## Silverton Thought Exchange.

MRS. ADDA D. MARTIN ON SPIRIT LIFE AND SCIENCE.

The old topic of spirit continu- consequences of its action. gracefully delivered, by Mrs. Adda part no more. Davenport Martin, made the large ble father, Timothy W. Davenport, not in a hurry to break in upon it. Esq., whose health did dot permit to show, among other things:

of course, be no alternative but to ence could bring to bear upon the ever come. The claim of Materialists and some Psychologists that modern science had explained the consciousness and the ego of man as the co-operative results of nerve action arising from contact with the world, availed naught, as long as life itself remained an acknowledged mystery, except as it may be explained by spirit action. And this was just what scientists generally acknowledged it to be. This quotations from Scientists who were claimed to be also Spiritualists.

and micro-organisms was taken up. ter was chemically the same as age? dead matter used by us as food, plus the vital phenomena which

destroy as

proved. Without the entity as a dium be heard on this platform?" cause the vital phenomena remain-TIMOTHY W. DAVENPORT, ESQ., AND ed an unaccountable mystery. This indestructible entity being proved to exist, all the higher phases of life and mind and of the soul are the

ance seemed to bring the tears of The lecture dwelt eloquently the sky to mourn our earthly upon the general blessedness of the fate at the Thought Exchange Sun- immortality which this indestructiday evening, March 25. But the ble entity assured to one and all, full and hearty choir and the well- in this world and in some world to prepared and beautiful address, come, where friends would meet to

The lecturess made her spirit they reached their homes. x. y. z. audience soon forget all tears above world so much of a reality by her or below. The address had been, pleasant manner and "atmosphere," as she said, dictated by her venera- that the hardy "materialists" were

But President Hosmer finally behis attendance, and was a result, gan the process of exorcism. It more or less, of the previous dis- was sometimes unpleasant, he said, cussion of similar subjects before to tell the truth, but there could be the Exchange by Mr. Swank and no true Thought Exchange unless others. It was exceedingly well this was done. Until somebody written and well delivered, so that could find some life outside of pronot a word of it was lost. It sought toplasm and independent of matter, the fact must continue to be That the belief that there is an that scientists must be liable to be immortal element in man has been called "materialists." As long as the firmest conviction of the better everything we did know was found and greater part of the human race to be matter or the properties of from time immemorial, and the matter, that is, the changes, or basis of the life, ambition and the motions, or processes of matter in hope of every people who had led mass, or in its atoms or elements, in the progress of the race. For there was no presumption that the this reason the presumption was in phenomena of life could be excepfavor of this conviction, and it tions. The presumption had thus could only be overthrown by the been entirely changed by science in positive facts of scientific investiga- favor of the natural origin of protion, thoroughly cross-examined so toplasm and of all of its actions, as to be indisputable. If the facts properties and processes, vital as were found to be thus established well as others. This result had against this old belief, there would, been proved by every test that scigive it up, and to make the best we subject; that he would leave Prof. could of life without it. But, the Wakeman to follow up. Nor was lecture argued, there was no reason there any propriety in saying that to believe that such a time would the old egotistic immortality was really desirable. Thinking people soon outgrow it when they try and take in its stead the human or altruistic immortality that looks towards a "heaven" on earth, instead of one now utterly inconceivable in space or time. Yet a hope of this inconceivable world, millions of dollars are worse than wasted every year in church buildings and theological efforts, and the whole life of man is misdirected. the lecture sought to prove by Practically, this world is left to be a hell, because everybody is here only in a selfish, individual state of Then as the bottom question the probation, trying to save his soul origin and nature of the life of cells for a world that is really inconceivable. Is not that the crowning It was shown that the living mat- folly of our otherwise enlightened

Prof. Buff was intent upon applying the lecture to the spiritual came only from, and as a part of, inconsistencies and impossibilities other living matter, by division or of the New Testament, and wonas the germ and sperm cells of dered how absurd they would applants and animals. This vitality pear now in our present practical was an immaterial entity, and age. He was tired of theories and was the difference bouren, Biring wanted a live Spiritualist who could and dead.val principle of abso- he do something, and so prove someauthority can never be carried who hing. In the absence of any other could be specimen, he promised a slate-writ-

he asked. And the answer was, "Try it on."

Prof. Wakeman was then backed up against the footlights. He was impressed that in this lecture Youth, Beauty and Age, and the whole past of the race, had conspired to do their best for the "old heart" of man. He then went into the science of the matter, and his speech excited much interest and is given in another column.

Most of the audience evidently wished time to master the issue between Entity and Process, and the clouds had not cleared up when



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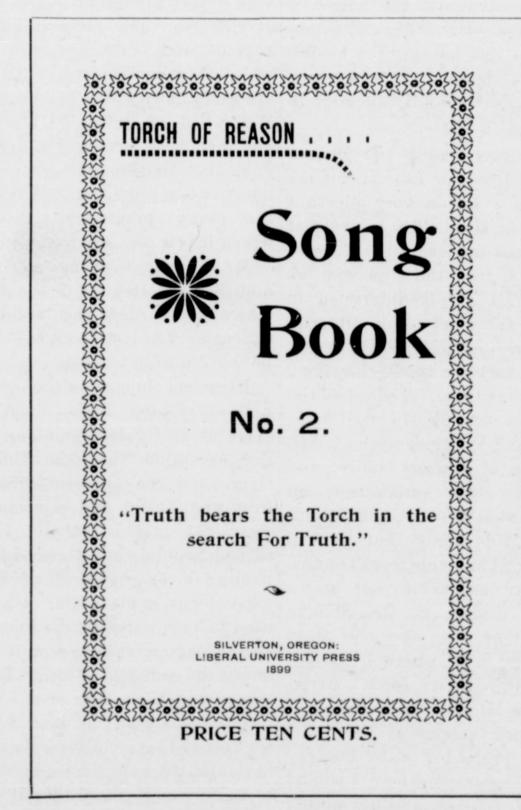


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