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is supposed to be possible—yet, they have not been discovered to have oc-

erning powers will yet reveal these

possibilities to the human mind.

curred from such a cause.

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SPIRIT HABITATION, OR PLANETARY LIFE.

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QUES. By Artemas Fuller.

called death, and become freed from life might determine. the physical body ?

by its Will-power alone.

There are many such cases occur- dead, but only in a state of suspended his or her patient. ring at the present time : yet, Physi- animation.

ural sleep; where no signs of physical (the Sensor Nerves) of the body, thus esty of purpose of the practicing disease, nor of a struggle for life was giving pulsation and life to that body. Metaphysician, you had better suffer discovered. All this is at the command of the bodily pain, than to risk being

In such cases, there is no pain, no Soul when that Soul has gained suffi- brought under the mental yoke of unpleasant sensation, no more so than cient knowledge of its own possibili- one who might use that yoke (Willto fall into a physical sleep, and ties to know how to effect these won- power) to your final injury, for his or awake after a few hours of repose. derful changes in the physical body. her selfish gratification. Such cases are more numerous than

QUES. By William Martineau.

Is the Philosophy of Mind Cure or The study of the Soul and its gov- practical Science?

of the keys that man must employ in body is suffering from the same.

the change (death) has taken place ? date.

ANS. It is possible for the Soul of a human being to become sufficiently founded upon fact and knowledge, ual vibration of the Nerve flow of the developed in the Occult Laws of Life, and not upon theory.

Is it possible for a Soul, while at- to enable it to command the physical The practitioner, in order to be mind of the patient, positive thereto, tached to the physical body, to entirely body to this extent, that it (the Soul) successful as a Metaphysician, should there is retained this change of Nerve sever its connection with the physical can arrest the pulsation of the physi-body, at Will: that is, by means of its with the change and dead, so far as all signs of netic nature will be the more success-Will-power, pass thro' the change is far as all signs of the physical signs of the physical be and dead, so far as all signs of the physical be and dead, so far as all signs of the physical be and dead, so far as all signs of the physical be and dead.

ful in the cure of disease, than one who All reactions bring a change from Furthermore, the body may be has not this Magnetic force, because, the former condition, and, therefore, kept in this condition for an indefi- the Magnetic flow of the subtile force the result must prove either better or Axs. Yes, it is possible for a Soul nite length of time, providing that of the physical body will greatly aid worse.

to free itself from the physical body, the Soul has Will-power enough to the change termed death, even keep it so. with Will-power upon the Will-force and this power that produces the change Yet, the body will not be really also upon the Magnetic Life flow of in the vibratory Nerve powers, then, there will be no change from the In order that the labors of the former state; or, if received impercians, Dectors, and Scientific experts And in order that the Sonl may Metaphysician may result in good to feetly, then, the reaction will only be

have failed to trace the cause of death, to other than physical causes. The following, is one method by rent of Magnetic Life-force which strictly moral life; and should guard ting oneself unto the Will-power of which the Soul may free itself: VIZ.: serves to hold the Soul en rapport against every habit that would tend another, therefore, we advise that each

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Ere a cure can be performed, the Metaphysics, one of reliability as a mind of the patient is forced to believe that there is no such thing as pain, sickness, nor disease, and that Axs. Motophysical Science is one he or she has none, even while the

searching for the secrets of health. Now, the potency of the Positive Is it also possible for the Soul to If rightly fitted into the Vaults of mind (the practitioner) is so much again animate that physical body after the change (death) has taken place ? Nature, it will unlock many of the mysteries of Ancient and of Modern patient) that there is brought into action, thro' the Sensor Nerves of the

As a practical Science, it must be patient's body, a change in the habitparts in question; and by rendering the

The Soul of an individual may so desire to be free from the physical life there was not this Magnetic thoughts, because of the subtile influ-If there was not this Magnetic thoughts, because of the subtile influbody, that, by constant thought upon Life-force still within the physical ence he or she must needs exercise ercise their own Will-power to overthe subject, the physical body will be- body, then, the body would quickly upon and over his or her subjects. come their physical ailments. Each come weakened, and the vital organs show signs of decomposition, which is will become diseased, so that they a sure sign of the dissolution of the should be as pure in thoughts as a find it more easy the next time. little child, and as cleanly in person This exercise of one's own Willcannot perform their functional labor, Soul from the physical body. hence, the bedy sickens and dies, and No, the Soul cannot again animate as a virgin. Otherwise, one has no power over his or her physical aila body that has once lost the Vital, moral right to exercise his or her ments, will ultimately develop his or the Soul is set free. Will-power over another under pre- her Soul-power to such an extent that Such a case, would be the direct Magnetic Life-current. influence of the Soul acting upon the The seat of this Vital Current will tense of a benefactor. it can achieve greater and more mar-

always be found in the Sensorium of A word to those who would place velous results in the way of Mind inphysical body. And, then, again, there are other the Brain-therefore, all pulsation of themselves under the care and treat-fluencing matter.

the physical body may be suspended ; ment of the Metaphysician, is right Mothers should learn to exercise where while yet the Vital Spark or Current here applicable. Therefore, we say, this power over their children. Many methods. the Soul-power has been very power- remains dormant within the Brain of that :may have already done so, yet, knew ful, and the dissolution of the Soul that body, ready to be quickened and Unless you are sure as to the moral not that it was really this same power. from the physical body, was as a nat- sent onward thro' the Vital Avenues and physical purity, and of the hon-Continued on Fifth Page.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editress of The Watchman : -

ting quietly alone at my fireside, spirits disembodied. of one of my early communications tell where from, and their manner of rance, for they know no better-they worship your Ged, nor expect you to from a dear and only sister in spirit death. life.

