significant to be present, some photographs were taken, and on one plate was found a been referring to Spiritualism, and there is man's head above that of the medium, and considerable movement in favor of its investi- her father and mother especially, communithrough the writing medium came the follow- gation. Professor Lombroso's admissions cated to us their delight and satisfaction at ing: "That is the portrait of Stromborg, have in particular excited attention, and there our betrothal, and at one sitting her mother about whom I spoke to you. He did not is a well-written article in The New Times dealdie in Wisconsin, but in New Stockholm, ing with the question: "Why is so much said my care, telling me that I was well worthy of not on the 13th, but on the 3d of March. He at present against spirit appearances, and why her. Occasionally her behavior towards me formerly dwelt at Strom-Stoking, in Jemland. should they be impossible?" He went to America in 1886. He was mar. According to the Annals of Spiritualism, very cool and quiet nature, while I was becommuch trouble on his account." The medium Life Beyond the Grave," and has arranged to said later that he wished the photographs and have it issued after she has herself passed over. intimation of his death to be sent to his Why not publish it now? July 9th, 1891, and on August 8th Herr Fid. from the Spiritualistisch Weekblad.—Light, this wonderful child, when she told us she saw his experiments, that it could not be otherler received a letter from Oxel Stanberg, a London, Eng. friend of the deceased, reporting that Sven Stromborg died on March 31st. On September 8th the same gentleman had a communication from the Strom-Stoking clergyman explaining that he had discovered the real name of deceased to have been Sven Errson, but that after his arrival in America he had for some unknown reason taken the name of Stomborg. The dates 3d and 13th instead of 31st appear They refer to the Dauphin, her son: to have been errors of the medium. The date on which the young clerk wrote the name was

but the light was subdued by red paper gauze sleeve, "I also see good people, and they front of me in a fighting attitude. She always to be played, and the soldiers, with renewed screens. The cabinet was in the middle of the keep me from hating the others. room, the back being barricaded with furniture in such a way as to leave no possible means of getting either in or out in that direct first to his room, for Gomin dreaded to find means of getting either in or out in that direct intermediate during the whole seance, and with her face arrived, the child was up; but the physician held a sitting with another medium for the turned to the audience. Long, shadowy saw that the end was near, and did not stay sole purpose of driving him out once and for shapes came out of the cabinet, and with their many minutes. Feeling heavy and weak the all, but he controlled my medium immediately, and dogs. Selections (a bar or two) are also hands touched the people nearest the sides. Prince asked to lie down as soon as the doctor and snapped his fingers in the face of the One of the spirits—a female form—recognized was gone. He did not apparently suffer. other. After a severe struggle he left her, every one in the company, and shook them Seeing him quiet, Gomin said to him, "I hope leaving an influence behind that made her ill heartily by the hand. She suddenly van you are not in pain just now." 'Oh yes, I for a long time. ished, and after a few minutes reappeared still suffer, but much less; the music is so much more clearly defined than at first, and beautiful." "Where do you hear it?" asked all this I continued to love her, but in her betremained a long time carrying on a whis- Gomin. "Up there; listen, listen." The ter moments, when the influence left her, she pered conversation with the medium. The child raised his hands, his eyes opened wide, was so loving and kind to me that I only two children who sat in the circle—a boy of he listened eagerly, and then in sudden joy he doubled my love for her, and determined not seven, and a girl of five—were caressed by cried out, "Through all the voices I heard my to give in at any price. My position at home of the sitters, I should have been glad had several of these spirits, one of whose white mother's." A second after all the light died makes it almost necessary that I should be veils spread over the hands and feet of a Mr. away in his face, and his eyes wandered married, but it has been impossible to arrive at Sjosted. A Spanish girl materialized before vacantly towards the window. Gomin asked any satisfactory arrangement, for as soone as I the cabinet and in front of the medium. Her him what he was looking at. But the dying mention the subject to her, she would instantly figure developed methodically from a gaseous boy seemed not to have heard, and took no be struck dumb, and immediately he was shape to a perfectly human-like body. When notice of the guardian's question. After a there to prevent her making any decision. asked for a proof of her identity she gave an time Lasne came upstairs to replace Gomin. This has been going on since last Christmas, evasive answer. One of the spirits was quite The Prince looked at him long and dreamily, so you may imagine how pleasant it has been six feet high, and swung the drapery in which then on some slight movement of his, Lasne for me all these months. There have been he, or she, was clad outside the cabinet entrance, so that anyone might examine it. Several small visitants were seen, as well as the outlines of a bearded man.

Le Messager, of Liege, says that Spiritual-Le Messager, or Liege, says that opiritual- his lips, then looking at Lasne, he said: "I ized by a bright light which she sees suddenly. in a recent issue of "Light" (pp. 406-7). new developments are observed almost daily. La Meuse, another Belgian paper, describes

a few unpleasant manifestations which have occurred in Hainault province. Some spirits have been annoying a priest by tearing his bed-curtains, shying the crockery, and otherwise making themselves very disagreeable. They follow him to church and cause priest has himself been doing some devil's very valuable book. Price, \$1.50; postage, bouts are over she will hug and kiss me, and to a better life. work of a mild kind on account of which good 12 cents.

spirits may have been delegated to slightly raise the temperature of his surroundings, as a sort of warning to him. La Meuse adds Items from Various Quarters. that it is a splendid opportunity for testing Ardent Lovers Separated by It. the efficacy of priestly exorcism, etc., and

L'Etoile Belge is very uncomfortable be-

nen chest was upset with a great racket.

An interesting story comes from Sweden.

