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Spiritualism the Social Saviour.

BY A. DEARNLEY SERJEANT.

Its Annie Boddington in one of her addresses reged: "When Spiritualism is the universal religion, sewill be no suffering humanity." Although on a first sew of this statement this may seem to be a somewhat godaim, yet on a second or further review we find it is that which, either consciously or sub-consciously, we secome to regard as the core or the centre of the nucleus that teaching associated with the proven survival of anythick we have accepted, and the rest of the world added, as Spiritualism.

Now, we know at this present crux of civilisation there istate of affairs which Mr. Harry Boddington in his is at the Queen's Hall the year before last termed the law of the Jungle." That is to say, a state wherein every aliyes for himself, regardless of his brother man, and is no intention to carry out that magnificent ideal of sherhood as taught and practised by the Master, Jesus. We have only to go out into the world to-day to see apparent truth of these remarks, where civilisation is to be a heterogeneous collection of units perpetually ong with one another, never in one single instance eding on a divine plan of harmony and concordance the case with all visible and invisible manifestations reat life force in action. If, then, spiritualisation of world is the ideal to be worked for by all receivers of agreat truth, what are the first steps to be taken towards social reformation of the world?

As we all know, and none will dispute. Spiritualism for mediumship, and, therefore, it will be our primary to place mediumship in its proper place and on its met footing.

At the present day conditions so sacred and so holy a seminary as mediumship is at the mercy of any desecrating. It is the prey of Piccadily fortune-tellers, suburban with an eye to business who parade in mystic robes the back drawing-room, and with the help of a crystal ther means of adventitious aids, will tell you if your thusband will be dark or fair, how many teeth he will how much money—oh, most important item—and details required according to an ascending scale of paid.

another alternative is that a select coteric of ladies n a so-called developing circle at a church, being busly drawn there by the lurid fascination of phenomena to many like strong drink to weak-willed men. what happens in a good many cases, the class nby, a fully-developed clairvoyant, very often a born Tovant, who kindly practises her clairvoyance on the whose progress in consequence is tardy, and the total negligible. Lured by the fascination of notoriety the sense of limelight, various members of this select Wessay the platform, having in many cases had little nental or spiritual training. Thus their address is that mediocre quality which is painfully characterthose who leave that part of the business to that overworked partner, their guide. If anybody to be summoned for sweated labour it is some mediums girattitude towards their guides. Again very often hat high spirituality, which is that which alone Thus, as a rule, they only get in and are able to obtain within the range of their To accespirit entities of the lower zones of the next plane, often of a class undeveloped both mentally and spiritually, also in tastes and desires leaning more towards earth than those brighter spheres where those who were faithful unto death in their guardianship of heavenly treasures live to love God. One of our own mediums, ever busy at work on our mission, said to me only last summer that it was such a pity that so many of our workers never essayed to reach the higher zones of the next planes.

Thus once more returning to the subject in question, the medium in her work from the platform, in accordance with her personality, attracts from the outer world men and women of the same type of devitalised spiritual nature, the law of affinity ever working with deadly and unvarying precision. Thus in many quarters is our movement spiritually starved, spiritual and mental stagnation ensues, and it is wondered by the undiscerning why the movement as a corporate whole does not make greater progress than it does to-day, for the power of the spirit is inexhaustible, tireless. Iimitless. Once we become wholehearted in our efforts, no power can stay its progress, and its advances are ever with increasing momentum.

Now I have purposely made these remarks, which may seem to some beside the mark, but in reality they are not, for I want of stress the fact of how cheaply mediumship is regarded and held by many, even in our own movement.

Now, it must be remembered and hammered into one's subconsciousness, with a Joel-like persistency, that mediumship is a most holy thing, and that to receive it is like entering the holy of holies, and we must be spiritually prepared likewise.

Many of the people who enter our church and meetingplaces to-day should have nothing to do with mediumship in particular or Spiritualism in general, for they are only worshippers of mediums and mediumship, and are not in the least interested in what these gifts imply or to what they lead-that way of spiritual calvary, whereby we may tread the path that leads us into that inner kingdom which is in the heart of every man and woman. For Spiritualism is but the first step or steps on the way of initiation into the kingdom of God, and drastic, but necessary, are the fires of purification for the novitiate. And thus I again say that many who sit Sunday after Sunday, year in and year out, in our churches are not as yet ready for the teachings of Spiritualism; they are still functioning on the planes of materialism, and in consequence, as is the case with material conditions, there is not sufficient leaven there to contend with the great spiritual forces that are brought into action once we pass the rubicon of Spiritualism.

This alone, and no other cause, is the result of every unsatisfactory Spiritualist that we have had in our movement from time to time, be it from mental, moral, psychical or physical conditions. The old orthodox statement, "That there is no health in us," has a deeper and more occult meaning than first meets the superficial eye.

Mediumship is the nearest point of contact to God that we can ever obtain here, and it should not be at the desecrating mercy of the passer-by, or at his whim to get his phenomena and the communion of saints as easily as he can get his cup of tea at Lyon's.

Wherever mediumship is being exercised it is holy ground, and all within that circle should be holy likewise. Mediumship, through its instruments of expression, the mediums, is, or rather should be, the acknowledged legislator of the world.

Now, I have brought you to the statement which is the main and dominating theme of my paper, which I have

been endeavouring, every step of the way, the insistent truth of this affirmation. Thus when we have raised the world to a higher state of spiritual consciousness by the advocacy and practice of our philosophy, mediumship will likewise move on a higher plane of manifestation. Instead of the many petty trivialities of spirit communion that often jar upon us and vex our souls, we shall instead contact with the higher spirit realms, and in consequence we shall have communion that will dispense philosophy of a wide-embracing order, knowledge of a kind yet unattainable, and spiritual legislation that will unite all in one common brotherhood, so that the whole world will be flooded with that "light that never was on sea or land."

Once we have reached that step, not only will the destinies of nations be changed, but that of the whole world also. We shall be able then to tap founts and sources of wisdom, guidance and instruction yet undreamed of by man. In other words, the finest exponents of mediumship will be the rulers, legislators and arbiters of the world's destiries. We shall exchange with great advantage the League of Nations at Geneva for a League of Nations run by the members of the spiritual heirarchy in the world of spirit.

Parliament will then be at a discount, and we can hand over the Houses of Parliament to the nation as a suitable building to house the museum of war relics, apt symbols of those who in their blindness thought that they could settle all trouble by war. Passing strange is the perversences and ingrained obstinacy of man.

But it must be remembered that in order to bring such an eminently desirable condition of affairs into being two things must be worked for and ever kept in view. That the medium is a holy being, the state of his holiness being in proportion to the state of his mediumship. That as one develops psychically, so likewise should he develop in holiness in equal ratio. Also that the embryonic medium should perpare for the full development of the dispensation of mediumistic gifts by a long course, not only of psychic development, but a stringent course of health training, and also of earnest spiritual training, meditation, concentration and prayer.

The medium, he or she, should be as sacred as any priest of the inner mysteries or the vestal virgins of ancient Greece, to whom we stand in the direct line of succession, carrying on from those far-off days the revealed plan of God's great plan of salvation for humanity.