given me about 35 years since, thro' a wants unsatisfied while in their earth- They are also taught to detest a our God, that is not blasphemy. little nephew, whom my sister had ly life.

proving, most certainly, to me, that sister and the guides would tell me liberty to all and in all things. she was along with me: and she what to do: and, as far as I could, I No one need fear injury from a progressive minds, see the folly of

would inform me where I went, and would comply. upon what business, and who I had We went to the theater, and the with me, and who paid the toll at the medium was fully entranced by this Churches, or destroy your Bible, but Judge between yourself and us," why bridge-when my nephew, the medi-spirit while the acting was going on ; we do want you to so construct and need you concern yourselves at all? um, was at school, and we three or four miles away—thus, precluding any chance for the medium to have seen or known anything about my taken her there.

itual tests at that time, it being so she was not as happy, as she liked to that is delivered from their pulpits. of my early education.

wrote, saying : -

experience with that medium. can write."

not known any thing about control ; you think this worth printing, please 55 God revealed to man for his guid- ently) established by Biblical authori-I begged her not to do so, but she left do so.

the boy; and soon I was moved here and there, and was invited to see a family, wherein there were two or Pittsburgh, Pa. three persons who showed mediumis-

tic symptoms. One evening I went there with a friend to call-he not knowing any thing about my being promised a talking medium, but it turned out that he was the man to place me on the promised track. We called and found nine persons present, we mak- "TRUTH IS MIGHTY AND WILL PREVAIL." ing eleven.

We were soon invited to sit around of receiving raps and tippings.

I soon discovered a young lady would ask, why do its adherents suredly not. who was much under control, and tremble for its safety ? nervous, opening and shutting her Why are the bugle notes of alarm act, violate either a social, moral, or while here. eves, and appearing quite uneasy, sounded to call help to its defense, physical law, we, alone, must suffer, It is supreme folly for us to enter (She had only shown such symptoms whenever an opponent, a Free-think- individually, the penalty of that into any argument, one with another, (She had only shown such symptoms whenever an opponent, a Tree dink wrong doing—no one can suffer for unless it will result in good, in un-opened wide, and she jumped up and and defiantly denounces its failings, us. There is no justice in it. came around where I was sitting, she its vices, and its crimes? put out her hand and shook mine Why do the Christians, as a gener- Atonement" can be illustrated in this and women of us. most cordially, saying : --

of my spirit sister's presence. I answer : The Free-thinker, ac- The Governor of the State (in EMANUEL M. JONES. She then told those present, how knowledging no allegiance to any whom the pardoning power is vested) she had moved me about to accomman-made God: paying no "Peter's is the one appointed to execute the Philadelphia, Pa. plish her mission, to put me in con-pence" to any Priest or Clergyman to culprit. tact with this medium, to do a work think for him, (for he does his own Just as the culprit is about to be "In splitting a log of black together-which was all Greek to me, thinking-it is best and cheapest); re- launched into Eternity, a man steps oak, Benjamin Marvin, of Watertown, and all the others, as no one knew fusing to aid in supporting Churches, forth and offers himself instead ; he is Conn., saw on the smooth grain in me, only by my name, (Thurber). where, in a majority of cases, more accepted, and is executed in place of the heart of a tree, a perfect picture of a clump of trees, with trunks and We had a very pleasant time, I can crime is committed, than virtue the guilty person. taught; denying the right of any one Is there any justice in that trans- branches and twigs clearly defined. assure you, to me, in particular. Assure you, to me, in particular. I was impressed to ask permission to call and have other sittings, which I was allowed to do—and it proved this, that the young lady medium was the proved to the proved the proved to the proved to the proved to the proved to the proved the proved to the proved the proved to the daughter of my sister's husband garb of Religion, or otherwise; one sentiments that sound like blasphemy conviction with it. It makes man a by a former marriage. But that is governed bee-leaver at once."

they could do with us, in assisting offices of a Mediator or a Redeamer, Deity poor spirits who could not be reached and, finally, ends his earthly existence Is it right that any one should be by them without the aid of earthly as he has lived, "a man." I was so fully impressed while sit- mediums to teach them that they were The creed-bound Christian has set of Deity ?

thinking over the Past, and, as usual, I can assure you that it proved a eralism and its advocates-and for the God question; you believing that about my many beautiful educations great school for me and the medium, what reason? by the spirits, that I could not help who soon became developed to see and Simply thro' ignorance on one ourself contending that no one can sending you the enclosed description give full descriptions of spirits, and hand, and fear on the other. Igno- comprehend-we cannot adore and

do not understand the Soul-liberating venerate ours. I found that, as the spirits died : truths that it teaches, but are taught If you do not respect our ideas of This was the early information so they retained the memory of their to determinedly combat it.

Free-thinker, as one who is, of all Why? developed to become a writing medi- For instance : A young lady, a others, the most cursed by an angry Because ours is a God not acknowl-

And they (the spirits) saw what acts, and, therefore, does not need the altogether by your comprehension of

um, whom she used for about a year. spirit, was very desirous of attending God, (at other times a God of Love). edged by the Christian world. You And she knew all that I did when I the theater : and I used to take the Liberalism grants to one person can only blaspheme against an acwent out riding to other places- medium to the theater-my spirit the same rights accorded to another- knowledged God.

Free-thinker.