An interesting story comes from Sweden. In the counting-house of Herr Fidler, a mer- men, go to this young man's circle, and many nothing than we should learn to love each chant in Gothenburg, a young woman is em- of them are "converted" on the spot. The other. ployed as correspondent. One day she wrote spirits at these seances reveal to the sitters For months we were always in each other's involuntarily the name "Sven Stromborg"—a their most secret thoughts, and do many other company, there being no secrets between us; name wholly unknown to her. Her employer things with which the readers of this journal in fact, we were like one, Last Christmas I is a Spiritualist, and at a seance held shortly are probably familiar. They have at last proposed to her, and, to my great surprise after in his own house the medium was asked caught this editor of the Greek Charivari, and mortification, she refused to give me a if she could throw any light on it. She is a whose name is Souri, and from an important satisfactory answer, and became quite strange ing on the character of the music, whether living, and suicide the best mode of flying Swede, but in answer the following was curi-opponent he has become a warm defender. in her manner towards me. I naturally conously enough written in English: "Stromborg His paper, Romois, is written in verse from be-cluded that she loved some other fellow wishes you to tell his family that he died in ginning to end, and he now holds seances in secretly, but she assured me that such was not Wisconsin, on March 13th. I am impressed his own house, where phenomena of a striking the case, but that she could not account for that he speaks the truth. I believe he said character are observed. Sometimes the table her feelings at all. However, after a week of that he lived in Jemland. Is there such, a is raised from the floor, and the sitters see un- pleading and praying she accepted me, in a place? In any case he is dead, and his wife der it a kind of phosphorescent light, which half-hearted sort of way, but with the burn-

ried, and the father of three children, and published in Turin, the Queen of Italy is a ing more ardent and passionate every day. died respected and lamented by everybody. Spiritualist, and a fervent one. It is said she I discovered at last the cause of all this, He desires me to beg you not to take too has a book ready entitled "Thoughts on the and in a very remarkable manner. A little

relatives in Strom-Stoking. The pastor of From Germany we learn that spirit photo- denly stop, and, rushing into our room, told this place was written to, and in reply he said graphs have been obtained through the medinal medical management of the could find no such name on his register. The could find no such name on his register. The could find no such name on his register. The could find no such name on his register. The could find no such name on his register. The could find no such name on his register. The could find no such name on his register. The could find no such name on his register. The could find no such name on his register. Herr Fidler then wrote to the emigration com- attempt there was a kind of cloud on the plate was at the time lying in his coffin, awaiting missioner, who reported that there was no to the right of the lady. At the second trial, burial next day. He was one of our neighbors. such place in North America. Finally a let a bright light to the left and a misty shape to The little girl was only 11 years of age, and ter was sent to Herr Olea, a personal friend the right. At the third an outstretched arm had never heard a word of Spiritualism. This of Fidler's, and in about six weeks the latter on the first plate; on the second a plainly was, then, a genuine case of clairvoyance. After received the following particulars: "A framed female figure, whom Mr. Demmler that she saw something every day, and being cannot distinguish the primary colors in a recognized as that of his niece. The spirits clairaudient had some very interesting conver-Soken, in Jemland, Sweden, died in the previsaid that they impressed the plate before the sations with our friends. She acted as a sort ous spring on the settlement of New Stock- photographs were taken. On this Mr. Holtz, of interpreter between me and my father, who holm, in the Assiniboyne district, leaving a by way of experiment, developed two plates died last year, and I had some very satisfac widow and three children. The settlement without exposing them through the lens or to tory proofs of the genuineness of the case. was begun in 1886. The intimation of the daylight in anyway. On both he obtained a death appeared in the Manitoba Free Press of strangely-formed light image. The above is

DEATH MUSIC.

Mother."

new account of Marie Antoinette in prison. strike me in the face (which of course I did same manner. During the performance of an

"So you suffer less," said Gomin. "Less," gathered and rolled down his sunken cheek. According to Psychische Studien another Comin asked him what was the matter. "Al-Gothenburg lady has been giving materializa. ways alone," the Prince murmured; "my most to rid her of it, but my efforts have been tion seances in Norway. She is called Mrs. mother remained in the other tower." Presently in vain. He has gathered an enormous Soldiers know that music adds to their cour-E. and was on a visit to Christiania. The Gomin said, "It is sad, certainly, to be alone, amount of power, and can almost do what he age. When the French army under Napoleon meetings were held in a large room in the but you are spared bad company and bad likes with her. One evening as we were walk- I. was crossing the Alps, and the soldiers presence of fifty persons. The room was examples." 'Oh, I see enough!" answered ing together he controlled her, and she actu- were perfectly exhausted by pulling up the lighted all the time by a gaselier in the centre, the child; "but," and he touched his guardian's ally took off her jacket and placed herself in

And here is the end: Soon after he turned his eyes eagerly towards girl as ill as possible. She has suffered very have a thing to tell you." The guardian took When I am spending the evening with her at If I am right in assuming—and the experihis hand, the prisoner's head sank on Lasne's her home, she will cometimes exclaim: "O ence of others and myself, I think, justifies breast, who listened in vain for another sound. George! I have just seen that light again." I me in so doing-that properly constituted cir-

"Antiquity Unveiled," communications snatched off her engagement-ring and thrown a more speedy regeneration of both worlds! him discomfort while performing mass. Other from ancient spirits. Appollonius of Tyana, it at me, saying she never wished to see me This, too, would proceed in geometrical protwo priests have testified to the facts of the the Jesus of Nazareth, St. Paul and John, the again. two priests have testined to the lacts of the Jesus of Mazareth, St. Paul and John, the again.

gression. Every progressing spirit, instead of phenomena, and, of course, the only explanative revelators of the Christian Scriptures, return At first I adopted a method of driving thim containinating others, either in this world or tion they give is that it is the work of the devil. to earth as a spirit, and explain the mysteries away by making magnetic passes down her the next, by "endeavoring to utilize them for It has not yet struck them, apparently, that it that have concealed the theological deception arms and legs, which answered very well for a their own gratification," would aid them, to may be the other way about, and that the of the Christian hierarchy. 608 pages. A time, but now I am powerless. After these the best of their ability, in their onward march

-Light, London.

