A LITTLE PARTNER

BY ADICE M. WAASEN

Only a little farther

To the softly moving oar

On its surface, lilies lie—

Only a little farther

Beside the boatman on time's shore,

I wonder if the billows

And I shall know what lies across—

Only a little farther

Familiar forms upon the pier—

This life, with all its yearnings fond,

A few more times... What lies beyond

Only a little farther

In the silence of the midnight,

In my soul I hear the voices

And the words of comfort whispering,

In my wanderings oft there cometh

Yet within my soul I list to

Those that long since have departed

Loved ones that have gone before me

Whisper words of peace and joy;

Those that long since have departed

Tell me their divine employ

In my wanderings oft there cometh

Sudden stillness to my soul,

When around about within me

Reposing joys unnumbered roll;

Of the loved ones gone before;

See they watch on every hand,

And I love, I love to hold

Voices from the spirit land.

In the silence of the midnight,

When the cares of day are o'er,

In my soul I hear the voices

Of the loved ones gone before;

And the words of comfort whispering,

When would my hands as a board

Believing that such a person

Could do work which would strengthen

The hands of the board vestees,

Believing in the right of California to at least

One third of the membership of the board

Voted against the proposition

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as it is through your state association alone that the aid could be obtained, and if necessary I feel certain you will meet with a willing response.

The report of the proceedings of the convention in pamphlet form have been found to be too expensive and the sale of them too few to warrant the printing in that form, and Mr. Francis of the Progressive Thinker being present, arrangements were made for all necessary reports to be published in two successive numbers of that paper, and the several state associations could place them with local societies, so that each could have on file a copy of these for reference.

I therefore made a package and paid for it to be sent to the Journal office—both numbers being enclosed in one package.

I was present at every session from ten o'clock in the morning until eleven in the evening of the four days, have worked upon important committees—one of which I am still working on, that of forms and usages for marriage and burial services, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Dyo, Mrs. Galbraith, Miss Overholt, and Miss Jennie Hayes Brown all rendered royal and faithful service for California, and to all who accepted our commission we are indebted for earnest work.

Hoping that what has been done will meet with your approval, and will result in the good of Spiritualism and the advancement of Truth, your sincerely and fraternal

R. S. LILLIE.

BY THEIR FRUITS SHALL YE KNOW THEM.

The Scientific American gives an interesting account of the empire of the Spaniards as previous to the advent of the Spaniards. The government is said to have been the most enlightened despotism that ever existed and the nearest approach to a Utopia which has yet been reached by any people. Each man was allotted free of charge a dwelling site, an extended area of land for him to cultivate to maintain his family. The surplus was given to the government for charitable and other purposes. The character of the people was of a high order—corruption and theft were not known—a resident with a large amount of gold and silver in his house left it wide open, only placing a small stick across the doors as a sign that the owner was out. Nobody went in.

It is written—"By their fruits shall ye know them," and when those ancient people are compared with the so-called civilized nations of to-day, it is no wonder that the antiquarian is disposed to term the morals of the nations inferior to termed pagans. It was the dictum of one of the ancient prophets—"The soul is an older authority than prophecy, and its voice the gift of God in the beginning."

The distinguished Jewish editor and scholar, the late Dr. Isaac W. Wise, strongly condemned the reconstruction the mis termed "orthodox" have placed on the simple re-statements of the Hebrew prophets, and that fully equipped statesman and scholar, Thomas Jefferson, sharply condemned priests' commentators for their perversion of the teachings of Jesus, who have substituted a "bankrupt cult," not only subversive of God's laws, but of the most demoralizing character. Never will I seek or receive private individual salvation, but forever and everywhere I strive for the universal redemption of every creature throughout all worlds.

Such was the beneficent utterance of Buddha several hundred years before Paul judged himself and assigned "a crown of righteousness" for his own use. Not only was Paul wrong on the woman question; but unlike Buddha he expressed no solicitude for humanity as did Buddha, who after measures of less suffering and self purification he had gained the right to enter Paradise, but with compassion filling his heart he put his reward aside and resolved to remain with the poor and to help until every child of earth should have entered heaven before himself.