We do not wish to tear down your If, as your Bible says, "God is the

rides. I was very suspicious, of spir- When the medium came to herself, falsehoods and nonsensical twaddle vancing in liberal ideas.

new and strange to me in that stage see good acting, and could not tell me We desire to show you the truths of the ideas 100 years ago, that are any thing about the play-all that in the Bible-where they are to be now delivered from their pulpits, they At another interview, my sister she could recollect, was, that we took found, and what they consist of : to would have suffered at the stake. a carriage and drove up to the theater separate the true from the false ; the The old landmarks of Theology,

"I shall not use this medium (the -and, no doubt, the spirit wholly moral from the immoral; and to ap-boy) any more, but I will find you a controlled her organism during the preciate the Book as it stands to-day: "Thus saith the Lord" are crumbling medium thro' whom I can converse play. I had many such proofs of VIZ. : A repository of truths of an- and fast disappearing before the penwith you audibly, and better than I spirit control, during my eight years cient times; a History of events oc- etrating light of Reason and Freecurring in the days in which they thought. I was much disappointed, as I had I will now close, and only add, if were recorded—and not as the word Creeds and Dogmas firmly (appar-

ance.

any person for clinging to ideas-to a reasoning powers of man's mind. system of Religion that has been The Free-thinker looks beyond the sounded in their ears from infancy narrow confines of the two lids of the under threats of pain and penalties : "Holy Book" for the evidence of exa Religion that has been forced into istence after this life. He looks to existence and support thro' the agency Nature, and studies her beautiful of the stake, gibbet, drownings, and truths. He studies physical and sword, and has existed for over 1500 moral laws outside of the Bible; and years as the only true Religion—the he finds that "The proper study of man, is man," and not an unknown,

for that length of time, and has hosts ating God. He finds, that, instead of If Orthodoxy be true, and the Sys- of supporters, is it necessary, is it delving into the hidden and unsolvaa large dining table for the purpose tem of Christianity be the only right reasonable, is it just that Mankind ble mysteries of Creation, of God, or plan of Salvation for Mankind-I should continue in that error? As- his attributes, his proper study, is,

al rule, ostracise a Free-thinker— "Dear Gus., I am here according to by promise made you." why do the connectancy as a gener way: viz.:— "The exchange of pure thought is A man has committed a crime for the beginning and growth of Wismy promise made you." This, to me, was a remarkable test definable God). penalty. Fraternally.

forced to acquiesce in another's idea

his or her face resolutely against Lib- Allowing that we differ vastly on you know what and who God is-

God; if you deride or speak ill of

Do you not, friends, you who have judging a Free-thinker so harshly?

Progress, instead of the oft-repeated The human mind is surely ad-

If the Clergy had advanced some

ty and Legislative enactments, are

As a Free-thinker, I do not blame being annihilated by the expanding

Because an error has been taught indefinable, incomprehensible, fluctu-"Why is he here, and what are the We know that if we do a wrong best uses to be made of his existence

"The exchange of pure thought is

Written for The Watchman. QUESTIONS AND REMARKS.

Yours in Kindness.

A. A. THURBER.

Written for The Watchman. ARISE & SHINE.

Arise and shine, the day has come When man can slumber on no more, In ignorance and falsity, By superstition's gloomy door.

Arise and shine, the Reason speaks, The Soul inspires us as with flame, To know that Immortality Is traced above each human name.

Arise and shine, thy selfhood is Thy savior, teacher, evermore ; Not Jesus' blood, but thine own deeds Shall open Hell or Heaven's door.

Arise and shine, the night has fled, And truth's fair morning gilds the sky; Go labor earnestly and well, Within life's ample vineyard by,

Arise and shine, we need thine aid To spread the light which angels bring; That man may better know himself, And of his own grand powers sing.

Arise and shine, the two worlds meet, Clasp hands across the vale of death; Revealing it as blessed change, Which gives of life a deeper breath.

Subdue earth's wrongs, crush error down,

And bravely bear life's cruel thorns, That ye may win a precious crown.

GENA F. SMITH.

Rockland, Maine,

----Written for The Watchman.

CHRISTIANITY AND SPIRITUALISM.

to recognize each other as antagonistic away to meet emergency. and irreconcilable.

At other times, they make a sort of Osceola, Iowa. half-way concession to each other, and seem as if they longed to be friends.

General of the two.

Their relative attitude, just now, is like the spider and the fly.

Christianity is stationary and mentrammeled, is ascending and progres- tem. sing.

young fly seems half a mind to help Cruelty.

within two Centuries past, by the Puritan followers of the lowly Jesus.

Heywood, Lant, Bennett, Mott, Bradlaugh, Besant, and numberless unrecorded victims in our day, are suffering persecution, imprisonment, When the Roses bloom again, and even slow death at the hands of And the birds with sweet refrain, Christianity. Christianity still has the power in

her hands, but it is gradually slipping from her grasp.

part of herself.

neers to the incorporation.

In my recollection, Christianity dispised and scouted the Sunday All of bigotry and pride, School, but, finding that fruitless, she

victorious by strategy. Church denounced the Geologists and

Evolutionists.

Five years ago, the Christian After storms, the sunshine bright; Church issued a Geological Chart un-"The silver lining" soon will showder the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., "The silver lining" soon will show-adopting all the strata and Periods of And rainbow hues with brighter glow

adopting all the strata and Formation, that five years before, Shall compass thee, around, about, Shades of Darwin and Lyell and And out of bitterness and doubt

Arise and shine, be staunch and true, the Geological Chart of the Church. thought

the Church.

Is this the same Church that, with- And onward, upward, as you stray, in ten short years, can perscute and To work while yet it shall be day. endorse the very same opinions-nay,

changeable, the infallible, the Ortho-

to its surroundings-and soon it will be claiming Darwin, Lyell, Spiritual-

ism, and all, as part and parcel of Or- Milwaukee, Wis. thodox Christianity.

The velvet paw of the Leopard is Sometimes these two Systems seem soft, but it has terrible claws hid F. J. EMARY.