To THE EDITOR OF THE MEDIUM. - Dear above her bed-chamber. Chairs were sud- Chamber of Deputies, has made himself Sir:—I beg to lay before you one of the queerdenly overturned in the latter apartment, and "ridiculous" by forming a circle in his own est and most unfortunate cases of spirit-conthe glass in the picture-frames was broken, house in the Rue Marquis for purposes of re- trol you have ever seen or heard of, and I with the exception of that covering a portrait search in the matter of Spiritualistic phenom- should be very grateful indeed if you could and Daybreak, London, Eng. help me in any way with your advice, for I am at present the most wretched individual on

For some years I have been acquainted with

ing love I had for her I was satisfied-nay,

I must mention here that our spirit friends, very touchingly confided her little daughter to

was very strange, and her love forme was of a

strumming on the piano, we heard her sud-

But, to return to my subject. One day my young lady and I were in the greenhouse with the spirit of a man always near my beloved, and that my father was quarreling with him, and endeavoring to get him away. On being told to ask him what he wanted, he answered "Through All the Voices I Heard My that he loved her, that he was one of her schoolmates, that he would stick to her forever, and that I should never marry her. Then of great beauty. The Weekly Sun gives these extracts from a she saw him come up to me and deliberately prised not to see me fall to the ground, and would not believe I had felt nothing.

I then saw that my darling was constantly controlled by a bad spirit, and I did my utheard him whispering to her that she will efforts, accomplished their task. Music, too, never be happy with me. Our spirit friends has influence in digestion. Next morning, June 8th, Lasne went up are powerless when he is about, although they have used their united efforts to rid the poor

not her fault; and although I feel very much can I do to aid in the reformation of society? hurt and disgusted, still my love for her is too These persons seem not to recognize the powgreat to abandon her to the mercies of such a ers of geometrical progression. May I illusdevil. It would fill a book to give you an trate it thus? Suppose, at the lowest compuaccount of all my terrible experiences, but I tation, that every convert produces one other Lie Rappel reports another haunted house.

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Le Rappel reports another haunted house.

Letter reports and reports an dear sir, advise me what to do?

> We lay this remarkable and painful case before our readers, with the desire that any useful information be given which they may possess on the subject.—Ed. M.]—Medium

Influence of Music on Man and Animals.

Professor J. M. Dogiel, of the University of Kazan, Russia, delivered recently an interesting lecture upon the above subject. I have sphere, and the combined efforts of the spirit briefly summarized his remarks.

...He commenced by saying that music has a powerful influence on man and animals; it affects the contraction of the muscles and operates on the nervous system. The respiration. allegro or andante. In consequence of such | from the ills we have to others that we know action of the music on the organism, the spiritual or mental condition of man is also changed. Change dur for mol with slow tempo, and the respiration becomes slower and deeper, the muscles are relaxed, and a melancholy disposition is induced. When a man was experimented upon the bare arm was immersed in water contained in a glass cylinder, any cents. displacement of the water, the result of DEMANDS OF ALL PROGRESSIVE MINDS changes in the girculation of the limb being Denayles and a review changes in the circulation of the limb, being of the ancient religious ideas. By Rov. S. Wegener. Pamphiet transmitted by an arrangement of sensitive wmething good to read. Price is cents. levers to a revolving drum covered with blackened paper, and there recorded as an irregular of the case of animals the artery to be one of the most valuable works ever published. Price \$1,50. observed was brought into contact with the levers, and the contractions, etc., directly transmitted and recorded.

Strychnia and some other poisons increase the irritability of the auditory nerve; spirituous liquors and opium, in large doses, on the contrary decrease the effect of musical sounds on the blood circulation.

tion of light to sound. He admits a resemblance, but also a great difference. The highest note of a flute (Re) is equal to 4,752

vibrations per second while the vibrations per second, while the sensation of red color is produced by 407 billions of vibrations per second. An experienced musical ear can distinguish all notes and their characcompound one. Harmony of sounds gives an idea of time, but harmony of colors that of LIFE AND LABOR IN THE SPIRIT-WORLD. we cannot expect from it what it cannot give

music, the lecturer stated that in the hands of competent physicians he felt, judging from his experiments, that it could not be other-mind and stricken heart. Price 50 cents. wise than a powerful remedy in the treatment of many nervous disorders.

Harmony in music is like symmetry in architecture. Could we but solidify or petrify the musical waves of some great musical composition we should have a crystal-like body

not feel), and the little girl said she was sur- opera some are very excited, others very go so far as to talk and yawn. There are others again who are unpleasantly affected. In some persons music excites the nervous

The lecture is given in full in the Scientific paper are reproduced, and show conclusively the effects of music upon man, cats, rabbits given of the music employed, presumably in the case of man. I note among others "a song of the natives of Polynesia.'

The professor's researches cannot be otherwise than interesting to Spiritualists. They confirm in a remarkable way the teachings of occultists, and show that music and singing at seances are calculated to harmonize and stimuthe lecturer, when dealing with the relation of light to sound, given some explanation of that not uncommon experience where music is associated in the mind of the listener with colors or forms. There are many such cases recorded: Personally, I think the connection between light and sound is much closer than the professor would allow.—Titus, in Light,

Kama Loka.

With your kind permission I should like to the window, a happy exclamation broke from much in health. His arrival is always signal, add a postcript to my letter, which appeared

There was no struggle, but when the guardian then know that it is all up; she will commence cles of Spiritualists, sitting with the best in felt the child's heart, it had ceased to beat to fidget, pushing me away from her, order me tentions and highest aspirations, can and do to go home, telling me she will give me up, promote the upward progress of the denizens and so on. On two or three occasions she has of "Kama Loka," what would follow? Surely gression. Every progressing spirit, instead of

beg of me not to be angry with her, that it is It is often said that "I am only one, what

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In the first ascent one would become two; in the second ascent two would become four; in the third the four would become eight, unti at the eleventh the number of converts would amount to two thousand and forty eight as the product of the first spirit convert. Multiply this by the number of such circles as might be held, and the vast amount of reformation that would take place in the region of 'Kama' Loka" must be apparent.