To obtain the highest form of mediumship, the would-be aspirant should lead a life of absolute chastity, the vows being as binding as those in ancient religious cults. purer the vessel, the greater the measure of God can it contain, and the greater can the Christ spirit transfigure and transform it. Neither-and I say it advisedly and deliberately with forethought and reason brought well into playshould the medium eat meat or drink alcohol in any form. He should avoid tobacco, strong drugs, medicines of any kind, and should never be vaccinated. For free the spirit of the carnal tastes of man, and the filthy impurities which we at our present stage of evolution love to clog and disorganise the human body with, so better able will that spirit soar to spiritual heights and realms yet untouched by man, aye, even to the very gates of heaven itself, and bring back that which at present no man knoweth or even dreameth in the deepest and most shadowy depths of that vast underworld, the subconscious mind.

Does not Socrates say "that the body is ever a hindrance in the search after wisdom, if only that it fills us with passions and desires and fears and all manner of phantoms and much foolishness, so that in very truth we can never think at all for it."

To continue, the path of the ideal medium should be one trod with absolute circumspection. Neither should the privilege of getting in touch with a medium be one that should be obtained too lightly. A great deal of what applies to the medium, in a lesser sense, applies also to the recipient. That is, he should not be allowed the sacred use of communion until he has gone along the lines of a certain spiritual purification and a requisite measure of mental development. This, of course, is the one and main avenue how Spiritualism will eventually revolutionise the social life of the worlds. I have clearly shown how this condition of affairs may be

brought about if we so desire, which is generally a dittale. Perhaps in the remainder of this paper we callineate a few other ways by which Spiritualism cannot the world.

As we all know, the Brotherhood of Man is our seprinciple, one that is more often spoken of than practice of the practice automatically them would become a very much pleasanter place to live But until we can put more pep and vim into our seprinciple, I am very much afraid that the world will tinue to wag along at its old rate of progression. Sou that devoutly desired consummation comes about, were work along other channels to bring about that spiritual social reformation of the world, which is the sacredical all true Spiritualists.

Firstly, we must encourage by every means in our the practice and still greater development of the divine gift of healing, as laid down by Jesus, and carried out to any extent until Modern Spiritualism a slumbering world. The existence of the happier most harmonious conditions is produced by the functioning through the healthiest bodies. And that turn is produced by living as close as possible to the law laws of God, and if adjustment or correction be need the physical body, then have resource to Nature, as the heal as nothing else can.

Some of us know the wonderful work that has been by "Medicine Man," through the mediumship of Mr. of Wimbledon. If there were more such as he, downwould rapidly be at a discount, for hospitals are only ments of our follies, and doctor's plates the tombstom our sins in matters appertaining to the spirit. If we had more of the healers of the class I have just ments and even the ordinary magnetic healing, we should be healthier, happier, and more peace-loving race of mearth. For half the trouble—aye, more—in life as from the irritability of the spleen, with the attendary orders of dyspepsia and complaints of the order ending its." Diseases which in their turn end the indition the hangman's platform and nations in the horosinternational war.

We should then, in the pursuit of our ideal of hid hood, grow wise in the rationale of our eating. We not, as now, alternate between overfeeding and unsulfood, and when suffering in consequence, cram our hid with patent medicines, thus adding to the common soft the general aggressiveness of nations in toto.

The Master, Jesus, realised this essential step to brotherhood, that the better the physical body, so greater ease and efficiency was the spiritual counterable to manifest and develop. Hence, the injunction the Master, Jesus, to heal the sick. Ye Spirituality ve likewise.

Thus, when we have raised the race to a state of sical all-round fitness, and we have grown wise in our ings and drinkings, we shall have taken a big step to the spiritualisation of our social conditions. And it solemn duty of all true Spiritualists to encourage branch of mediumship that lies in the direction of spiritualing and spiritual hygienic wisdom.

Let us see if there are any other avenues of approtowards that ideal of brotherhood mentioned with tency more than once in the columns of this article. are several which might be employed with profit in average Spiritualist—this very vital principle of brothe to which I have just alluded. I hope that no trues ualist is so narrow-minded to think that this principle cerns only man himself, but realises in all that fullis clarity of idea which a broad mind entails, that it is the whole of animate creation, thus remembering one vast family, being but God's children, we hum elder branch, the animals the younger. And as there in all spiritually-minded families that deep and under sense of love, protection and compassion, as exemple the Master, Jesus, towards the younger ones, so there be in the community as a whole that deep a sense of love and reverence towards the younger and helpless members of the families, the animals—misalles ignorant many descriptions. ignorant man, dumb.

once we have attained to this larger state of consciouslife assumes a different aspect, and adds a new reslife assumes a different aspect, and adds a new reslife. In addition, several new ideals call out to us
their lone and starry heights. Ideals which, like the
that I have previously piously expressed in this paper,
who to be worked out in this generation, nor two, nor even
many that would take to reach the sun. For, as I have
remarked before, the children of men are exceeding

But we shall know, as we have never known before, that animal can ever be employed for our use, convenience pleasure. Nor were they ever intended so in the mal plan of creation and evolution.

You do not regard your younger brother or sister, or the dito whom it is your lot to enact the part of parent, as a sist to satisfy your own selfish gain or convenience. Latten yourself on their labours or their efforts, as the hy profiteer waxes in worldly possessions upon the sand the toil of the sweated herd, whose feetid underradis a standing disgrace to modern civilisation, that gives by professions of being followers of the Master, Jesus, in reality are but a mockery. Aye, must crucify the latter with a far greater anguish than ever he wrienced in his physical crucifixion upon the cross, for clock with weeds and tares are these professions and mations of belief.

Nay, this gaining in plenitude by the efforts, by the fing, of others, is the veritable antithesis of fraternity. In our fevered pursuit for worldly gain and fame we fain in our hearts ideas such as these, we strike a blow the foot of all fraternal and democratic ideals.

So the truth is painfully borne in upon us that by the ridness of brotherhood and by the wisdom of an ampler deconsciousness, no animal should be slaughtered for the rose of gratifying our carnal appetites; neither should ran any cause justify it, any animal being experimented and the base and infamous purposes of vivisection—a bot upon modern civilisation, a crime which has found, no permanent redress, but the victims' sufferings the heavenward in mute and pleading protest. An increasing force of protest against whose awful ventures shall stand; stand in defence, alas! one day in the spirits of the slaughtered ones will work in with the angels with flaming swords, and the winged robe of heaven.

for the basic and fundamental idea of vivisection is became be able to continue to gratify our base lusts in lesh and enjoy our selfish mode of wrong living. In two ds, that we may break the laws of Nature with and impunity, and avoid the just consequence and button.

We should take a firm stand against the death punishment, even if any of us are ever on a jury, and know that man is guilty. We must stand against the death siment, for punishment by death is anti-fraternal. Idea, no Spiritualist would ever commit a deliberate and that, after all, is but what condemnation to all amounts to on the individual part of the jury. Besides, with knowledge teaches us that we are only releasing the matter conditions where he has still greater opportunities the wreaking of his evil lusts and passions.

We must sternly discountenance, with all the abhormatical our nature is capable of, all forms of pleasure in a dumb animal has to sacrifice its innocent life—funting, stag hunting, and other hideous and brutal sof pleasure that would debase the lowest depths of the applane. The man who shoots the bird for pleasure, mings to the common object of justice and brotherhood, all rightly be arrained at the bar for murder, quite much if not more so, as his fellow criminal who stands also the slaughter of his brother man.

also when we have arrived at this stage, ladies in the special formals adornment will be able to dispense this torn from animals when alive or plumes from also plucked when they are alive.

also plucked when they are anve.