P. S. Some apologists for a bad I know which is the more skillful System, warmly talk of "True Chris- Dear Watchman : -

tianity. Any System must be taken in the you-so, here it comes : "Hints by away by the spirit, and requested to aggregate, and for its whole duration. the way-side on the spirit side." A few persons better than their tally starving : Spiritualism, less system, does not sanctify a bad Sys- I became sabject to the law of Materi- away the mist, that we may not al-

know what to do for support. The or wept, will never redeem Ages of the apex of mechanical Science. young fly seems half a mind to help Cruelty. F. J. E. It seems to me that I am sup

Written for The Watchman. WHEN THE ROSES BLOOM AGAIN.

Sing their songs so gay and free, We shall come with love to thee.

With the forecast of a good general, And scatter sunbeams on your way, Christianity will make some advances Give to thee our sweetest layto Spiritualists, with the hope of ulti- Bring you forth to comfort those mately incorporating the System as Who from sin and all its wees,

And Christian Spiritualists (so- Have been scourged by many a thong alled) are complacently acting as pio- That to error doth belong-

Who would gladly cast aside

then adopted it as part of herself, per-verted its original intention, and is The *truer* knowledge to impart. Then to you, Oh! sister dear,

Only ten years ago, the Christian We would say, "Be of good cheer."

"After darkness, cometh light,"

Buckland ! I invoke you to witness Shall spring forth gems of purest

Spiritualists of to-day ! I beg of you to study the Geological Chart of That latent hid—shall yet be brought

Above the "Age of Man," they have the "Age of Angels." With gems of India can compare.

that can go a great step beyond the opinions they persecuted ? And later on in future years, The Star of Progress, bright Yes, it is the inspired, the un-

dox Christian Church, adapting itself And earn the honors-rich indeed.

ON THE SPIRIT SIDE.

Again, I feel impelled to write to

Any short selected Period of Time, conceptacle or earth body with its But the death-angel, who keeps

to myself, by consanguinity with an earth home, the curtain drops behind inconceivable CAUSE, holding power over all things, and I, small speck that I am, feel my relation to all this guide, that he will soon return and vast Universe in which I live. with those who made up the vast multitude that inhabited other worlds the Good Work. -and myself, in company with others, migrated to this Planet for a grand and noble purpose. And all San Bernardino, Cal.

affinity between us all, to-day, than we, on this Planet, are aware of-and these earthly bodies in which we dwell, were constructed by a wiser Designer than we can yet conceive of. The involuntary movements of this machine or body are wonderful.

It strikes me, it was intended to keep the life-fire burning, while we go out, and view the scenery clearly and distinctly as it is.

Reader, do you think it wrong that a connecting link should be had between now and the by-gone?

It seems to me to be just and right, and that I often go back and visit, aud associate as I feel inclined to do. And sometimes I visit other Planets than the one I formerly came from. and there I behold men and

women resembling those we see here in different localities on our earth. The African, coming, as it seems

he did, from near the blazing fire, was conducted to a congenial clime under the burning Sun, where his body was materialized of earth matter and there left to propogate his own species.

The Esquimaux' original clime, remote from heat, fits him for his Arctic home. So, with all other tribes. And we carry with us, to-day, a similarity of what we were in the beginning.

Oh! how little we know: and how strange it seems, that over every Scientific discovery made, a great battle must be fought.

But a new star has risen on hope's horizon, called SPIRITUALISM, which is the only agency of Reform that I know of, where swords can be beat into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks, and wars be known no more.

Spiritualism is the only agency where Soul food can be had without price. And we invite all who can to call at this agency (Spiritualism), and partake of the fruits of life, that they may know for themselves, that they live forever.

There are many good things that emanate from this agency (Spiritualism).

It is not the little ticking it once was called the death-watch : it is the audible voices you now hear.

HINTS BY THE WAY-SIDE One grand feature now being agitated at the agency (Spiritualism), is the conversing with friends at a distance, without the use of wire or paper.

It seems to me, that I am often led write, as I am now doing, for friends It seems to me that I existed before who stand ready to help us clear alization which placed upon me this ways be looking thro' a glass, darkly.

The old spider does not seem to where gentle mercy may have smiled reproducing force, which seems to be watch over the secrets of the Past, has not yet opened wide the door for It seems to me that I am superior me : and when I return back to my take me back still further than I have It strikes me that I was numbered yet been, and give me a new lesson. I Remain Fraternally Yours in JOHN BROWN, SR.

Written for The Watchman.

The Star of Progress, bright appears To crown your brow: we say, take heed,

MARY E. VAN HORN.

her. To the innocent fly I would say : Beware !

There were some martyrs to Christianity at its incipiency, (and there are some martyrs to Spiritualism now). Christianity, thro' long, dark Ages, which it caused, murdered for opinion. "Surrender at discretion," said one of her generals to a beleaguered City, "and no blood shall be shed." The Citadel surrendered, and were buried alive.

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EDITORIAL.

THE CARE OF OUR DEAD-WHAT TREATMENT THEY SHOULD RECEIVE, &C.

Continued.

In our last issue of THE WATCHMAN, we promised our readers that we would have more to say on life would become inferior in size and quality-and why? THE CARE OF OUR DEAD-WHAT TREATMENT THEY SHOULD RECEIVE, &c .- embracing the subject of be too weak to produce anything better. CREMATION.

One of our Correspondents, in commenting upon our last Editorial, concluded by saying that she hoped that we would favor Cremation.

To that we reply : -

We are in favor of Cremation when viewed from a Sanitary standpoint : but we should strenuously object to Cremation as a universal practice of disposing of the bodies of the dead.