But the good effects would not end there; like progress would be made in this earthly and mundane workers would speedily produce such a very marked effect upon the religious, moral and social character of humanity, that "Kama Loka" would become almost tenant less, and we should no longer have so many not of. --- Arcanus, in Light, London.

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honeycombed with vice and hypocrisy, I pression I knew that he had suddenly left this of the Jewish Sanbedrim and the Roman prosingle life alone, to each individual. Even to street accidents. But though I looked at him a tale that is told—interesting, mournful, day, after eighteen hundred years of Christian so pityingly he saw me not, for his whole bedragic enough, but it is a thing of the past. What is not of the past but of the everof the world, the ratio of criminals to popula- great, fathomless orbs seemed to drink in her throws upon the absorbing problem of life in higher than in Buddhist and Brahmin lands, stained and begrimed apparel. Mohammedans. Ancient Hebrews knew matted hair from his forehead, and, as she the constant presence and within possible com. standing all this, that circle, although it had naught of immortality in joy, or in punish- did so, discovered a large, dark bruise on the munication of spiritual intelligences infinitely many more or less remarkable communications ment, Rabbinic Judaism taught the doctrine temple. But he never moved, only the look higher than ourselves. With these intelligences infinitely from spirits giving well-known names, never of successive lives—so did the Mysteries of of awe on his face deepened and became inten. gences it is permitted and even commanded had the slightest information in the name of Ancient Egypt, so did the Greek aporrheta, sifled, as though his little mind was trying to that we should enter into close relations, as it the widower's spouse. In another circle and Roman cultus, and so did and so do the great Indian religions; and I believe the ideal seemed afraid to leave her face, lest she should Heaven may deign to give us those directions a series of unimportant communications there should be nowed in upon our atmosphere, or some believe the ideal suddenly intervened a spirit who displayed so be nowed in upon our atmosphere, or some brittwho has been in apprint life thity-seven years. By and Roman cultus, and so did and so do the learn if this was a fairy being, and his eyes is through them that our Lord the King of formed by the above writer, in the middle of

dividual equally a necessity?

sudden death then a desirable thing? It is open to grave doubt whether the "early stages" are "rapidly run through." May not the sudden disruption itself be an evil?

speaks in this wav:

"The Kama-rupa of the perfect man would receive no contribution from the high Manas; it would be a brute, a shell, a senseless phantom, soon fading out, an elementary spooks of the seance room, the dwellers on the threshold, to whom, especially, the unwary

a figment of the imagination some know only too well.

The moral teachings of the lecturer can be applied to themselves by all:

progress-let us develop while we have the those who have learned to know it." opportunity. But we are under Karmic law we cannot anticipate the decision. We should __Light, London. work without personal ambition, as those who for all; respect life as those do who desire life families back to the Turkish invasion of ent from his own, had been briskly uttering and he is going to try again, Light, London. for its own sake: do these things and you will Europe.

end of a long and arduous journey, to fall asleep in peace as from fatigue. For the aged, the final scene is often brief and the phenomena of dying are imperceptible. At She Will Always Live in History. such a time the vivid recollections of a long life spent in benevolent self-sacrifice, in zealous endeavor to do the right, must con-The following extracts are from a lecture on stitute that euthanasia so much to be desired "Death," delivered by "Sapere Aude," F.T.S., by all. Let us endeavor then so to live as to at the Adelphi Lodge, on February 6th, 1893; have no fear of death; holding such doctrines "Almost universal in the ancient world was as I have described, to confess to a fear of the doctrine of successive lives, of a series of chath is to confess to an ill spent life."-Light,

the dogma of a single life for each individual. twilight shadows were gathering around me, assumption and what remains? A manifest mind the fact that the present views regarding thoughts and feelings that link us so closely nevertheless, with the facts of history before or woe, an alternative of never-ending reward us from their higher states of life. My hands, Christianity, a doctrine which has reached its disposed to rest than even to think, and tenpresent development by a series of changes; der spirit-touches completed the charm of the

eyes, and as she looked a smile rippled over beauty of the story of the Maid of Orleans. Eternity is truly said to be inconceivable, and her features, and though I had seen this dear Jeanne incarnates all that is loveliest in new associations, new developments, but rush to mine, and course down my checks in humility of this superb soul. To have given once spread so widely, and at the same time numbered more than ten. And there were have shared in the greatest crime in history. that in Christian England, the purest country bright spirit who was so near to him. His living present is the light which Jeanne's story

Yes, but why should these renewed lives be turned to depart, a gentle breeze came up be- iar cry of Sanhedrim and of of Council, that departed, never to return. The article consuper ridiculously absurd."

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Now, here we have one of both before and after this earth-life seems to Hopeful's dress around the little figure at her if there be a God, Lord not only of all the ings" of the late Mr. Stainton Moses, which it be a necessity, but is the existence of the in-side, and his rags were hidden from sight, or; Earth but of the Heaven and of the Heaven of says remained anonymous in spite of the earnrather, seemed to dissolve away, as her pure Heavens, who is encompassed about by an in, est and unceasing efforts of the medium to

The Possibilities of Prayer.

According to a quotation from the North As to the Kama-rupa, the animated though Reviews, a writer in the American Review, American Review, made by the Review of mindless shell of the dead man, the lecturer Mr. E. S. Martin, propounds a theory whereby

seem to be not an argument or entreaty which influences the sentiments of the Deity, but a become of France if Jeanne d'Arc had closed the better to isolate himself from his immediwithout evil influence. But the Kama-rupas force which acts directly on some force which her ear to voices, and rejected their counsel as ate surroundings, concentrated all his faculof the wicked, and of suicides, although in- is included in God. Of prayer so considered temptations from hell?—Light, London. visible to us men, are terrible realities, and it is as obvious a necessity that the results it sources of many dangers; they are the deluding seeks should accord with God's will as that the results expected from the control of other

which decides for us how long this present is as much at sea with regard to "God's will" dropped his pipe. In the same listless way was this passage: "All went satisfactorily, opportunity must last, within certain limits; as he is with regard to the laws of Nature. he stooped to pick it up, and went on to fin- but there was not lacking the mystifying spirit,

those who fight for self, but we should fight and Bokhara-who date the origin of their ing which interval another voice, totally differ. tion of the message written by Senor Catucci,

"How excellent a thing it must be to spend a Grand Duke, there being seven Grand Duchies for the matter of that, always claimed doglong life well, and to attain at last to death as the in the German territory.