Welther shall we witness with tolerance and indifferthe painful exhibition of performing animals. Besides

with the staining a considerable element of cruelty,

if only for the reasons mentioned before. But, alas! worse things than that have been proved beyond doubt. Besides the element of cruelty, there is always the element of fear, and where fear is, love cannot abide, and where there is not love, there is not brotherhood.

The dispersal of the Zoo is another factor which will come about more or less automatically when true brother-hood illumines this selfish world, if only by virtue of giving every animal his natural right and heritage, which you cannot when it is entombed in conditions antagonistic to that in which it was born and is heir to by right of God's most holy plan, brotherhood.

To do ill to that which lacks both self-protection and self-agreement is the meanest of many mean things which God's elder children frequently do, to their everlasting disgrace and spiritual turpitude.

But alas! modern civilisation is based upon the principle that the weaker should always be sacrificed to the stronger, which is in total opposition to the true principles of brotherhood, of which we know the chief to be the sacrifice of the strong for the weak and helpless, ever following in those ways of love, denial and compassion, as were taught by the Master, Jesus.

In conclusion, there are other avenues of approach which I have not had time to touch on in full, having preferred-to labour upon the less obvious, but in passing will outline roughly a few others. Total abolition of the slums, homes of comfort for all. And a word to the wise. Do not think that anything or a more inferior standard of architecture will do. It is not every model dwelling that has its full complement of light or air, man's birthright—very far from it.

A universal standard of education meets the demands of brotherhood. We need not all go to the same school, but we can place before all those who are starting the very serious business of life the same opportunities, so that poverty is no handicap.

But there is no need to dilate upon such points as these—the closer application of the principle of brotherhood, and a fuller realisation of the law of causation, will do much to improve the jungle conditions that now exist in our midst. So that no longer will George Gissing say, as he expressed in "A Life's Morning": "That he who lacked current coin stood outside the privileges of humanity, and indigence was death to the soul." Truly a terrible reproach to and a damning indictment of modern civilisation.

It is the mission of Spiritualism to spread the gospel of brotherhood, teaching first by our philosophy, and then proving it afterwards by our phenomena, that ever-present witness of things eternal.

If we work steadily towards the light that these ideals spread around them, then shall we reach that day when all laws will be superseded by the one law, and that law is BROTHERHOOD.

YORKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE monthly meeting was held at Ramsden Street, Huddersfield, on June 24th, Mr. W. G. Gush occupying the chair until the election of officers had taken place. Sixtyone were present, and the Chairman announced with regret the passing to the Higher Life of Mr. Rastall. Mrs. Clarke, on behalf of Ramsden Street, gave the conference a hearty welcome. Mr. Wilson, of Cleckheaton, was elected President and Mr. Gale, of Sheffield, secretary. These then took up their duties. An item of correspondence came in for special attention, viz., the S.N.U. £400 Appeal. Practical Suggestions were made to further augment this fund. About 60 sat down to a splendid tea, after which much important business was transacted, and at the close of this the Chairman (Mr. Wilson) expressed the thanks of the Conference for the able way in which we had been catered for, all agreeing we had spent a most enjoyable and successful day.

MEN do less than they ought, unless they do all that they can.—Carlyle.

faculties. It would be wrong for them to do certain things which would be quite rightly done by a lower personality. When men step out of the ruck they must expect trouble, but that was no reason why they should not develop with joy a life of splendid opportunities. You can be serious without being miserable.

"Where go I?" Death is like taking off your coat. You do not change. Should he be placed in a cell at death, he would still be himself. Death relieves us of a heavy body and brings a sense of lightness and joy on the "other side." He claimed that the astral world, in a sense, does not exist. It is your conscious, mental world of many divisions. You build your own psychic body, and what sort of psychic body you deserve you get. Your mind will operate after death as before. Note how thought can change our physical bodies, how the mean man gets a mean face, the miserable man a miserable one, and the happy man a happy face. Thought moulds the psychic body, and you cannot there hide what you think; it is no place for shams. It is necessary to think rightly, to think strongly, and you can make yourself what you will. There is no camouflage. If I have the faculty of possession and not of sacrifice, I must go down into the physical again, and learn, for he who loveth his life shall lose it.

Mr. Naylor answered many questions, and was thanked with acclamation. The President, however, repudiated strongly the idea of reincarnation.—W. H. B.

The Problem of Evil.

By GEORGE COLE.

M. GUYAN, quoted by Geley in his "From the Unconscious to the Conscious," facing the problem of evil, says: "A creator is a being in whom all things have their reason and their cause; and consequently supreme and final responsibility rests in him-he bears the weight of all there is of evil in the universe. In the degree that the ideas of infinite power and supreme liberty are inseparable from our ideas of God, He loses all excuse; for the absolute depends on nothing, and has no joint liability with anyone; on the contrary, everything depends on Him, and has its reasons in Him. Therefore, all culpability carries to Him: His work, by reason of the interdependence of its effects, no longer appears to modern thought as anything but a single act; and that act is amenable to moral judgment; and by the same right we judge any other act, it is permissible to judge its author. The content of the world itself is, for us, the verdict of God. And as we increase in moral perception, and the evil and immoral tendencies in the universe shock our sensibilities more and more, it seems more and more clear that to affirm a 'Creator' of the world is, so to speak, to bring all evil to a focus in Him, to centralise all this immortality in one being, and to justify the paradox that 'evil is God.' To affirm a creator is, in fact, to transfer evil from the world to God as its primary source; it is to absolve man and the universe, and to lay the onus on to its author, who in freedom of action created it."

But how do we know and how does M. Guyan know that there is any evil in the world, unless it be by some standard which somewhere in the composition of us tells us that evil is evil, and good is good? There's the creation, and we find evil in it; do we place ourselves above the creation, and judge it, or is it in ourselves that the evil lies, our want of insight into what really is.

Would there be The Absolute were there no relative? And who is it that talks of the absolute, except ourselves, who are very relative? Even M. Guyan talks of the Absolute that has culpable relation to an evil universe! Is God a kind of Absolute that has relation to something other than Himself? Can that be to another Obsolute the equal of Himself? That surely could not be; it would have to be then to beings inferior to Himself; but inferior in what-inferior in every way, in power, in wisdom and goodness, surely. If not in these, in what?

"Why callest thou me good; there is none good save dillustrious ancestors is like a potato—the only good God;" said the Master. That means that our goodness, like ing to him is under ground.—Sir T. Overbury.

everything else, is relative—is limited; and if limited; then in various degrees—more or less good in each of

But the complement of limited goodness is its opp—that which is not so good as it should be. That m that there must be a relative evil where there is religiond. So if there is to be a world of beings, or a union of which even a perfect being is the creator, then the beings relative to Him must be imperfect.

That is really the only evil there is, even in this or other world-the failures attendant upon growth in finite beings along their path of attainment. Gelor adopting the theory of reincarnation, prolongs indefini the circumstances of pain, sorrow and death as element the evolution of all entitites, such as we find in the light tory of all creatures on earth. Whilst, if we do not a this theory, and we find that death is but release from a born limitations, and ascent for all creatures from the trictions imposed upon them here, and that Naturem provides a glorious home for all her children in the Sum lands of super-terrestrial states, then we can underst how Nature adopts every means to bring her children what the Hindoo philosophers called the world of \$\square\$ the Plane of Generation and Destruction-the destrict really being nothing but Nature's haste to get us away, so make room for others to follow.

"Above all states mortality affects,
"Tis Nature as a whole that resurrects."