The character and teachings of God's peerless prophet—Buddha.

A MUCH-NEEDED BOOK.

Mrs. Laura G. Fixen, 459 La Salle Avenue, Chicago, Ill., vice-president of the Illinois State Spiritualists' Association, is arranging to publish a list of the spiritualist societies, yecuems, camp meetings and mediums in the United States and Canada. The officers of these societies are requested to mail her at once the name of their society with officers and their addresses, and all mediums will please send her their names and addresses and phase of mediumship. This list cannot be published complete unless each one will co-operate, and it is hoped that an early response will be made.

SAN JOSE NEWS.

During the month of November we have had four Sunday services. On the first Sunday evening a short lecture was given by Brother Harter, which was very interesting; a recitation by the writer, "Ho Thine Self," by Matthew Arnold; a reading by the president; a recitation by Dali Hamby, "Heaven is not Reached at a Single Bound;" and Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes gave messages to those assembled. This was Mrs. Holmes' last time with us as she has gone to Sacramento to reside.

We have said farewell to five mediums—all in public work—during the past few months—all good workers. Who will take their places?

The other three Sundays Mrs. Cowell of Oakland, has been with us in the forenoon meetings, also one Sunday evening. All enjoy her hearty, genial presence, and the convincing tests she always gives to strangers and others.

The Rev. Hall Cook held a meeting one Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Ragan being present was called on and gave messages for half an hour. In the evening Mr. Cook gave a lecture, and illustrated by stereopticon views many things in the psychical research category. On the last Sunday of the month he again occupied the platform. Good audiences attended the meetings. Many people present being quite surprised at the facts illustrated by him in regard to auras, telepathy, spirit photography, etc.

The rainy season setting in will no doubt keep many people from attending the meetings, but we expect to have as good speakers and mediums as we can procure for the month of December.

H. L. BIGELOW, Vice-pres. First Spiritual Union.

THE CAUSE IN OREGON.

The Rev. G. C. Love, president of the State Spiritualists' Association of Oregon, has just completed a most successful engagement with the First Spiritual Union of Corvallis. There was a good attendance and increasing interest until the seating capacity of Barrett Lyceum was overtaxed at the last service held. Mr. Love is a very magnetic and forceful speaker, logical in his argument, and pleasing in manner. The tests given at the close of the lecture were well received, and nearly all were recognized and acknowledged. Mr. Love was accompanied by his wife, who favored us with the sweetest of songs, with the sweetest and richest of voices. It was indeed a treat to hear her. Spiritualism is very attractive whenever so presented.

Yours truly,

JESSE S. P. FLINT.

MEDIUMS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

The annual election of the directors of the above association was held at 267 San Jose Avenue, re-elected the directors of the same officers.

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COMMENTS.

Under the touch of genius a common phrase becomes luminous with meaning. Sam Walter Foss has so illuminated the sentence—"He was a friend to man, and lived in a house by the side of the road."

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self content;
There are souls like stars that dwell apart
In a fellowless firmament.

There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Without theSEG eyes ever ran;
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road
Where the races of men go by—
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.

I would not sit in the scorners' seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban;
Let me live in a house by the side of the road.

And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with strife;
But I turn not away from their smiles or their tears—
Both parts of an infinite plan—

Let me live in a house by the side of the road,

And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height,

That the road passes on thru' the long afternoon,
And stretches away to the night.

But still I rejoice when the travellers rejoice,
And weep with the strangers that man,

Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road
Where the races of men go by—

They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong.
Wise, foolish—so am I.
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MEDIUM'S FUND.

The Friday night benefit meeting was held in room No. 8, Odd Fellow's Building, under the management of the Ladies A.S. Society. Mrs. M. E. Howe, gave the readings in a very satisfactory manner to the satisfaction of the audience. We thank her and her friends for the fine work done.

Special mention should be made of a Divine amongst the mediums, as they do not receive any money for the services they render. We should give them the very best conditions to work under, as they have nothing but their trust to depend upon. Mrs. M. E. Howe, and others who have responded to the call of our side manager Mrs. Riley, and hope for a success, we will try and make the evening a pleasant one to all who come.