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"From such a conclusion human reason an inveterate prejudice against admitting the So she stood gazing at me with such tender can vie with the tragic horror and transcendent

of the shadow of death, at whose entrance we are now to meet him, and to trace his fate; whether he be in the home surrounded by friends or alone upon a desert, he must submit to the inevitable. If the death be sudden, 8the early stages are rapidly run through; stages are rapidly run through; and are all dwelt upon, and more fully realized."

How does the lecturer know this? Is sudden death there are a disturbance in the plastic plants and attenuated medium of the ether. Why?

In the end be in the plastic plants and interesting to every body. Price and attenuated medium of the ether. Why?

In the plastic plants and interesting to every body. Price who are all ministering spirits to those who are alled to be sons of God and heirs of heaven, what unfaith is there not latent in the have interesting to every body. Price who are called to be sons of God and heirs of heaven, what unfaith is there not latent in the have a conclusion is absolutely true because of its who are called to be sons of God and heirs of heaven, what unfaith is there not latent in the have ex Tenebris," by the Spanish paper premises. And what is a "cosmic scale?" The evening shadow and empty cry that everything that is who are all ministering spirits to those who are called to be sons of God and heirs of heaven, what unfaith is there not latent in the following experiment is quoted from heaven, what unfaith is there not latent in the following experiment is quoted from heaven, what unfaith is there not latent in the accompanies. And what is a "cosmic scale?" The occurrence of the event because of its promise. And what is a word that can only be used when a conclusion is absolutely true because of its promise. And what is a word that can only be used when a conclusion is absolutely true because of its promise. And what is a word that can only be used when a conclusion is absolutely true because of its promise. The following

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from his lips ideas quite foreign to my friend, be as happy as those who live for happiness. Germany only has preserved the title of as I had all my life known him. The words.

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At times when all conditions separate individuality, acting collectively, so derived from the extensive spread of nominal and for the time, too, my mind seemed more working hypothesis provisionally that will are absolutely the same as on previous occato say. Others, of certain elements and account for the facts than give up the whole slons it often happens that at a following species, change form under a fixed law which problem as insoluble, merely because we have meeting, when it is earnestly desired to have Kabalists explain. The most solid of their the same phanomena repeated, nothing at all bodies is ordinarily just immaterial enough to Anniversary Address. hands of dominant teachers who evolved them I may have been sitting in such stillness for existence of another world than this, whose occurs—not even the movement of a table on from their own sense of what was fitting, and some time, I know not how long, when I saw inhabitants, though invisible to the mortal the floor, or of a pencil in the hand of the melater by successive concessions to public before me a being who at once was the fair- eye, nevertheless exercise a constant and dium. It is not widely known that a strong perfectly recognized by the inner or clair. Decoration Address. opinion and scientific investigation. Apart est and sweetest that my eyes had ever beheld. sometimes dominant influence upon the affairs desire for phenomena hinders their appearance. from parable and allegory, one cannot find in Clad in garments of pure white she appeared, of men. It is this which gives the story of lance, and if the intelligences who reveal themthe words of Jesus any assertion of eternal while from her form their issued such a radi- Jeanne d'Arc its incomparable fascination to selves through written manifestations and burning, or of everlasting white-robed choral ance that it seemed to me as though she was in modern times. In itself it is a history of un. nonnce that the communications are ready, the service. The red-hot hell of the most orthodox the golden sunlight, although to us it was equaled pathos. No myth of Greece or pencil stops or falls from the hand of the me the same purpose by pneumatic and hydraulic Rome, no fairy tale of the Christian hagiology, dium if the latter is entranced; and the onlooker may repeat and repeat his question, but helped by the "human elementaries," or the THE SUNDAY QUESTION. the hand will not move again. Even in the "shells." More than this: they can so concase of physical manifestations, if the end is dense it as to make for themselves tangible as this is true, so is it true that no such period as this is true, so is it true that no such period spirit many times before, I thought she grew without change can exist. Longer than a life, fairer each time she appeared. Still she spoke man; she unites the virtues of the cloister with longer than the life of a nation. Longer than the life of a nation. the phenomena are not stopped at the pleasure choose by taking as their models the portraits of the sitters, and still less through violence. they find stamped in the memory of the persons but any stage of any existence, to be endless left my face, and a pitying, compassionate Deborah. She bore herself with equal charm. If, for example, it is for some reason desired present. It is not necessary that the sitter is a contradiction in terms, it indeed cannot look came in them. She was looking down at in the cottage by her spinning-wheel and in her side. My eyes quickly followed hers, and the court of the king. Misfortune did not made to take the pencil from the hand of the represented. His image may have faded many Death introduces a new order of things, I saw there that which made the swift tears disturb the serenity, nor victory spoil the entranced medium, that member closes tightly years before. The mind receives indelible over the pencil and obstinately holds on to it, neither of these, nor any further change will sudden sympathy, for there by her side stood birth to such a woman was an atonement in or if removed, it persistently seeks to recover be infinite, so long as time exists or so far as what appeared to be a little street waif. Shoe- advance even for the crime of producing the it until it is replaced again between the fingers; or persons encountered but once. As a rew seconds' exposure of the sensitized photograph time is conceivable—the human mind may in- less, hatless, with torn clothes that seemed author of La Pucelle," or Napoleon, the devas- or the movements of the table, or its raps, will deed conceive of a spiritual plane, of spiritual much too large for him, he looked a figure to tator of Europe. As long as the human heart eagerly call for the alphabet, if the seance be persons beyond time and out of place—but in move the heart of anyone possessed of human endures, the parrative of her captivity and considered as already finished. The personal time—the idea of "changelessness" is an sympathy. But what touched me most was her burning will rouse feelings that lie too character of the information depends even empty folly.