From the infusiorian up to man, there is no resplace for us here, whilst now we find that the very essent of the spirit world is the felicity of rest—the activity is congenial to the ceaseless opening out of every entity means increase of happiness to every other. "Come me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will you rest," said one who really knew. It is the vois every being when it discovers to us its true inwardness.

Even when some of us carry with us to the after-like sinister results of evil-doing, it is but to digest the conjugate of evil-doing, it is but to digest the conjugate of every distribution of the soul as will make it the source of felicity to every of the Great Heart of the Universe has a sublime desting every creature born into it; we may be perfectly sure that—that God is Love is the guarantee for the well-by of everyone. All moral evil arises from want of fails this. Believe that goodness rules, and it will rule you.

There is no evil but fulfils the purpose of that his Heart—but achieves the greater weight of glory. Said of the Isaiah's, "I form the light and create darkness make peace and create evil; I am the Lord that doel these things." No evil can be that thwarts the purpose the Love of God. Truly, "supreme and final responsibilities in Him."

INSTRUCT THE CHILDREN.

SPIRITUALISM is something more than phenomen it is educational and reformatory. The truest and reformation is that which is laid in the hearts and m of the children. Therefore, Spiritualists should insu the children. This can best be done by forming Lyce in connection with every Society. A Society that has Lyceum is as incomplete as a church or chapel without Sunday School, thereby forcing its members' children attend other places of worship. The children of Spiritua who have to attend orthodox Sunday Schools are tall that which their parents do not believe. This is a sec defect in the Society, and an injustice to the children w Spiritualists should no longer tolerate. The remediforming Lyceums. Information concerning same will gla G. F. KNOTT, Secretary, be supplied by British Spiritualists' Lyceum Und

20, Toad Lane, Rochdale.

THE man who has not anything to boast of but illustrious ancestors is like a potato—the only good board ing to him is under ground.—Sir T. Overburn

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

THE Annual Conference of the above Union was held the Friars' Hall, Blackfriars Road, London, on May 18th 19th, and we regret that the holiday season has delayed report.

if was the 40th annual gathering of the Union, which specified over by Miss E. Elliott, of Manchester. Aldern Hewitt, J.P., Mayor of the Borough of Southwark, comed the Conference, there being a fair number of the present. The Conference had to deplore the sace of the veteran Mr. A. Kitson, who was detained took family illness.

The Presidential address covered a wide ground. It lodeplore a slight decrease in numbers, while the exsorther of the year had not been covered by the income. If the things necessary to every modern movement was adoption of modern methods of tuition. Miss Elliott with that the Froebel and other methods might very the considered in the teaching of young children. The latitude of Lyceum life was another phase that needed to fostered. Picnics and rambles during the summer, the establishment of Guild centres during the winter, the very well add to the fraternity existing amongst resumists.

It was a very pleasing feature to note the continued with some of the two winds schemes, and these, combined with the programme wind by the Spiritualists' National College, afforded a waterful opportunity for a fuller understanding of the charges for which Spiritualism stood. The overseas were showing greater interest in the Union, and reveal of the Colonies efforts were being made to established the Union.

The President devoted some time to the consideration the I.S.F. Congress held in London last year. Many gratulatory letters had been received from other council, eulogising the model Lyceum session which was held. An appeal was made for continued interest in the

An appeal was made for continued interest in the blood Summer School, and a very pointed allusion was to the forthcoming General Election.

Miss Elliott was pleased to note the progress made of the establishment of a Home of Rest for con-

The Union had to regret lack of interest in the publicadepartment, and a loss on the "Lyceum Banner."

The general position suggested the wisdom of considerations scheme of reorganisation. It seemed that the sold system of area elections was proving to be unsatisfier, and there was a possibility that they would have to retto the old method of election. Area representatives wild have a national outlook which would provide initiation, and she feared they were not getting that under the sent system. Fusion with the S.N.U. had been in the some time, and she believed that reasonable and will consideration of such a vital matter was necessary the success of both Unions. It was possible that the using of both Unions under the same roof might be accomsisted with a view of fostering closer unity.

During the year there had only been one definite act on the Lyceum Union by the press, and it was regretable that the Union was not allowed to reply. Every counties could feel proud that Councillor Jessy Greenfal been raised to the chairmanship of the Hebden last District Council, and thus become the leading citizen her district. Miss Elliott concluded with thraks to all cors and helpers.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, S.F. Elliott; vice-president, Mr. E. A. Keeling; treach, Mr. W. Burrows; general secretary, Mr. G. F. Knott; leer, Mr. A. Kitson; representatives on the National mail, Mr. Burrows and Mr. Knott.

It was resolved that Miss Elliott and Mr. A. T. Connor delegates to the National Conference.

The balance sheet showed a loss of £211 during the 1928. Aggood deal of this was due to expenses on the

Education Scheme, and was considered to be money well expended. Several of the delegates pointed out that some of the financial loss was due to the inability of some districts to pay their fees owing to industrial distress.

The Conference passed a silent vote in appreciation of the services rendered to the Union by the late Messrs. Smedley and Pimblott, the audience standing in token of respect.

The report of the Education Committee showed a very great deal of activity, many hundreds of Lyceumists sitting for the examinations.

Invitations were extended to the Union by the cities of Birmingham and York to hold the next Annual Conference in these centres, and as the result of a vote it was decided that the next Conference be held in York on June 7th and 8th, 1930.

The Conference closed with the usual votes of thanks.

Is This Justice?

On Tuesday, June 11th, 1929, Mr. H. Adams, of 90, Victoria Square, Liverpool, was arrested at Sutton Coldfield, and taken to the police station, charged with telling fortunes. Mr. Adams has been a Spiritualist for a number of years, and on many occasions his name has appeared in our correspondence columns.

He arrived at Sutton Coldfield by bus on the date in question, and had forty minutes to wait for a connecting bus. He left his luggage with a tradesman in High Street, who kindly consented to look after it until the bus arrived. Mr. Adams then went to a place purporting to provide teas, with a view of getting refreshment. Arriving inside he was dissatisfied and decided to leave, and as an excuse for leaving without purchasing refreshments, tendered his card. He was immediately arrested, and in company with the policeman made to visit several places with a view of getting people to identify him as a man who had called on them for the purpose of telling fortunes. No one was able to identify him, for he had not been in the town many minutes. He was then taken to the police station and searched. All his possessions were taken from him. He was then taken before a plain clothes officer, who subjected him to a long cross-questioning, and asserted that he had been in gaol in Birmingham, threatened to take his finger-prints, and in other ways insulted and tried to terrorise him. Finally he was thrust into a cell.

Some time later he was brought before the magistrates, charged with fortune-telling, and pleaded not guilty. A policeman in evidence said he had had complaints about the prisoner, who had been soliciting people to have their fortunes told. No evidence whatever was produced, other than the word of the policeman, who appears to have had nothing but his own imagination to draw upon, unless it was a case of mistaken identity. Finally the bench dismissed the case.

This case provides another example of the horrible administration of the law wherever anyone is suspected to be a Spiritualist or a psychic. We wrote Mr. Baldwin before the last election, definitely telling him that in these fortune-telling cases systematic and regular perjury was indulged in. We again make the assertion, and we hope that the present Government through its officers will do something to see that when charges are brought against honest citizens there is at least the evidence of credible witnesses, and not merely the uncorroborated statements of officious policemen or untrained police agents.