Mrs. May, Chairman.

COVENANT HALL.

Large audiences continue to fill this hall on Sunday evenings, to hear the interesting lectures of the members of the Circle of Light. The subject handled last Sunday being "Apple Trees and Clubs," by the Rev. Daniel Siesbuttel. The funeral of Mrs. M. E. Howe, gave the readings in a very satisfactory manner to the satisfaction of the audience. We thank her and her friends for the fine work done.

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Winter blasts or summer sun
Fades them not, we know.
Pretty heads of pink and red,
Color, mother earth has shed.

Thus with wonder are we filled
When we see them grow;
New meaning in the flower?
Knew ye not? Mother Nature
Gives it as her dowry.
And, my friends, from this we learn
That from death we all may turn.
As we see the laws of nature
Have an upward course;
And the clay that we think moulds
But returns to its source;
And the body like the rose,
Gives forth its spirit e'er it goes.

LOVE ME, DEAREST!

BY WM. A. WHISDOM.

Love me, dearest! times are coming
When this strain shall pass away.
For this turmoil and this trouble
Makes us stronger day by day.
Stronger makes the tie that binds us,
Through adverse fortune's be;
But the joy of loving
Will be stronger when we're free.

Love you, dearest! Yes, I love you,
What more than you'll e'er know?
Though at times I may seem weary
Thinking, 'tis for you and I—
Thinking will no ray of sunshine
Ever light our path again;
Doomed wood and ending
Silently a heart felt pain.

Love me, dearest! and in moments
Think there'll be a clearer sky.
Darling! somewhere in the future
There'll be rest for you and I—
There'll we live and love at pleasure,
No thought shall mar our day.
Loved one! in the future,
And that time's not far away.

The only real altar to God is in
The heart, and only one true prayer
Is the spiritualized aspiration from
The deepest recesses of the human soul.
California B. A. Items.

The regular quarterly meeting of the board of officers was held at headquarters, Room 8, Odd Fellows Building, on Saturday evening, December 3rd, 1904. Nearly three hours of time was taken up considering matters of great interest to our cause in California. In addition to the regular routine of business transacted, the following may be of interest to the public:

A charter was granted to a new society recently organized in this city, to be known as the Church of the Soul, with the following board of officers and directors—President, Mrs. Fanning; vice-president, Mr. Richard Young; secretary, Mrs. Agnes Seward; treasurer, Mme. E. Young. Directors—Mr. Edward A. Sanders, Mrs. Kesa M. Sanders and Mr. Arthur Sower. Mme. E. Young is the chosen pastor and Mrs. Sarah Seal is assistant pastor of the new church. Its location and place of holding meetings is 919 McAllister Street.

Certificates of ordination were granted to Mrs. Edith E. E. Nickless Cobb, Mrs. Sarah Seal and Mme. E. Young.

Among the many serious matters which confront the Spiritualists of California here and now is the matter of imposing a license tax upon the ordained and licensed ministers of our religion. It was brought out many well-deserved rebukes, and the consensus of opinion expressed was, that the opportune time for a united and concentrated action all along our lines is now. No definite action was taken, but there is a general interest centered in the case now pending against Mrs. Maud Chestor in the superior court of Los Angeles.

It would be well for all Spiritual societies throughout our jurisdiction to be on the alert, and take cognizance of what is being done to thwart our progress, and prepare to take a hand in the great struggle for right against wrong.

A grand mass convention of Spiritualists, to be held in San Francisco on January 14th and 15th, 1905, is contemplated. Committees are at work and will report progress to the Journal.

It is the little man who complains most bitterly of littleness in other men.

OAKLAND NOTES.

The People's Mission, conducted by Mrs. McEvoy, recently removed to 506 Telegraph Avenue, and on Sunday evening last it was decided to fitly dedicate the new hall, for which purpose a number of friends gathered. Mrs. Cock presided, while Miss Dewey officiated at the organ. Mrs. McEvoy, Mrs. Brush, Mrs. Fanning, Dr. Sivatha, Messrs. Gilman, Kennedy and Hanson gave short addresses, inspired by the spirit of the occasion, and Mrs. Turner rendered a poem in a very pleasing manner, the whole being interspersed with musical selections and songs suitable to the event.