Our reason for so doing, would be this : --

We see that mother earth demands her own; and that the human body, (like all other animal bodies), is part and parcel of the earth ; and that from the earth's substance, combined with the gases and vapors of the atmosphere, vast billions of bodies, animal and human, draw their sustenance; and that all refuse, dead, and effete particles of matter from these bodies, return back to the placed therein, would escape as pure ethereal CHEMICALS earth, serving as fertilizing power for new life.

And as the earth evolves-thus distributing each atom to its rightful place-giving to the atmosphere sufficient to sustain atmospheric life.

Therefore, in order to keep all things balanced, the Payable to earth (the ground) must be supplied with its rightful portion of animal and vegetable substance as decomposable matter, from which the earth, THE WOMB OF NATURE, would not maintain its accustomed Gravitation. throws new life-therefore, the great need that all dead animal bodies be interred in the ground,

> We do not approve of coffins, neither wooden nor metalic, much less, marble coffins, because, as we see, either of these will retard the natural decomposition of the kind would be afflicted with mental disorders to an bodies contained therein ; also retard the natural process alarming extent. of disseminating thro' the earth, the gases and fluids of the body.

winding-sheet, and lay it gently in the bare earth.

Such pleasing additions, as flowers and green sod might be placed around the body, in, or, on the grave, as more light in pressure upon the earth : Vegetation would might be optional to the friends.

We would suggest that all places for Public interment ance. be situated miles from any habitation, in low lands, NEVER on elevated lands, as the excretions will, naturally, wash downwards and settle in the low and on the material would be more readily acted upon by their level lands; and if these excretions have not had time to solvents, hence, would rust, corrode, and crumble away purify, they will carry contagion and disease along with much faster than otherwise.

them-whereas, if in low lands, the earth proper will absorb and retain these excretions until all are purified about by the different effects produced upon the atmosand changed into new life.

some powerful disinfectant-thus, to arrest all forms of bodies.

the result would be quite imperceptible in the sense of which we have spoken.

Yet, should Cremation become a universal, or, even a National method of disposing of the dead, then, as a Nation, we, as a People, would, in a few generations, become greatly deficient in physical vigor : we would become as pigmies in stature : Vegetation, and all forms of earth

Because the earth, THE WOMB OF NATURE, would

This is in accordance with what we, as a medium, receive from our Spirit Instructors.

We have been shown that, as an exclusive method of disposing of dead bodies, Cremation is NOT advisable. But that as one of the methods of disposing of a portion of the dead bodies of a Nation, it is advisable : VIZ. :-In cases of Leprosy, or any other very contagious forms of disease, then, the Cremating of such dead bodies would be advisable.

We are shown, that, while Cremation, as a general Custom, would tend to deplete the physical body of all Animal bodies, as well as all forms of Vegetation of the earth ; yet, as a partial Custom, it would serve to etherealize the earthly productions-and why?

Simply this : In Cremation, the properties of the body that would go to fertilize the ground, were the bodies

These CHEMICALS would be retained in the atmosphere until such time as they would be wafted unto the earth, and all living things upon the earth, would be affected by these ethereal CHEMICALS.

We are shown, that should Cremation become a ruling Custom, the atmosphere would become so heavily charged with these CHEMICALS, that earthly material

It is also shown to us, that were the United States to contain 700 Crematories, and all be kept in constant use, that in less than 100 years, all forms of life within the United States would suffer physical debility, and Man-

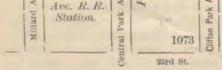
Yet, should there be, on an average, one Crematory to a radius of 400 miles, and each one consume not over 50 Our method, then, would be to wrap the body in a bodies per year, then, the effect upon the atmosphere would be beneficial to the Humankind.

> It would serve to render the atmosphere more clear, be less hardy, but it would bear a more ethereal appear-

> Should the Custom of Cremation become general, then, Granite, Marble, Iron, and various kinds of brilding

> And all these changes in Nature would be brought phere by a constant over-charging of the atmosphere with

We would suggest that the entire surface of these CHEMICALS, such as would be produced by the exclusive Burial Grounds should receive a semi-annual dressing of use of the Crematory, as a means of disposing of dead



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When the earth receives her own decompositions, she disease that MIGHT arise therefrom. But we can see that, if the bodies be laid in the ground gives forth to her kind, renewed strength and earthly

without coffins, there will be very little contagion arise to vigor : and when over-charged with atmospheric the surface, because the properties of the earth, when CHEMICALS, she produces a neutral growth. coming in direct contact with the bodies, will change the Therefore, seeing, as we do, the effects that would disease germs into harmless animalcule life and into result from Cremation, we cannot give it our uncondi-Vegetable fertilizer, without danger of contagion there- tional support.

We should, therefore, favor both Cremation and Inter-Our objection to Cremation is this : ment, according to the nature of the case, and according In Cremation, the earth is robbed of her natural fertil- to the section of the earth.

izer-what is sent into the atmosphere by way of the For we see, that in certain sections of the earth, the furnace, as CHEMICALS, will not supply the loss to the effects of Cremation would be less unfavorable, than in other sections.

If a few thousand bodies be disposed of by Cremation,

H. A. BERRY, Editress.

Contributed to The Watchman.

MERRICK HALL.

To my dear friend, Mrs. Minerva Merrick, this Poem is affectionately dedicated.

[Mrs. Minerva Merrick, the owner of Merrick Hall, Merrick Hall to the Cause of Spiritualism and Reform.

Some few years ago a mob threatened to burn the building if she allowed the subject of Spiritualism discussed there.

But she has firmly held to her convictions of right, and with the help of the angel world, she will yet main- relieved the child ? tain her rights as a Spiritualist; and will see to it that Quincy, Ill., has a place where Spiritualism can be heard Publicly.-ED.]