'If I were asked, why Christianity has at look, too, for his years, which could not have ple and the Roman Church to admit that they cation with their dead relatives, and yet this less on the wish of the medium. People decation with their dead relatives, and yet this why the civilization of Christian nations is so stains of blood on his face, too, and by im- since that which stands to the account occurs very rarely—when they are not content all theosophic science, one would like to know to remain satisfied with superficial informalif it is the same ether which Western science should attribute as the reason, its dogma of a life through being the victim of one of our consul for the Crucifixion. But all that is as tion. The question of spirit identity is, as is well-known, the stumbling block of Spiritualism. The writer of the article in the Weekblad knew a circle which had been formed by. a widower in order to obtain communications from his deceased wife. The circle consisted tion is higher than in countries where the loveliness, and the white of her garments this world and the next. For if Jeanne was only of the widower, the son of his late wife, older great religions bear sway, and especially shone like pure snow by contrast with his mud-correct, we who live, and move, and have our and her slater—three persons who were acbeing in the midst of these temporal things, quainted with the peculiarities of the loved and higher than among either Hebrews or She, with a tender hand, put back the which are but for a day, are all the while in personality they desired to meet. Notwith-

there are, no doubt, as there are evil men on chology. One evening, at his lodgings, in the this earth; and for those who dare not face the influence of their fellowmen the Roman Church has prepared the cloister, in order that they may live retired and apart from the world. But why should we carry this cow-ardice of the cloister into the region from the ardice of the cloister into the region from the ardice of the cloister into the region from the ardice of the cloister into the region from the control of the cloister into the region from the control of the cloister into the region from the chology. One evening, at his lodgings, in the put we will leave magnings, in the price it is lodgings, in the price it is in the control of the cloister, in order that it was the has to say about certain other 'Elementals:'

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"The more rational idea of prayer would seem to be post as negative of the seem to be post as negative property which, in the future as in the past, it may took a piece of paper, wrote on it a few lines, possessed by the earth-bound elementaries; at lines their masters, but ever in the long run of the seem to be post as a seem to be associates. He committed to memory the contents of his message, and, shutting his eyes, the better to isolate himself from his immediate surroundings, concentrated all his faculties on the accomplishment of his purpose. There was a moment during which he saw in imagination or by means of psychical vision humanity, they become, until final annihila.

The time to the fining tuntion of the same two classes of these terrible beings.

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There was a moment during which he saw in imagination or by means of psychical vision humanity, they become, until final annihila. bono? it is enough to ask: What would have contents of his message, and, shutting his eyes, imagination or by means of psychical vision humanity, they become, until final annihilathe old room, the round table and the people tion, vampires, ghouls, and prominent actors the threshold, to whom, especially, the unwary natural forces should accord with the laws of and untrained experimenter in magic, exposes himself, hence the risk of fooling with the laws of the skin to it. He shares its lowing reply appeared in last week's issue of with hoth/hands, transmitted by tilts, letter by which phenomenon they form with the help of the state universe; but he is akin to it. He shares its lowing reply appeared in last week's issue of quality. All things are possible to him if that paper:

| Allen Putnam, A. M. A marvelous book. Price with both/hands, transmitted by tilts, letter by which phenomenon they form with the help of the genuine-born letter, the contents of the message referred to. occult arts."

Whether this be the right-interpretation or only he can learn how. If he can ever become not, that the "dweller on the threshold" is not the reverent master of scientific prayer we say to "M. W." that the out-and-out best experiment lasted but a few seconds, it left Senor Catacci somewhat exmay expect to see the rate of his progress in ample of trance is that cultivated (chiefly in hausted. He confessed to his friend that he spheres." definitely accelerated. The incurable will be their private circles) by the folk called Spirit. had no great hope of any result, as he was cured then; the impracticable will be done; ualists. Some twenty years ago I used to quite ignorant of the conditions necessary for the secret of perpetual motion will be revealed; care for these things. Here is a rough speci-such efforts, and in a day or two the circum-Let us work while it is yet day, let us the fountain of youth will gush out. The men: Half a dozen of us sat chatting, as peo- stance passed from his mind. The president be not quite what she makes them out to be? cultivate length of days to obtain measure of millennium will have come then, but only for ple will, on a bright afternoon in a country of his old circle was in the habit of sending house, when my friend, aged about thirty, in him weekly an account of the messages they One cannot help thinking that Mr. Martin the middle of a sentence became listless and received, and in the one following his attempt ish his sentence, all wide-awake again. He did who tried to hoax us by means of a message not know until we told him that his pipe had signed by yourself, a copy of which I enclose, are ambitious; we should struggle upward, as There are three Khans-Khiva, Khokand lain on the floor twenty minutes or more, dur-numbered 3." This was a faithful reproduc-

matically to be the speech of a separate intelli-) teacher:

ELEMENTALS.

As Viewed by Madame Blavatsky.

Madame Blavatsky's papers on Elementals are continued in "Lucifer." The Elementals treated of are the so-called Lature spirits. These have no consciousness, as we understand it, so that their acts may be good or bad indifferently. Of course they can manipul Dedication. late the ether: "This class is believed to possess but one

of the three chief attributes of man. They distinguishing degree, of the element to which | Wars of Islam. rudimental mind. Some remain throughout Conflicts of Life. several cycles changeless, but still have no The Power and Permanency of escape perception by our physical eyesight, but not so unsubstantial but that they can be What is Truth? voyant vision. They not only exist and can all live in other, but can handle and direct it for the production of physical effects, as readily as we can compress air or water for can cause to assume such likeness as they impression even from chance acquaintances, or persons encountered but once. As a few plate is all that is requisite to preserve indefinitely the image of the sitter, so is it with the mind."

Now, what is this ether with which the "Elementals" can do such things? It is not said that Madame Blavatsky was wrong, but as the ether plays such an important part in asserts to be ether-that is, a perfectly elastic solid, or an utterly incompressible fluid.

