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To sense how holy is this hour,—  
 Yea, how sublime the needs we feel,—  
 Is to respond to prophet power,  
 To have God's spirit o'er us steal.  
 Eternal in its consequence,  
 Decision well and wise we give  
 To conquer wrong, to shame pretence,  
 And aid fair truth and love to live!

I would be faithful to my day,  
 Count every movement as my own;  
 My sword shall flash to help its fray,  
 My loyalty in deeds be shown.  
 God leads us on to better thought,—  
 To love divine, to goodness great;  
 To serve my time my life is brought,  
 To live to-day is highest fate.

WILLIAM BRUNTON.

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### WHAT HAS SPIRITUALISM TAUGHT AND DONE?

The following statement relating to the teachings and achievements of Spiritualism was laid under the foundation-stone of the Spiritual Temple, Oldham, Lancashire, Eng., April 19, 1887. It is interesting in itself; and it is also interesting as showing how near Spiritualism in its best form comes to Unitarianism:—

1. Spiritualism proves man's immortality and the existence of a spiritual universe.
2. It destroys all fears of death, annihilates the doctrine of eternal punishment, and substitutes the cheering assurance of eternal progress.
3. It sweeps away the idea of a personal devil, and locates the sources of evil in man's own imperfections.
4. It denies the doctrine of any vicarious atonements for sin, and on the testimony of millions of immortal spirits solemnly affirms that every guilty soul must arise and become its own Saviour.
5. It ignores the degrading conception of a partial and vindictive God, and substitutes the worship of an Infinite, Eternal, and All-perfect Spirit,—an Alpha and Omega, all Love, Wisdom, and Law.
6. It demolishes the materialistic conception of the theological heaven and hell, making each a state of happiness or misery dependent on the good or evil within the soul itself.
7. It is the friend and promoter of all reforms that tend to elevate and benefit humanity.
8. While Spiritualism proclaims that there

is a standard of truth in everything, it acknowledges man's incapacity to discover all truth, and therefore it fetters no one's opinion, and teaches, but never forces, its belief on any one.

9. Concerning all spiritual life, state, and being, Spiritualism accepts no theories that are not sustained by proven facts and corroborative testimony.

10. Its phenomena—being all based upon immutable principles of law—open up endless arenas of new research for science, its consensus of revelation—being founded upon facts—tends to place new religion on the basis of science and vitalize science with all that is true and practical in religion.

11. Spiritualism is a ceaseless incentive to practise good. It reunites the friends separated by death, strengthens the weak by the presence of angel guidance, cheers the afflicted with the certainty of another and better world, where justice will be done, every wrong righted. It is terrible only to the guilty, proving that spirit eyes read every secret crime, and that all crimes must be abandoned and atoned for by personal suffering and personal compensation before any guilty soul can attain happiness hereafter.

12. Spiritualists have no creed, but may all unite in the following simple summary:—  
 I believe in the Fatherhood of God,  
 The Brotherhood of Man,  
 The Immortality of the Soul,  
 Personal Responsibility,  
 Compensation and Retribution hereafter for all the good or evil deeds done here,  
 And a path of eternal progress and good open to every human soul that wills to tread it by the path of eternal good.

EMMA HARDINGE BRITTEN.

### RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

We have once or twice mentioned the striking case of religious bigotry and intolerance which has lately come to light in South Carolina. Prof. W. J. Alexander, who for some years has filled with confessed ability the Chair of Logic and Rhetoric in the South Carolina College, has been dismissed from his place because of his Unitarian views.

At a recent meeting of the vestry of the