If a Spiritualist or medium does that which is unlawful he must expect punishment, even though the law is a bad one, but when, in addition to bad law, we have people continuously convicted on no other evidence but that of paid agents provocateur (who are very often women with no know-knowledge of the laws of evidence), the case amounts to a crying scandal.

No atheist, as such, can be a true friend, an affectionate relation, or a loyal subject.—Dr. Bentley.

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Life's Infinite Manifestations.

A LARGE FIELD of thought and speculation is opened up by a statement of Sir Oliver Lodge in the "Daily Telegraph." Sir Oliver says:

"Once it is demonstrated that existence is possible out of association with matter, there is every probability that many other grades of being besides terrestrial humanity inhabit space. Even on the earth there are many grades of existence. The variety of animal life is astonishing. Human beings also range from high to low, and there is a great gulf between the loftiest and the most degraded mind, which nevertheless is spanned by intermediate grades. Still more may this be true in the cosmos generally, and granting that space has physical properties—as we know it has—it is only rational to assume that every grade of being exists in space, from the highest imaginable to the lowest which manages to escape extermination."

Such a statement by a recognised scientist shows how rapidly man's mind is expanding to conceive the possibilities of the universe.

Sir Oliver in another recent article laid it down that "the universe is infinite in an infinite variety of ways." It is very difficult for men who are limited to physical existence to conceive the full meaning of such a statement, and yet it is gradually being demonstrated that the whole universe teems with life. We know a little, though only a little, concerning our physical existence. We know something of the myriad forms which life takes. We recognise that every country has its flora and its fauna, dependent largely upon its climatic conditions, and that even in these changes take place from age to age. None of them seem definitely fixed; all are in a state of flux; and yet ever and always life bursts through in one form or another.

One has only to sit down under a hedge in the summer time, and with a low-powered glass examine the earth and the creatures which clamber through the grassy forests upon which we lie: to dig a few inches into the earth; to examine the very air around us-to find how life in wondrous form exists on the earth as well as within and above The entomologists can tell us of insects which the average individual scarcely dreams of, while the botanist opens our eyes to the existence of plant life which we have passed a thousand times and never noticed. If we pass from field to laboratory, the bacteriologist tells us of forms of life which are helpful or harmful to our physical wellbeing, which are so minute that the unaided eye cannot see them, while even the most powerful microscope will not reveal the whole of them. Life abounds everywhere, and one has but to transfer his activities a few hundred miles from country to country to find new forms and modifications of the same great flood of life; and yet, as far as is discoverable, one great fact is slowly emerging, that all life is one life, and that the various forms which it assumbut the modes of its manifestation.

Psychic science, too, is revealing that within this and not apart from it, there is another world of act of which only the crudity of our sense perceptions? us ignorant. It is pretty clearly demonstrated toda demonstrated almost beyond dispute-that humanity vives the grave, and continues to live in a natural world world which to his sense is objective, which holds do opportunities, friendships, and which embodies all that mean by art and science. The dwellers in that work us of its beauties, but what are beauties? They are products of life acting upon matter and substance. beauties of a countryside are dependent upon trees flowers and grasses, upon birds and animals and insecu well as upon hill and dale. The part played by animal upon vegetation is reciprocal. The carrying of seed birds and animals; the fertilisation of flowers by inand the productivity of the soil aided by the activity thousands of forms of burrowing life. There is no be without life. Beauty is inconceivable apart from life only because of the necessity of the consciousness to hend beauty, but because of life's power to create it. those who have emerged on to a larger plane of life. of a world of beauty. Such world must consist of form life in the very nature of the case. There are many who are satisfied on evidential grounds that certain an persist beyond the grave as a result of their having to a state of advancement which allows the perpetit of their personality, and even for the others it is true while identity is untraceable, the life force must persist must continue to manifest itself in some form or another

Those who have crossed the bar and emerged into fullness of a greater life, tell us of a world of beauty sisting still of life forms, of trees and flowers and birds streams, and the buzz of insects and the song of their Life there can only be understood by us in the terms of own experience, and often our spirit communicators to it is impossible to express the ineffable joy of the life w is theirs, but such a life in inconceivable apart from existence of other forms. To imagine that the spirit wo a world which consists merely of human beings is to ceive of a world which would be drear, drab, and i tonous. The question then arises: Are the minor creat which inhabit the spirit world simply the spirits of and who pass from here? By no means. Other forms of there must be, but whether they are describable in limited terms of human language, is very questions Just as truly as the flora and fauna of the various cou of the earth show variation dependent upon the peculiar of climate and temperature, so it appears reasonal believe that a change of condition from the material to psychic must mean changes of form and changes of with the change of habitat.' It is, of course, easy to that beauty is a thing which exists in the mind, but when beauty exists in the mind, the artist endeavours to en it in painting, in music, in sculpture, in landscape gar ing, in town planning, in architecture, and in a tho and one ways. Beauty expresses itself in forms appreto others, and so must it be with a world into which passing our artists, our musicians, and inventors, and dreamers as well as our realists. The life of the spirit must be as apparent and as varied at least as life of planet, and we imagine that when man passes through little white gate which gives access to the rising slop attainment, and enters into the busy life beyondy he will find there forms of life and being-not all of type, but having its appointed place or lot in the schen things.

There are many whose inner vision has raveled them glimpses of what that life might contain. It is necessary to suppose that all such life is beneficent or beard. The poltergeist phenomena of psychical researches sometimes to reveal low types of life, mischievous in activities and possibly by no means human (the way) mosquitoes of psychic existence), while on the other there are many who claim to have obtained glimpses of the forms of exquisite beauty, and elves which occurries full a position in the countryside as the antelopes of

The man who imagines that the spirit world is really the abode of human beings has but a faint conpion of the all-penetrative power of life, and the multiplety of the forms which it may assume hereafter as well there.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE RAG.

Is it not time that the authorities took some steps to prevent such disgraceful exhibitions as that which transpired at

the Caxton Hall recently. That a crowd of irresponsible and an action and the should be allowed to break up a meeting and apart respectable citizens who were carrying out their meete convictions in a hall hired by themselves, amounts a public scandal, and when a small fine is the only penalty mixed upon one or two of the ring-leaders, the administration of justice amounts to a condoning of the offence. If these medical students were uneducated hooligans interputing a meeting in a slum district, there would be loud protests against the ill manners of the lower classes, but because they happen to be, or are supposed to be, cultured and dicated people, their conduct is condoned.

NO PROTECTION FOR MINORITIES. WE have every sympathy with the high spirits of youth; and when these find such an outlet as the student parades in Manchester, Glasgow, and other places, which create a great deal of fun, and add to the medical efficiency of the localities.

citions are quite prepared to suffer some inconvenience, but the conduct of the medical students at the Caxton Hall is a ad reflection upon our boasted educational methods, while the meagreness of the penalties is a distinct encouragement what class of selfishness which considers nobody's opinion but its own. If the authorities are not prepared to take strong measures in such cases, then we hope the time is not far distant when reprisals of suitable character will be forthwhing. A little physical suffering meted out to themselves would soon curb the ardour of these bullies. The ass, however, is a striking evidence of the fact that minorities get little protection under the law of England until they become powerful enough to protect themselves, or become signisance.