The new quarters have been thoroughly renovated and newly papered. They are well-lighted and are so comfortable as it is possible to make them with the means at command.

Being conducted on a non-sectarian basis all are welcome, no matter what their creed or previous condition of service. On Saturday, May 7th, the new hall will be opened and the new tangible is being provided. This necessitated the removal of the visitors from the street and a wide audience was in attendance.

Mr. Edmond Gage presided, and the evening was enlivened by singing, recitations, etc. This is intended as a reading and class room, while at the rear of this hall, which will contain, is the hall, which will contain the room for the public seance everywhere.

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Although Mrs. Fritag was unable to be with us on this occasion, her heart was in it, and her name is enrolled and illustrious author and traveller.

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NOTES FROM LOS ANGELES.

Dear Brother Jones—You may have seen by the Los Angeles papers that the Rev. Frank Dewit Talmage one week ago assailed Spiritualism in a series of sermons —"Twenty Warnings for Twenty Sins." He began by saying "The object of this sermon is to publicly denounce the rascality, lying, thieving and, as a class, morally depraved, mediums and their accursed hirings, who are practicing their infamies upon helpless victims.

Who are these modern Spiritualistic mediums? The most dangerous of satanic mesmerists. This is a sample of his sayings, and those who have heard him say that the reporters spared him by giving no unsavory accounts.

On my arrival in Los Angeles last Saturday I found that both the Truth Seeker and Harmonical Societies had advertised that my lectures would be in reply to his charges, and large audiences were in attendance both morning and evening. There were also other lectures given in the city on this subject—on in the evening before the Rev. Talmage assailed the morality and integrity of Spiritualistic mediums as a class.

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Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium.

Emma Slater.—A beautiful lady with snowy hair and fair sweet face comes to me now. She brings flowers, and they are to her friends a token of her life, for I see a large garden with an old-fashioned house with maple trees all about it, and the old house near, like a shop of from this city, but will read this Alice? They live some distance body now lies. With her is a boy but think the little lady will help What a long way from my home, to peace has not been easy, —for I. help those who have been kind to Uncle Ed. are with me, so is Clara but it does seem good to send word to the old friends. Father and right and I will soon be able to lineation of character, we ask not not receive your answer im med­lines to be sent and if you should less than five, not more than seven —H ow to fully develop —Her tru e sphere—Her Divine prerogative. —How  to cultivate and use mind.

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THE PEOPLE’S CHURCH.

A feast of good things was enjoyed by all who attended the above church last Sunday evening. After an interesting talk by Mr. H. H. Nichols, regarding the formation of our earth and the many changes during the interium, which appear on the planet; the usual singing by the audience and a well-rendered solo by Mrs. Gillogly, the pastor, Mrs. Gillogly then gave answers collected from the audience. She exhibited a card of a personal philosophy and construed the inferences of thought and tendency of the thinkers of today toward the spiritual interpretation of the philosophy of life. The speaker showed great ability, and the audience gave them selves adepts as entertainers, and presented them with a large audience. Send ten cents for the wrapper of this benefit of Speakers and Mediums.

CHRISTENING SERVICE.

At the request of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Friel, on Thursday evening, December 11th, in the presence of the family and a few intimate friends, Mrs. Ann L. Gillogly performed the ceremony of christening their grandchild, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Friel. The parents, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Debouche were sponsors. Little Ursula Friel, the tiny union of the baby, robed in white, with her sweet little face aglow with the pride she felt, carried the baby in her arms and presented it to the christening. It was a moment all would long remember. A shower of rose leaves fell upon the little one, there was scarcely a dry eye in the room. A most dainty collation was served, toasts and responses following, and those refreshments were more than equal to the occasion. Two young men united in the service.