Madame Blavatsky after some historic devia tions says of these Elementals:

"If we will only bear in mind the fact that the rushing of planets through space must create as absolute a disturbance in the plastic and attenuated medium of the ether as the passage of a cannon shot does in the air, or that of a steamer in the water, and on a cosmic scale. we can understand that certain planetary aspects, admitting our premises to be true, may produce much more violent agitation and cause much stronger currents to flow in a light. An Adventet looking for the end, ual Congress. Price, 25 ceres. given direction than others. We can also see why, by such various aspects of the stars, seemed afraid to leave her face, lest she should of subsequent lives on earth—each intertured by the conduct of the previous life, and each either hastening on or delaying a long and lissful reunion with the divine—tends more than the ideal of an almost inconceivable eternal heaven, or the notion of a hell of abenevolent Supreme Being."

Heaven may deign to give us those directions as series of unimportant communications there should necessary for our well-being and for the delivation of the delivation of the special points of the previous life, and each her turn and take his hand to lead him away, and "Hopeful's" (for that was the spirit's to a life of morality, purity, and benevolence than the ideal of an almost inconceivable eternal heaven, or the notion of a hell of a been inspired to give us those directions in the delivation of the delivation of the give the experiences of the suddenly interested by the better that those who said of our Lord that he act that those who said of our Lord that the standard of the delivation of the number of the delivation of the number of the previous life, and each the turn and take his hand to lead him away, and "Hopeful's" (for that was the spirit's act that those who said of our Lord that the standard of the delivation of the suddenly interested a spirit who displayed so be poured in upon our atmosphere, or some which the delivation of the delivation of

assimilation. "The rushing of planets through

But we will leave Madame Blavatsky's very

"'elemental" creatures, which hover around and welcome them with delight in their own spheres."

Just so. But, then, as Madame Blavatsky's ether is something of the network of significant spheres. The control of the network of significant spheres. The control of the network of significant spheres.

ether is something of the nature of distilled water, may not her "Brothers of the Shadow" be not quite what she makes them out to be?

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Amidst all the agencies at work by our Psychic church, no one of them is more important than that of curing the loved daughter, and commit with unside. Already during the short time moved countenance her mortal body to Buddhism is a question for Esoteric Buddhism. The paper in the Literary tablished along the lines of strictest our hospital has been established we have treated hundreds of the sick poor, and we hope to treat many more.

we have all along maintained, namely, that our church is a great healing cured. church, and our movement a mission to the body as well as to the soul.

say, but we have so much faith in those proud of our work! Indeed, this only whom we know to be behind us and expresses half the truth—the real truth helping us that we are dismayed by no is, that we revel in it! pathological foe, and confidently regard various diseases as curable even when, ordinarily speaking, there appears no but at night, after the vesper-bell has possibility of a cure.

As showing this I may say that among the obstinate and intractable diseases with which we attempt to deal is that life and immortality, then we feel that common and generally considered incurable malady-insanity. That is all right enough, I hear you

say, and much success to your efforts, but that is not curing Death. Well, perhaps not, and, of course,

literally speaking, Death cannot be What we do, however, and do success-

it of its sting and terrors. How do we do this? you ask. By provconsidered incurable ailment of the body, so do we physicians of the soul

revel over our panacea for Death. with welcome?

Why! it is the grandest discovery in the world's history, and will shed imperishable lustre both upon the age which discovered it and the men who brought it into prominence.

Does the fell affliction of bereavement require no such panacea? Let me answer this question by ask- you?

what is the cause of the largest amount of grieving in the world—almost all the crying, nearly all the tears? Is it not the loss of friends—the death of ing another: father or mother, or brother or sister?

Why, such a blowcrushes all to whom it comes, and, if they have not this remedy, almost breaks the heart of every

That the cause of our work being de- great work? layed as it is with tears is for the most the depredations of the King of Terrors. Why, you know I am.

for instance, the case of a father who loves his child, or a husband his wife; the death of that child or wife is a blow that nearly kills him.

gone out, his grief is uncontrollable, nightly demonstrations of immortality, reason is lost frequently in consequence, and he is often not the same man again. Highlife, which was before happy, is now happy knowledge of a future existence in their lastern morality. The wretched; his attention may be distractable after the body has been thrown aside, ed for a time, but he looks at the vacant and many happy hours communion with chair, breaks into a flood of grief, noth- the loved ones gone before. ing can stop his tears, and he refuses to he comforted.

realized, yet many months or years pass even here. Yes, before long, in this before he can again enter with his church, in front of this altar, we fully wonted zest upon the enjoyments of life, and by this time another bereave-ment is probably due, even if it has not sidered by the world as dead, will mateactually happened. Or, again, he perhaps loses two or three children at once, as in my practice as a physician I have more than once known a parent to to be verified. We should not have do, by scarlet fever or some other epidemic, and in such a case he is so overlonger wishes to live.

Yes, my friends, if you have only seen as I have, but too often, the woe-stricken faces, the despairing throwing-up of hands, and heard the agonizing shricks niercing the air and entering into one's very soul, as the mortal form of a beloved child, or wife, or husband, is carried out of the house to the hearse, or deposited in the grave, and when we remember, too, that this sort of thing is that will be. What a picture for an ute of time, rendering this beautiful artist. What a signal for an unbelievgoing on somewhere nearly every minearth a scene of mourning and despair; if we see on the faces of those who appear a will not think I have a smile of triumph and a popular in the second sec if, I say, you only bear all this in mind, you will not think I have exaggerated whether their lips will open and they when I say that to grapple with such a when I say that to grapple with such a will speak to us I cannot say; but this

this? You would not if you knew our this: "Behold a great discovery! Death remedy—if you had our knowledge. As a writer has well said, "it not only a writer has well said, "it not only Two Worlds, London, Eng.

D.—"I am mighty and great, and lord of the heaven; how, then, Adhamma, will you battle with me?"