It is not done. the work so fair,

For which the Temple was erected there; Yet, in the Father's own good time,

Sweet heavenly songs will thro' it chime.

The gentle words of love and light

Will lead the darkened ones aright; The words of inspiration sweet

Will many hungry Souls yet greet.

The bread of heaven there will feed The multitude, and onward lead-

The powers that move sublimely stand To prove the truth of the angel land.

And they who yet will swell that song, Are growing now in spirit strong :

The one who reared that Temple great Shall yet be filled with joy elate.

Our Father ever needs the weak To prove the Power of which we speak ; Tho' long it seems, yet shall she see

The ruling of Divinity.

Tho' dark the clouds seem in her sky, Yet all those clouds will swiftly fly;

And as she views the radiant Sun Shall she see the fruits of duty done.

That when she scattered in the night Her harvest thrives in heaven's sweet light; And all the crowns are pure and bright Where weary burdens she made light.

The heavens will open and angels say : "Rejoice! thou hast the better way,

Rejoice! Oh Soul! that thou hast lain Thy talent where 'twill ever gain.

"It hath increased an hundred-fold In heaven's sweetest, purest gold :

The widow's heart you filled with joy, The weary girl thou gav'st employ.

"The poor man's house thou helped him build, And many aching hearts thou hast stilled ; Thou oped thy hand and from it flew

CONTRASTS OF LIFE.

Continued from First Page.

Cannot some of our readers recall instances where a little child had cut its finger, or bruised its head, or, in some other manner, hurt is body, and had come crying to you for aid and sympathy; and you, from your desire to has endured severe criticism and trial at the hands of aid the sufferer-for it was severe to its tender flesh-had needs be good in death, and never yet bigoted people since first she opened and dedicated held the afflicted parts in your hands, or placed your lips

there, for I have taken it all away."

And upon this treatment, the little sufferer has smiled, and has been relieved.

Now, what think you was this power that so suddenly

We will tell you, it was both the Magnetic sympathy and the Positive action of the one, the older, the Positive mind upon the Negatve mind of the other; thus arresting the pulsation of the Sensor Nerve running from the

the injured parts to the Sensorium of the little ones Brain.

This is Metaphysics combined with Magnetic sympathy.

And as a practical study, it should be studied and practiced solely with the desire to aid and bless-but NEVER that one may gain an influence over another for mercenary gain, nor for selfish, or licentious purposes.

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A Creed that is good in life, must was a hero life closed by a coward death.

What can better soothe the bed of a dying man than the knowledge that the world is better for his living, that he leaves it better than he found it, that he has helped to raise and purify

What easier pillows to rest a dying head on than the memory of a useful life.—Annie Besant.

A man has a better right to love his wife than to love God. He cannot help God, but he can surround his wife's life with a halo of love, tenderness, and joy .- R. G. Ingersol.

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After the invocation, we addressed those present, with the following : -

We are more than pleased that so we feed you, clothe you, or visit you many have responded to our invita- in prison ? tion to this meeting; and we will And the answer was: "Inasmuch treat you to the best bread and wine as ye have done it unto one of the remarks on the revision of the Old own. that our spirit friends have provided least of these, my brethren, ye have Testament. for your entertainment.

Our bark is on the deep blue sea course.

peace, but a sword.

minds of Humanity, causing the fire effaced. the rubbish of false teachings, dog-other. mas, creeds, and Superstition that has of the life of man.

vineyard of love to Humanity clear- had done. vines of love and mercy which will Globe. good deeds, the laborers will build, taught to the pupils? with these gems, a Temple, in the Our observations, and what our spirits of men.

eternal in the heavens. hells

body, it gravitates to the Sphere that the Church. corresponds with the one occupied

with us.

rial place-but spiritual sensation. impracticable by many people-such stranger, one who was not aware of the ladder of Progression, without the Those who claim to be Materialists, as : that power, to approach it. light of love to ones neighbor; and Our mind is impressed to say that justice and mercy to the unfortunate If a man takes your coat, give him as we understand them, think that the Taberdacle (Tent of Meeting) was murderers and thieves-those weaker they have no Soul-that they are your cloak, also. only a lump of animated clay, evolved And : if a man slap you on one so heavily charged with spirtual pow-from the low, crude forms of matter ; side of your face, turn to him the er, that one coming into that radius manity. and when that which is called death, other. not properly clothed, would receive a MINERVA MERRICK. Another is : leave father, mother, shock that would kill the person. touches them, they are annihilatedburied in the earth with their physi- and all worldly attachments, and fol-Humanity was in a more natural low me (Jesus). To another he said: go sell all state or nearer the earthly condition, and could not rise into the spiritual in a pleasantly-situated, comfortable cal body. How sad, how dark and gloomy is the prospect when compared with the thou hast, and give it to the poor. without coming out of darkness or house, just large enough for a woman knowledge of the intercommunion of the spiritual Sphere with the Material that all people should do the same— affliction. The Old Tester of the spiritual Sphere with the Material that all people should be worked by the same of the sam The Old Testament is a History house are pleasant, loving hearts, Sphere of existence ! which would be very unreasonable. When we discovered the fountain In our mind, Jesus knew the man of human experiences-no more, no busy hands, and voices of prayer and of life (Spiritualism), wherein, we, as well as he did the woman at the less-written by inspiring thoughts song and laughter.

and all the world with us, could live well-and the man may not have from God, the Universal Spirit that in youth and beauty forever-live in known, himself, that he was a miser. fills the Universe, which is all in all. Elysian Fields on the islands of the He was willing to keep the Com-blessed—that death to the pure in mandments, and multiply prayers, Chemical Law, and each one drew heart was the opening of a door thro' and call upon the Lord continually- his thoughts, as the infant draws its which we pass to pleasures and joys, but his large possessions was his God, nourishment from its mother-accord-The publication of "A Fountain of which the mind, in its loftiest and therefore, he was disappointed on ing to the organism, culture, and reof Light," as a Periodical, is discontin- most exalted flight, can form no ade- finding that he was not the great man finement, each one drew from the Bow Bound copies of Volume 1, quate conception : we felt that we that he represented himself to be. circle of spirit influence that sur-Jesus was a teacher. He says: do rounded him or her.