DISESTABLISH-

DR. HENSON (Bishop of Durham) has just issued through Macmillan's (4/6) a treatise on the subject of Disestablishment, which claims that the burden of

(stablishment was becoming intolerable, while the rejection the Prayer Books by the House of Commons leaves no lope for the Church but to end the anomaly, and to make whatever sacrifices may be deemed as the price of freedom. Ir Henson describes the present state as being one of a tame Church in a secularised state. The war broke down the age-long relation between the parish priest and the dissouting minister, while the Anglo-Catholic movement has moduced a form of religion which is alien from the traditional Protestantism of the Anglican Church. Dr. Henson 5005 so far as to say that the Church has already been disablished in the minds of the Bishops, and points out that nore than three-and-a-half million have signed the Electoral Rolls which came into existence as the result of McEnabling Acts, and Dr. Henson asks: "Can a Church With such a membership maintain its right to the name and claim of a national Church?"

NECESSARY SACRIFICES. Such figures make it clear that Anglicanism is a small section not only of the national life, but of the Christian Church as a whole, and while there may be advan-

of the non-Churchman it is unsatisfactory, as under the nesent circumstances the State favours one seet above where. Disestablishment may have its complications, but intainess to the whole community, and to ensure the liberty of Churchmen, it is surely desirable that the nation should stabilish in fact what is supposed to exist at present—

equality of all sections of religion before the law. At present there is no doubt as to the privileged position of the Church, but such privileges imply restrictions which we are quite sure are fettering the activity of the Anglican body, and whatever may be the sacrifices necessary to freedom, we think they are well worth while.

MIND IS THAT WHICH ANIMATES : MATTER.

THE pen of Sir Oliver Lodge has been much in evidence of late. A series of four articles in the "Sunday Chronicle" are appearing, while prominence is given to Sir Oliver's views in the "Sunday Dispatch" and in the "Daily Telegraph."

Writing in the "Sunday Chronicle," Sir Oliver strikes several interesting parallels, pointing out that the field of magnetic action from a magnet is discernible by the effect produced upon the iron filings within its range-just as we learn of the existence of an electric current by the deflection of a compass needle; and he argues that in a similar way we study the properties of life, and mind by familiarity with the animated bodies brought within our range of observation. He goes on to show that when life is thus associated with matter, the bodies animated with the life principle move in a purposive manner, as if their movements were directed towards some aim or object. Thus a bird builds a nest in anticipation of future offspring. Bees store honey in preparation for a winter dearth, and an insect about to die selects a spot where food will be provided for its young when hatched. In a word, the life principle which animates matter, and which constitutes the difference between living and inert-matter, is purposive. we are engaged in studying animated organisms, the life principle which animates them is only traceable by its effects, and Sir Oliver adds: "But whether life itself, when separated from the organism, continues in any sense to exist, is a problem about which we have to use our reasoning power."

MANY SCIENTISTS SATISFIED WITH THE EVIDENCE. Sir Oriver then proceeds to show that a personal mind, if it persists beyond death, may be expected to manifest in something the same form, and adds. "There is a vast amount of evidence that that kind of demonstration has already been given, and many of those

who have studied the subject are ready to testify that it is a reality. They assure us that conscious mind does not cease with the death of the physical organ; that the mind is not put out of existence when the brain is damaged, but that only its manifestation is interfered with; so that no longer can it furnish the usual sign or index of its existence. It has lost its own material vehicle, and has to take other and less usual methods of attracting our attention. "The evidence must be scrutinised and must be able to stand criticism before it can be raised to the dignity of proof," but some think it has risen to the level of proof already, and that where an individual character has been formed it is able, under certain conditions, and occasionally, to testify to its perennial character and a continued existence.

LIFE IS ETERNAL. Su: Oriven adds: "If survival is a reality, and if by actual demonstration the continued existence of higher or mental attributes is proved to be true,

then we may expect, that life itself, even of a low grade, never really goes out of existence, though it need not have an individual or personal existence, except in its higher grades." Sir Oliver considers that the demonstration of survival will have a mighty influence on science.

HELL AND REALITY: Sin Oliver contributes to the "Daily Telegraph" the first of a series of articles on "The Reality of Hell," to which various theological and other thinkers

are contributing. Sir Oliver lays his position frankly before us. He says: "It is fairly well known that after long continued investigation I have come to the conclusion, that survival and persistent existence are demonstrated."

If that conclusion is false, nothing further that I have to say is of much consequence." He then proceeds to discuss the development of life in terms of bliss and torment, and suggests that Heaven and Hell are significant terms suggestive of contrasting states of being, and points out that no state of existence is necessarily permanent. As the result of desire and effort men may rise from lowly states of restriction and suffering to heights of freedom and attainment. All this is very sane and rational. Heaven and Hell are both very largely our own making. Suffering may be vicarious, and mutually helpful, and Sir Oliver concludes with the words: "The gates of Hell prevail against Divine goodness for ever." In a word, he believes that the universe is just and moral, and is moving forward to the "one far-off Divine event." Life is progressive and progress is the result of struggle, striving, sacrifice, and mutual helpfulness. It is a great pity that this conception should be confused with such a word as hell, which was an invention of the theologian to strike terror into the hearts of men at the time when God was conceived as an angry monarch, who punished those who disagreed with His favourites. The very use of the word hell to-day causes revulsion in the minds of the average man who links it up immediately with the out-of-date conceptions of primitive savages. Hell has long ceased to have any place or part in the life of a civilised and educated community. At one time it excited fear. To-day it merely excites ridicule, since men are now beginning to interpret the universe in rational terms of cause and effect.

Little Powder-in-the-Jam Tales.

By IVAN COOKE.

STUFF AND NONSENSE!
(FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF REAL HE-MEN ONLY.)

My address is "Ye Olde Cabbage," my name is Caterpillar; I come of the old Caterpillar clan, all of whom were fine fellows and stout lads, noted for their braininess. There are not many problems I can't tackle and solve, and, mark you, I've done well! If you don't believe me, ask the Manager of the Cabbagian Bank—he's a pal of mine!

Well, I was sitting in front of my fire—an old-fashioned fired of dried cabbage; none of your cabbage gas fires for me—reading the Cabbagian Daily Pail, and smoking peacefully. I was just reading how those blessed caterpill—no, slugs—that inhabit the next row of cabbages, were getting pretty uppish, and thinking that our jolly Government would have to send them an ultimatum or a declaration or something—anyway, something to make 'en sit up and sing small; I was just thinking this, I say, when my wife rushed in, pale and gasping.

"Oh!" she panted, "I've had such a time! Oh, it's so wonderful!"

"Uh," I answered, striking a match; "m'n—m'n—m'n; there, that's drawing better; well, what is it, uh?" (By jingo, we'll make those fellows sit up, once we do start on 'em.) "Don't fluff and puff so. Do sit down."

"Oh, Cater," she murmured. "Oh, dear, you'll never..."

Something in the Pail had caught my eye, so for a moment I lost the hang of what she was saying. H'm, so they had hung that fellow caterpillar at last! Well that will teach them, that will intimidate any other chap that thinks of crawling about on other people's cabbages with the idea of picking up other people's portable property. Murder?—yes, hang 'em for it, and be hanged to 'em, say I.

Dimly I became conscious of what my wife was saying. What? Outrageous! Preposterous! I started to my feet. "What's this, what's this!" I said threateningly. "My dear Pillarette, you must be mad! Do I understand that you have been rushing about after mediums!"

"Oh, Cater, no. Only one medium—and she was such a dear! I've been feeling so lonely and so unhappy since mother died. Oh, I've missed her so! Yes, yes, I know—I had you; but you are so frightfully busy with—with—wour

paper and your pipe, dear . . . and so wis practical—"

(Exactly what my old schoolmaster used to "Caterpillar minor is the hardest-headed fellow I one could crack a paving stone with a head like Wonderful!")