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"We hope and trust its future home
Will be for ever where angels roam.
No more let scalding tears be shed—
Then be white as snow in the Don't.
W ill be for aye where angels roam.
No more let scalding tears be shed—
Heath is a resurrection morn!
Tho' he be gone, he is not dead!
As life's strong currents come and go,
And leave us here in grief to mourn?
We know our faith was very great
Of the mighty stream that bears away
E'en babe, with all its loveliness,
W ith a stout heart so nobly, that heaven
That friends would meet him at the
And you'll find if you wish a good fortune
There is a saying, a good and a true one,
Expect you'll by lightning be struck;
For something that thus never comes.
You might just as well, foolish mortal,
W hile you're here in grief to mourn?
Thus importunate shall all men be.
And grief give no more for all is right,
Tho' he has passed beyond our sight,
And guide him to the realms of bliss,
And with it get honor and fame;
And all your worry and wishing,
And not sit around waiting for luck.
And all your worry and wishing,
And worry at most is a parasite cub;
And gloomily worrying and wishing.
And you may whine and grumble for ever;
And you may whine and grumble for ever;
Just so long you will find you are stuck
In the maze of worry and desolation—
Don't sit around waiting for luck.
If he is a truth, for he has had the evidence;
Soon after he reads an article headed "exposure," and
And over ever dot the cb and flow,
As life's strong currents come and go,
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And all the same he becomes silent or talks learnedly of the unknown powers of the "sub-conscious self," and perhaps joins the S. P. R.
And by the sweet of your brow you can gain
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Of the mighty stream that bears away
Our dear ones from our sight each day—
Why are things thus, that all must go
We love so fondly here below,
And launch upon the stream alone,
And leave us here in grief to mourn?
But we have here statements of re-
And heard the vision that cannot be missed.
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I wish to acknowledge with, many thanks the receipt of three dollars from Mrs. Sadie Eberhardt, as her donation for the months of September, October and November to the propaganda fund. It was earnestly advocated by many at the late convention, that an opportunity be given to our endorsed workers to donate the net proceeds of a meeting to the state association, to enable the board of officers to carry out the work planned for them to do by the convention. Let us hope that fate will so abundantly bless our mediums with success that each may be inclined to respond as did our good sister.

W. T. Jones, Sec.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillis have moved to a large and commodious flat at 631 Van Ness Ave.

Mr. G.J. Prall, after an absence of six months, has returned and was welcomed by Dr. Meyers, late president of the People's Church last Sunday night.

Dr. Ralph Commers, late president of the Johannesburg Spiritualistic Society, made a call at this office. We beg him for his cordial greeting.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS.

TOMORROW.

Covenent hall—Odd Fellows Building, Miss Maie Hunt, lecture and messages.


Oriental Hall-Mrs. E. Young and Mrs Sarah Seal, Lectures and Tests.

Peoples' Church, 235 Sutter st. Lectures and Messages, Mrs. Anna Gillis, F. W.

Childrens Progressive Lyceum, Odd Fellows Building, Room 3, 9th, 1:30 p.m.

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COMMENTS.

"Or making books there is no end," and the making of magazines is included in the modern version. The New Thought publications are a greater number than at the present time than the Spiritualist, while several Spiritualistic journals have a New Thought department.

This certainly seems logical, for as P. C. Cooke says in his article under the guise of New Thought, the life of Spiritualism is having a revival from one end of the country to another.

And why should it not be so? As soon as man is demonstrated to be a living soul, why then begin unfolding that soul attribute which man is, and always has been a dweller in the house of clay?

Returned spirits state that a man's station in the after life is determined by his character in the present earth life. Not so much his intellectual as his spiritual development establishes his status in Spiritualism than it is to turn people to the inward light, which, shining in every man, will, if he gives it way, be the light to his path and the guide to his feet.

To be in the absorbed vibrations of mediumship, to quote Davbarn's thought though not his words, is not an unfoldment of the individual soul. Such an unfoldment is normal and results in no disaster.

A controlled medium is but the hypnotic subject of an unseen power. The impression left by the hypnotizer may result beneficially or injuriously according to the wisdom he possesses. Whether one will be such a subject or not in itself to decide, but he certainly should know the dangers as well as the benefits of such a surrender of his will.

There is no good thing that may not be so abused as to become a bane instead of a blessing. And in nothing is this more clearly done than in mediumship. There are phases and other phases—some more and some less abnormal. Those phases which have a man normal must, in reason, be of the most advantageous to all concerned, nothing which injures another can be a lasting good.