The Law and Testimony teaches the works and you will know the that pure and undefiled Religion, is doctrine.

to visit the widows and orphans in His lessons are practicable, and are what circle one draws from. their affliction; minister unto them; practiced by people who know not the Love and Mercy is the most refined and keep unspotted from the world- amount of good that they are doing : Sphere,

that is, to keep from cheating, lying, and they will be surprised at their When one says, blood for bloodstealing, killing, and committing pleasant reception in the spirit realm : there is no love or mercy in that exand will exclaim, when did we feed, pression, and it flows from a dark

REVISION

OF THE

OLD TESTAMENT.

Blessed are the pure in heart- clothe, or visit you in prison? Hall, Quincy, Ill., on Sunday, July those who live honest, honorable, and righteous lives-practicing the Gold-

en Rule. They represent the sheep that stood on the right hand of true Christianity : they are the ones who said, when did

done it unto me."

This is the Philosophy which, if the East have revised the Tabernacle, modernize it, is to ruin the expression. of reformation; and we are waving we learn, we shall know how to live and have called it a Tent of Meeting. The Period has arrived when old a banner to those on shore, to come in peace and harmony with each This must be what is meant by sacri- things must pass away; and new Bion board and help manage the craft, other-giving a cup of water to one lege-as, calling it a Tent of Meeting, bles are being written by the same as all the debris thrown into the who is thirsting for a draught of obliterates the grand use of the Tabchannel cannot retard its onward sympathy and commiseration that ernacle-a most wonderful revelation ets, Seers, and Angels in early times. would cheer his or her aching heart : thro' the mind of Moses the medium. It is in vain to try to fill those old

Jesus said I came not to bring and when it is given without antici- And we know that it was used for vessels with the new wine that is pated reward, it is written on the the same purpose that a cabinet is, at flowing from the vintage of Progres-And to-day that sword is piercing the eternal world and will never be the present time-a place to receive sion. instructions from the spirit side of life.

of contention to burn with fervent Thomas Paine's Religion, was to Moses saw the pattern, and was of the mighty signs that are appearheat, and that heat will consume all do good-and we do not know of any instructed how to build it, and what ing in the world, to show in future to put inside. There was the Ark of the Cove- Of this 19th Century.

The model man went about doing accumulated in the past experiences good, and taught his pupils how to nant, with the Mercy Seat, and two The Bible is a History of human do the same : and he told them that Cherubim-one at each end. And actions and experiences of the interior Morality defined, is to work in the they could do greater works than he the Ark contained the Testimony, Principle or spirit of man, illustrated which was the experiences that the by natural objects pictured in the ing away the thorns of tyrainy and To-day, these truths are being de- Children of Israel had had in life up most forcible style, and it needs no

oppression; and planting new choice monstrated on every part of the to that time.

yield a harvest of flowers (thoughts) Where can we find a College or mediums, as Aaron had been devel- a purpose-to bring out the lights and and when clothed with the fruit of Institution where these lessons are oped in his experiences in Egypt, and shadows, to display the mountains and he could speak with God, angels, or valleys of good and evil, and convey

spirit realm, not made with hands, spiritual teachers say, confirm the He heard the voice from the Mercy mandments. fact, that, those claiming to be Chris- Seat in the Holy of Holies, the inner It would be well if the inhabitants There are many heavens and many tians have repudiated these lessons of Temple beyond the veil, in total of earth would learn to practice some love and mercy-saying that they darkness, as the Tent was covered of the laws contained in the Book they When the spirit of man leaves the were not applicable to this Age of with rams' and badgers' skins-there love and idolize.

tion or place of worship.

Heaven is happiness-not a mate-precept and example, are considered ing it which made it dangerous for a the exterior, that it will raise them on

We may judge by the expressed thoughts when clothed with deeds,

clouded mind. The same spiritual Sun shines for MRS. MINERVA MERRICK.

all, but its rays caunot penetrate that beclouded mind-it corresponds with wild beasts that gore each other to death.

The whole Book (Bible) contains lessons of human experience for man to learn; and by understanding the We are impressed to make a few errors of others, learn to correct their

What good will result from the As we understand, the wise men of revision of the Old Testament-to

> We must have a new record kept Cycles of Time, the great Phenomena

> retouching.

Aaron and his sons, no doubt, were All the details of the picture are for the grand idea of Truth-the Com-

is no mention of a window, which The Word corresponds with a lamp We are infidel entirely to the Or- corresponds with a well built cabinet filled with oil, and those who carry it thodox opinions, theories, and specu- of to-day, wherein the modern medi- in their hands to light them in the We all live in circles, good or evil, lations of the Bible-its contents and ums hold communication with the crooked paths of life, and have not and according to the evil or good, we characters : as these lessons are as spirit realm, in a similar manner. touched the wick with a match from enter and take our heaven or hell applicable to-day, as they ever were- The Tabernacle that Moses built, the altar of troth, love, and justice, and are most important, and should was more than a temporary habita- are walking in the darkness of preju-Jesus said : "Heaven and hell are be enacted on the stage of life. dice, oppression, tyranny, and injus-The lessons that Jesus taught by There was an influence surround- tice; and think that by ornamenting within you."