"Well," my wife continued "I felt I must go, gnawed my way out from the heart of Cabbagery—s terrible job, dear—until I came almost into the sunlig right out of the darkness into a shady place, where it pleasant and restful. Of course, I knew I mustn't ve to crawl into the full light."

"You must be mad, woman," I broke in. "Why, if there is such a thing as bright sunlight—which, ir opinion, is sheer superstition—surely darkness and cabbage are good enough for you. Haven't your ance and mine eaten nothing else since the days of William Conquerpillar? What next! . . . And as for wing to see or hear of your mother again—well, er, h' well, perfectly natural, of course, but, you see, Provid has got her. She's dead."

"Oh, Cater, dear, she isn't! She spoke to me saw her!"

"Ridiculous, my dear, ridiculous. Why, with my eyes I saw her boxed up in her little coff—er, chrys begad, she was as stiff as a candle! Besides, where's p faith in what-do-ye-call-it, you trust in—er—dash it! forgotten the word; anyway, you shouldn't go medil with the dead."

"But she's alive! she's alive! she remembers m gushed my wife. "I heard her voice. (No, listen ton Cater; don't interrupt me again.) She told med beyond the chrysalis of death there waits a new life beautiful, so wonderful, so free and happy that words not paint it. She told me that she no longer crawls gnaws her way through life, but flies from one beauty another, from joyous flower to joyous flower; that has wings where once she crept upon the ground; that's can rest and ride upon the summer wind, and sunlight is home and rapture, soft scented night her sleeping place a bed. Oh, isn't it wonderful to think that we too, you's I, will never die. Isn't it wonderful to think that the cruel wrongs and sins we silly caterpillars do to each of down here will meet with justice, that all sorrow will be right. That we all shall be together in the next lifeand I and mother, all three of us!"

"Here—not so fast!" (She made me feel devilish a comfortable for the moment. Mother, dear—h'm? Is tice, eh. Bah!) "Who's thinking of pegging out? Myodad lived to be twice my age, and his father died at eight odd. I'm good for another forty years, certain," glanced in the mirror at myself, just to see how I'm wearing. Yes, devilish young for forty-eight—just a to grey hairs, just a slight bulge half-way down, but no mouthan enough to lend dignity—nay, a touch of majesty—my figure. A real he-man, a bit of sheik stuff about me yet Dying—kicking the bucket? Rot! Pure morbidity and sentimentality.

"Look here," I said, and there was real cave stuff in provice. "Not another word; all ridiculous nonsense—the medium will make a fortune out of you."

"But she didn't charge any-anything."

"Well, I won't have it, I won't listen to any nor When we are dead, we're dead, and that's the end of Let's get on with the affairs of this world, and let the look after itself—not that I shall believe in it for one ment. There's nothing deader than a dead caterpillar in chrysalis. Besides, it's unhealthy, it's uncanny to stirring up your poor mother. It's flying in the face what-do-you-call-it. Let the dead bury their dead—this, of course, if the undertaker didn't do it properly in first place. Don't you go digging them up again, because gives me the creeps. And don't get talking about justice and rot of that kind. Be practical! Have commonsensed that hard-headed, practical cabbage world we live in the lard-headed, practical, business-like caterpillars, with position to make in life. Stick to reality."

Here I took up my copy of the Cabbagian $Daily P^0$ with an air of finality. And there before my eyes stood 0

Featine: "Medium jailed. Spooks creep and gibber.

"There," said I. "Look! See what the judge said. Its all chicanery and fraud.' Mark you—now don't cry there, there, here's my hankie—now don't be so silly—it's humbug. It's all superstition and religious tosh to believe at we caterpillars live on to become butterflies. Shut won hopes of that kind, shut down on dreams. Stick freality, my dear, even if reality is only cabbage, and be cabbage, and still more cabbage, and let us not lose selves in imaginative stuff that will end by landing us the madhouse. Come, ring the bell; there's cabbage for mer to-day."

Book Review.

Severn. Thirty illustrations; 505 pages. Cloth. 12s. 6d. From the Author, 68, West Street, Brighton.

is impossible within the short space of a review to do redit to such a comprehensive and fascinating book as I Severn places before us. Mr. Severn tells of his early tuggles as a youth, of his miserable home life, and his lift with a hard world, both in the mine and on the farm, and stimulates our admiration for his steadfastness and all. The story is an interesting commentary upon the oslibility of an optimistic spirit fighting its way out of extictions into freedom.

He tells us how he came to take up the work of a principal princip

The book is packed with commonsense and sound tashing, while the writer's diction is simple, direct, and all the property of the single accordance with his ideals: plain living, rational across, simple diet, physical recreation, and hygiene daracterise the even tenour of his days. The volume is not readable, for it combines amusement with instruction, and makes the reader feel he knows the man.

Mr. Severn has a firm belief in the science of phrenology, at which he is such a capable exponent; and he lays down its principles with clarity, and illustrates its results in detailed fashion. He deals with human failings and virtues and believes that if a man wisely develops the faculties attual to him success in life is bound to come, and leads us believe that the majority of the failures in this world are die to the fact that round pegs get into square holes, and pend their lives in tasks for which they are unfit. He believes that the services of phrenologists should be requisitioned for every department in the State in which numbers of people are employed, so that the best and most suitably endowed for the work desired may be selected.

Like a large number of the old school of phrenologists, if Severn is a convinced Spiritualist, and has been so for learly forty years, his attention being attracted to the subject whilst in Sheffield, and he has been associated with the little band of Spiritualist phrenologists since the days when he was closely associated with Mr. James Burns. The author pays a valued tribute to the Spiritualistic papers of the world, which have always been prepared to advance the study of phrenology.

the study of phrenology.

The book covers a multitude of subjects which it is impossible to deal with in the short space at our disposal, but we heartly congratulate Mr. Severn on writing a fas-mathy, entertaining and instructive book. It ought to have a wide circulation, and we can recommend its sound commonsense.

To pleasant, sure, to see one's name in print; Abook's a book, although there's nothing in't.—BYRON.

THE most beautiful may be the most admired and

SOUTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The fifth annual picnic arranged by the Council was celebrated on Saturday, June 15th, to Dorchester, in the heart of the Hardy country, and was another unqualified success. The numbers participating were not as great as heretofore, and the officers of the Council are inclined to the opinion that these outings are not brought before the members of the churches as they could be. They, therefore, appeal to all the church officers and members to bear in mind the date already fixed for 1930 (June 21st), and arrange to co-operate whole-heartedly next year, and see to it that every church, large and small, is well represented.

Only six churches were in evidence on Saturday, these being Bournemouth, Southampton, Bristol First Church, Portsmouth Temple, Ryde, and the newest church, Cowes.

The catering was well arranged by the staff of the Antelope Hotel, and full justice was done to the fare provided. In view of the numbers attending, the Trinity Hall was engaged for meals, in order that all could be supplied together and fraternise at "feeding time."

After luncheon the parties proceeded to Max Gate, the home of Thomas Hardy, O.M., and then explored the Maumbery Rings, which are the remains of an old ampitheatre stated to be the most notable thing of its kind in England, being to Casterbridge what the ruined Coliseum is to modern Rome, and nearly of the same magnitude. They had a seating capacity of 12,000 spectators, and were used for the "hanging fairs."