Good may be said to be relative, and the advancement of one race may demand the sacrifice of the individual. But the matter of sacrifice is coming to be looked on, no longer as a remnant of barbarism, which modern invention can and will transcend through the power of the inner light.

The forces of nature and not the fellow man should serve man. These forces are controlled by laws called occult today. To morrow these laws will be as plain as the law of gravitation or gravitation. The wizard of the coming time will be he who can harness nature's forces.

These forces are harnessed by the spirits who return and reveal themselves by the marvels of physical manifestations. Man, being himself a spirit, may learn and exercise this same power. In the effort to compass this achievement some seem to have turned from Spiritualism to new gods. Seen such effort is not apocacy, but rather a greater consecration to the true idea of Spiritualism.

OAKLAND NOTES.

PEOPLE'S MISSION.

The Sunday evening meeting at the People's Mission was marred by great enthusiasm. Mrs. Mo- nroy gave an inspirational address from the prayer of Judge not lest you be judged.

Those phases which leave a man himself to decide, but he certainly must know the dangers as well as the benefits of such a surrender of his will.

It was clearly shown by the speakers that the ordinance, so far as it includes our ministers and demonstrators of our philosophy, phenomena and religion is purely base legislation, which is contrary to the fundamental basis of a free republic, and equally dangerous to the injured and suffering party and as well, whosoever may for a time profit by such unlawful measures. A resolution was adopted to print circulars setting forth our grievances in the premises, and demand our rights to a fair and equal priv- ilege with other religious bodies, who derive their power to exercise their divine gifts for the betterment of humanity, and to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, from the same source, viz., the secretary of state, under the great seal of our commonwealth. The committee having the above matter in charge have prepared a petition to the Board of Supervisors, requesting the repeal of the ordinance. If the petition comes your way, please sign it.

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J. H. L. E.—With this influence I get a condition of regrets. I feel sometimes as though earth life contained little for me, but there are present in the nature that seemingly are not bright. But not all, so good courage, you will yet reach the desired condition of the heart—so therefore do not despair. It is for you, and we want you to be, we are very grateful to the physicians, and you will receive help from the higher powers, and all will yet be well.

Dedication Services.

The dedicatory services to inaugurate the Church of theSoul, 519 McAllister Street, took place on Sunday evening, the 16th inst., Madame Young, pastor, and Mrs. Sarah Seal, assist, officiating. The exercises were opened with instrumental music entitled,—"Victory at Last," by request of the Elder Brother Newman. Mrs. Seal gave the invocation, which was followed by congregational singing. The subject chosen by Mrs. Seal for her lecture was,—"The Church of the Soul," portraying in a grand and eloquent manner its definition and spiritual meaning. At the close of her remarkable lecture, she received the hearty applause of the audience. She was followed by Madame Young, who seemed to be baptised with additional spiritual illumination, and robed the messages, which were fully recognised and convulsing. Thus a star is visible in the firmament of the spiritual domain. May it shine and bring joy, comfort, hope and strength to all who may come under its radiance.

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The words of the heading to this article have always been the weapons used by the average clergyman when attacking any man not in harmony with his creed. The people of Los Angeles are being stirred from center to circumference of twenty lectures in that, very religious city. The Times and Tidings of Los Angeles have each published a synopsis of his labors and unchristian attacks at Dr Talmage, on November 25th, against mediums and Spiritualism. It should be borne in mind by all fair-minded people that this eloquent (?) sermon of the series may be none other than a rehash of tirade delivered some years ago by the same man, or Liberal Talmage in Brooklyn, N. Y., in which he said that all the maps, messages, books, literature and every thing of whatever kind or nature which had been said or done in the name of Spiritualism, could be gathered together, and that he could by one stroke or sweep of the hand annihilate it from the face of the earth, and obliterate it all from human consciousness. It would seem that such a statement, with or without desire is sufficient to make angels weep, and call for a repitition of the words of Jesus when he said:—"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."—Dr Talmage, sen., could have accomplished the feat above mentioned, pray how much of the Bible would now remain to guide, console and comfort its believers?