REPLIES TO FRIENDS.

Editress of The Watchman : -

goodness.

I always said that I was never outwinded in an argument. Yet I do not the handwriting of her dead friends- when she looks thro' the glass.-ED.] want to tire others.

the Phenomena at Liberal, Mo.

Right there in the hot-bed of Ma- nature of that individual? terialism, independent Slate-writing is I never see the name, D. M. Benthey may. I never suppress a fact

the Church, or any other Society.

I believe that Spiritualists have the false that I war against.

if thy spirit friends are real, they also Wisdom. know me, and can test me thro' this I have MOST.

ing them.

They have, publicly and privately, women. disputed them, just as we have disdeath-beds of Infiidels, and the proper position. lieve, what difference does this make? those who are

I "KNEW" that Mr. Truesdell, and Mr. West told me facts, because they showed me precisely how they did the Phenomena: while Mr. Cheeseborough could not show me how a large stone could fall thro' a ceiling and make no break in it: or, how Mr. Caffrey could pass thro' a solid

I am accused of "ignoring test

bill by a stranger, and we doubt its covered. genuineness-would we not do precisely the same thing ?

forgery.

accept it, unless we had full proof of give it attention. its goodness.

untried. I have faithfully spent time how many of the handwritings will Is it not barely possible that the and money in honest investigation. I shall never clear even *fame* by If that is the manne

I have thus far found thee the most I mean to do all I can to educate the sions, it is no wonder that she eries tablishing more harmonious, agreeatolerant of all the Spiritual publishers Race into health of body and mind, "fraud"-for, she writes "fraud" ble, and loving relations with each -I hope I shall not wear out thy and to make all the world happy and upon the glass that she looks thro', other and themselves, and, thereby, guod. Mrs. Clark lays much stress upon and, consequently, she sees "fraud"

does not she know that when one's

I AM a little bewildered now about mind is upon a person, and we see the name, it generally looks like the sig-

done thro' one of their own citizens : nett, written, but I think that it re-I have many letters from the people sembles Mr. Bennett's own handwritthere, and am to have some tests. I ing. And the same way with my shall report it all, let facts lead where mother's name, and those of others. [*]

I have no enmity to individuals in be studied till the true cause and their failings, measure their neighbors' causes of it are understood. I am sorry to be compelled to construction?

done a world of good work-but it is bother the readers so much simply in Of what advantage to the world, is Thee knows me by this time, and to work for Truth, Knowledge, and it grabbing, or the interference of would be "exceedingly honorable"

I have never claimed to "investi- parties, with the manifestations of a letter, which comes from my INNER- gate Spiritualism"-only to have seen spiritualistic circle or seance ?

many of its phases, and not to have Thee asks why Calvin West, J. H. been convinced that anything I saw great and glorious world is centered his happiness arises from the subdu-Truesdell, and Joseph Caffrey, as me-diums, allowed false statements to some that is REAL, I am compelled to ber of its inhabitants?

of hundreds of truthful men and explain to the world, why it is necessa-

I desire a close examination of all dence, hall, or room where others are puted the canards concerning the Phenomena, so as to relegate it to its engaged in investigating the claims or drunkenness of Thomas Paine. But, I do not claim to be wise or learn- either by invitation, or otherwise, and where people are determined to be- ed-but hope not to be classed with interrupt the proceedings, by forcing

fatigue of thought,

pause, or choice,

all.-Cowper.

nor, did he show me how independ-ent Slate-writing got upon the slates. from the "common fate of all"? Public to pay their way over the Spiritualism and its Phenomena ; and If Emanuel can find any writer return after visiting a few mediums,

I have answered every direct ques- that they are frauds-and, then, come tion that Emanuel has ever asked me, out with a flourish of trumpets, It might bear 50 tests as a genuine (so far as I know)-if I have over- wherever they can get a hearing.

again. Even, if offered the bill by a *friend*, whom we suspected of not being a good judge of money, we would not under comment, I shall be glad to tics not quite cranky enough to be

Now, I doubt that spirits exist at of the five senses, each of which helps ness chair.

If there are spirits, they know that upon which she forms her conclu- using all spare time, (if any), in es-

----Written for The Watchman.

SELF-CONSTITUTED

DETECTIVES & FRAUDS.

Why are they detectives? Is it because they love Humanity more? Yet, there is, no doubt, much reat or, is it because they, themselves, are, Wisdom of Nature. whether it counts for me, or against. Phenomena, and I hope that it will at heart, dishonest, and knowing

self-defense. It is nobler and better the seizure of Materialized forms, spir-

Why is it that all the honor of this

stand as facts so long without disput- believe : or, else, to doubt the word Will some one, either mortal or spirit,

y for these detectives to enter, a resispirit manifestations or Phenomena, upon those assembled, their particular

views, by spirit grabbing, or in any

ceedingly honest and unselfish persons the girls had gone, and sang patheti-And swallowing, therefore, without adopt to satisfy the Public-not, that cally: "Tis the last rose of some-her." the medium is a fraud, but that they, The total grist unsifted, husks and themselves, are brighter, intellectually, than the great mass of Mankind ?

Some even go so far as to ask the My writings may "contradict each Public to pay their way over the after test, and cherishing the slight-est evidence of trick and deception." whose writings cannot be made to contradict each other, he will find known, previous to starting out, were Suppose that we are offered a \$50 more than other critics have ever dis- frauds; some others, who admit, and have published the fact, themselves, bill, but ONE FLAW would prove it a looked any, he will please ask them claiming that all Spiritualism and spirit Phenomena is but a snare and

If friends will find anything fur- delusion, and the millions of believers detained in an Asylum, but whom the The Mind or Soul is the outgrowth Courts should not admit to the wit-

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