Judge Jeffries' house was also a place of interest.

At the tea table greetings were given in a series of short speeches by Mr. Blake (Bournemouth), Mr. Hitchon(Bristol), Mrs. Hayward (Portsmouth Temple), Mr. Hussey (Southampton), Mrs. Perkis (Ryde), and Mrs. Harding (Cowes).

Fraternal greetings from the Rev. George Cole and Mr. W. E. Jones, who both honoured the Council with their presence, were also given.

A collection for the waitresses and the National F.O.B. was taken. The chief source of satisfaction expressed was for the noted gradual return to good health of Mr. Blake and Mr. Jones, both of whom had been dangerously ill.

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Dor-chester, at night, when Mr. Newton, D.N.U., presided, and Mr. Blake, D.N.U., gave a splendid address and clairvoyance. This, the first meeting of its kind in Dorchester, was well attended by the locals, and ably reported in their press, and constituted another landmark in the history of the Council.—J. G. McFarlane.

LET us make of life a vision all may see, reflecting the radiance of a perfect day.

EVERY man ought to aim at eminence, not by pulling others down, but by raising himself.

Beller, like a young puppy, is born blind, and must swallow whatever food is given to it; when it can see, it caters for itself.

Ambition is one of those passions never to be satisfied. It swells gradually with success, and every acquisition serves as a spur to further attempts.

BARKING Christian Spiritualist Church held their fifth annual general members' meeting on Wednesday evening, June 26th, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing. twelve months. The meeting was well attended by members, who heard the reports from the various officers of work that had been accomplished during the past twelve months. Mr. White was re-elected without opposition to the presidency, and the other offices were filled as follows: Vicepresident, Mr. Clarkey treasurer, Mrs. Fennemore; secretary, Mr. E. Hayward; president of ladies, Mrs. White, vice-president of ladies, Mrs. Paveling; members' secretary, Mrs. Rowe; wardens, Mr. Martin, Mr. Aldous, Mr. Scott; librarian, Mr. Stamp; pianist, Mrs. Jones. Votes of thanks were accorded to those who had filled the positions during the past year. Non-members who attended were given a very cordial welcome to become members, and so assist in the work of the church,

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COMMITTEE. DISTRICT LEEDS

THE monthly conference was held at Featherstone N.S. Church on Sunday, June 9th. The Vice-President (Mr. Crabtree) was in the chair. A few minutes were spent in spirit communion, evidence of spirit presence being given by Mr. and Mrs. Fenton and Mr. Garbutt. Welcome to conference was given by Mrs. Manfield, and accepted on behalf of the conference by the President. Roll was next called, when the following churches responded: Castleford, Featherstone, Horsforth, Leeds (Armley and Brunswick Place), Normanton (Watson Street), and Pontefract, a total of 7 churches, represented by 7 delegates, with 3 associates and 3 officers. Minutes were discovered. cers. Minutes were disposed of, and correspondence was read arising out of same. An invitation was read from the L.L.D.C. to send a representative, which was agreed to, Mr. Fenton being appointed. The financial statement appointed. The financial statement was read and accepted, same being discussed later on, with a view to finding ways and means of raising funds for ing ways and means of raising funds for the L.D.C. Wayside pulpits were de-cided on, "pearls" for same being selec-ted. It was also decided to go forward with a conference supply scheme of speakers to churches. The Y.D.C. re-port was given by Mr. Crabtree, out of which arose some discussion on the J. K. Jones Fund, after which it was agreed that a suggestion be forwarded agreed that a suggestion be forwarded to the Y.D.C. with regard to the raising of the £61 paid over by the S.N.U., viz., that each church member in Yorkshire be levied 6d. Church reports were given and accepted as satisfactory under the circumstraces. Three new associates were nominated, which brought the business to a close.

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In the afternoon a nice meeting was conducted by Mr. Crabtree, who was supported by Mr. Oxley, Mr. Fenton, and Mrs. Eccles. In the evening the and Mrs. Eccles. In the evening the speakers were Mr. Oxley, Mr. W. Smith and Mr. Fenton.

- 35-BRISTOL UNITED.

THE Lyceumists and friends, to the THE Lyceumists and friends, to the number of 106, held their annual outing on Tuesday, June 25th, the place selected being Weston-super-Mare. After our leader had offered a prayer for safety we soon left the church amid the cheering of happy Lyceumists. The day was gloriously fine, and the drive though Brockley Coombe woods to the seaside, where we were welcomed by the incoming tide, was most comed by the incoming tide, was most enjoyable. After several happy hours on the seashore we all met at "Georges" for tea. Here we were met by Mr. for the seashore we all met at "Georges" for tea. Here we were met by Mr. Thomas, President of Weston Church, who offered "grace." After an enjoyable tea Mrs. Hoskins, our church secretary, expressed her gratification at our continued progress, and her pride in the workers. Mr. Thomas ispoke of the pleasure it gave him to meet such a large head of Lycenhists spoke of the pleasure it gave in to meet such a large band of Lyceumists from Bristol. We left Weston at \$-30, after a long and happy day by the sea. Everybody agreed that we had had a perfect day.

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ON SUNDAY. June 16th, our services were conducted by Miss Phyllis Thomas her subject in the evening being "The miraculous birth." The way in whole she explained it was remarkable. For a girl 18 years of age to speak for 45 minutes, with such a command over herself, shows that there is a great future before her.

LONDON.

On Sunday, June 16th, a beautiful floral service was held by the Golden Cross Christian Spiritualist Mission. The President stated that the service that night was in celebration of the anniversary of his sister Edic's birthday (June 12th), and dedicated the service that night to her. Although, said Mr. Speer, his sister was not during her earth life a Spiritualist, she was a wonderful worker in the cause, and a wonderful worker in the cause, and had been the means, since passing into spirit life, of calling into the movement several churches and a large numof people.

ber of people.

Mrs. George Phillips sang "O Rest in the Lord," which was much appreciated by a full congregation, and the well-known medium, Mr. E. Keith, gave a splendid address under control, explaining in detail the conditions existing on the seven planes.

Afterwards Mr. Keith gave a number of descriptions and messages, and the evening finished with an after-circle, at which the medium gave all messant floral psychometry.

present floral psychometry.

LITTLE ILFORD.

A very interesting ceremon place on Wednesday, May 2967 unveiling of a large picture, under spirit control by "Jaffy;" medium is Mrs. Blanche Petz. Watson unveiled the picture at service, and the little control ex the meaning of the picture. The was taken by Mr. Brame. They was presented by Mrs. Blanch to the Little Hord Society.

------. . WALTHAMSTOW.

On Saturday, June 15th, Mr. I Baker Brown, the "floating" me and Miss Florence May Wright married at the above church. It wa first marriage service celebrated in church. The bride, looking lovely charming dress of white satin be and wearing an embroidered net surmounted by a coronet of or blossom, was attended by her significantly both of whom wore apricot color frocks and black hats. The church full of relatives and friends. Missing the state of the full of relatives and friends. Miss Ma croft presided at the organ, and Frank Bell performed the man-ceremony. After the service a retion was held at the church, and ato to "our unseen guests" was a feature the wedding breakfast. We feel w that all who recognise the selfless in which Mr. and Mrs. Baker Brohave devoted their mediumistic to the cause of Spiritualism will in wishing them both happiness in new estate.

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At 8, Mrs. Dunn.
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Address.
WEDNESDAY, at 7-30, Miss Durrow,
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