A.—"Iron breaks gold, but gold never ried on to elevate dark spirits. They not contain all that we love dearest and best, that the tomb does not blot out all the hopes and aspirations of our race; that the dead are gone, but not forever- October 1, 1893, Everett A. Whitney, "Surely," he continues, "there is no order of R. O. I. All, of the death. Though our friends pass from ceased was a prominent member, took he continues. our sight, we know they are not dead. charge of the funeral. The attendance the god; he falls from his car, the earth We hear their voices, clasp their hands, was very large. Services were conduct- opens, and he descends into Niraya. and enjoy the same communion as of ed by the writer in Maccabee Temple in The doors of the spiritual world Thornton. that have been barred so long are not only set ajar but opened wide, and from Sunday morning, Sept. 24th, Sarah good, which somehow can so affect the many mansions of our Father's home Mason, wife of C. H. Horine, of Chicago, intermediary chain of existence as to be only set ajar but opened wide, and from come the level ones with kindly mes- in the 63d year of her age. An ex- translatable even, at times, into mesages and friendly greetings. Those emplay, loving wife, mother and friend, chanical force. Here, naturally, the that work of benevolence, will you, we thought lost to us reassemble once ever mindful of the welfare of others, story is mythical, but the essential Spiritualists? It is divested of the alagain by the firesides and on the hearth- she deserved and possessed the esteem meaning is the same as it is in all the stones that have seemed so full of deso- of all who knew her. Being familiar legends which the materialistic hyintion since the happy home circle was with the philosophy and truths of broken—broken, but, thank God! broken Spiritualism, she was satisfied to expression of the severed ties are joined change the physical for the celestial idea of absolute good and of absolute might to elevate those who are bound again, the old friendships are renewed, body. Her spirit children and other evil—as a matter of fact we can have no again, the old friends received her from the loved knowledge of anything really absolute, being the satisfaction of doing good. thus," he concludes, "transporting us ones left behind to follow in the full- White linen looks spotless against a from the homes here to the homes be- ness of time. She was fully aware of dark surface, but place it on newlydelightful stir of human life-of life new ing to all.

in form—with fresh pleasures, associations and delights, but nevertheless a life in which we see the same dear faces as of yore beaming with new gladness, and hear the old familiar voices welcoming us and bidding us dry our tearstained eyes and sorrow no more!"

Is it any wonder, then, that with a knowledge such as this, with a remedy so potent as this, Death ceases to have any terrors? I think not, and seeing that a devoted and loving father can officiate at the funeral of his own bethe earth, as I read to you in the lesson that good man did, and many others beside, I think that the grim monster may This fact justifies us in the contention be said to have received his final blow, and Death practically be regarded as

And this is the work which for nearly twelve months now we, of this church As to the amount of success that has have been busily engaged in, namely, attended our efforts it is not for us to killing or curing Death. And we are

We take pleasure in our work of healing the body which occupies us all day, summoned us to our devotions, and we descend from our oratory to the room below to meet anxious enquiries after we are doing good work indeed.

And is it any wonder when we see, as we do, the widow in her "weeds" coming to know of her lost husband, and to hear her say: "Does he live, and is he with me still?" the husband to know of his wife, and children to know of their parents, and to witness their joy at having found those who were lost. I ask fully, is to cure the fear of Death—rob feel again, is it any great wonder that we it of its sting and terrors. surprise at our patience and wonder that ing that Death is only a change of state: we can go on night after night as we do, that a man is more alive after so-called but they would not be surprised if they

Death? I think we can; and just as an | when to the widow and the orphan are covery of some new and effectual rem- and they doubt no longer that their edy for some distressing and hitherto loved ones still live and love them yet. And here let me appeal for more la-borers in this great work. The enquirers are many, the laborers compara-And shall not our remedy be received tively few. To those having gifts of mediumship I would specially appeal. Do not, we beg you, confine your gifts to the privacy of your own homes, but tality of the soul in principle, yet become to us and place them at the service lieves it in practice, and he is thoroughly of your fellowmen. For what other end. indeed, are they yours? Nay, more, if you are selfish and refuse, may it not be that they will ultimately be taken from

> Cultivate your gifts, then, but above rightly so, evidence and proof. and through you sensitives alone; and until our college is founded we shall have to rely upon your generous and

And now, a word or two to those outand seek with honest hearts and true, and if, moreover, you attend with as He feels as if the light of his soul had much diligence as you are able our truths.

To those who do not see their way clear to accept this invitation to our circhurch, in front of this altar, we fully believe that the curtains of the cabinet

rialize and issue forth in full view. This is no idle prophecy, but a statement, as we rejoice to think, destined i made this announcement on our own responsibility alone, but it is made on the whelmed by the catastrophe he no authority of "those behind the veil," and when they make a promise we know from the experience of the past that that promise they are able as well as willing to perform.

When that time comes—as come assuredly it will-the triumph of our church will be complete, the rock on which it is built will be rendered more impregnable still, and the church militant will give place to the church triumphant. And, oh! what a grand scene foe and to provide a remedy for such a much I know, that if they do I can even calamity is the noblest occupation in now give their message. It may not be now give their message. which we could possibly be engaged.
How does the remedy act? Well, it cures entirely. Are you surprised at speak at all, what they will say will be

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prove their present state. and But tales, a cheerful view of life, though evidence and proof can be obtained by they sometimes end with a retirement to a monastery. These tales are always interesting, full of morality and instruc-Am I not right, then, in my contention? not come there too, and help in this 1. That all men suffer. 2. How the suffering originates. 3. That suffering may be done away with. 4. How this to aid us in extending the circulation of part mainly and undoubtedly owing to side the pale of our church. To you we may be done. Everyone who understands THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER abroad in give a cordial invitation to seek for the the four truths is on the right road to the land, so that the spirit it reprelight and knowledge we ourselves pos-sess. It is true that you may not get ceive a truth it must be prepared. satisfaction at once, but if you persevere Therefore the tales; they are intended where, and our cause assume the high due conception of the great religious

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