FROM ANIMAL MAN TO ANGEL MAN.

BY J. P. COOKE.

SPIRITUALISM being thoroughly human, it follows that no human concerns are foreign to the heart and thought of genuine Spiritualists. Among them are many who are convinced of continued existence, but this is not enough. It is not the fullness of life, power, health and harmony which they need. Life should and may be a blosoming, not a penalty.

"The life of which our nerves are awake—Oh, life! life is death for whom I pant—More life and fuller that I want."

To rise into a consciousness of that real inner life is the human task and duty of every soul. It is the goal of the spirits. We realize it as we draw nearer and nearer to the divine attraction. Call it how you will.

Jesus has been placed by human minds in every position from absolute divinity to perfected humanity. But whatever else he was or is he is surely a truth teller, a friend to man and a brother, to those who will so receive him. He says that death can be abolished if humanity will but receive the truth as it is and as it is most ever remains.

Practically considered what does this mean for us? Among other things it means that we can overcome our evil with good. We can overcome our sorrows with charity. Then come and let us prove our love, our trust in its mutual forbearance with all men.

We are all lanched upon this ocean of life—whose currents start from God and return to God. Each one of us is a prey and success in our common life. With love for Good or God we change from animal man to angel man. We are different beings. It is a grand new birth, a splendid regeneration of the carnal, mortal man. We spiritualize the whole life.

Oh, life! not death for which I pant; blessed life here and now, Noble life in fullness, power, health and every thing of whatever kind or nature. Life should and may be a blessing, the realization of God in the life of man.

"In the spiritual world by aspiration of knowledge, in social concerns by justice, in human emotions by love, in every sphere of human actions by sympathy."—By this means the regeneration of the individual who compose it. The rank and file must help and be in ear- and thought of genuine Spiritualists. The actual regeneration of the individual is a grand new birth, a splendid regeneration of the carnal, mortal man. We reason out the problem of becoming angels weep, and call it how you will.

The sure hope of moral perfection, the realization of God in the life of man.

The advent of modern Spiritualism has stimulated thought the the world over, to a great extent. The significance of the mental evolution that is taking place is being naturally revealed to us.

The next step in the progress of liberal thought must be toward the realization of all the ideals the spirits have in mind by all fair minded people that this eloquent (?) sermon of the series may be none other than a rehash of tirade delivered some years ago by the same man, or Liberal Talmage in Brooklyn, N. Y., in which he said that all the maps, messages, books, literature and every thing of whatever kind or nature which had been said or done in the name of Spiritualism, could be gathered together, and that he could by one stroke or sweep of the hand annihilate it from the face of the earth, and obliterate it all from human consciousness. It would seem that such a statement, with or without desire is sufficient to make angels weep, and call for a repitition of the words of Jesus when he said:—"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."—Dr Talmage, sen., could have accomplished the feat above mentioned, pray how much of the Bible would now remain to guide, console and comfort its believers?

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As the tenth annual convention of the California State Spiritualists' Association is to be held in San Diego in September, 1904, a club of not less than sixty members is now forming to secure a low rate of transportation. Arrangements have been completed with the S. P. R. Co. for two coaches for the round trip, including side trips and dinner, at the low rate of twenty-four dollars each person. All wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity can do so by securing from the Secretary of your nearest auxiliary society, or from W. T. Jones, 1429 Market St., Secretary of the C. S. S. A., for the special Catalog for 1904, free.

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The regular Sunday afternoon meeting, as conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Howe, was held in the ladies' room of the Odd Fellows Building, Room 8, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows Association. The secretary, Mrs. Elbridge, gave the invocation, Mrs. Liebler gave the message, and Mrs. Loeblouck gave the benediction. The ladies of_California and Oregon were very interested. The attendance was large. The committee in charge having done their work so well, the committee is well pleased. All are welcome.

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Lo, we come with joy and gladness.

As we grasp the lessons taught us,
He hath risen to heights of glory,
Ever shall the bells chime sweetly,
For within His pure life's pages,
Clasps us in His arms so tender,
More of love and deepest pity—
But to help and lift our brother,
As the thorns are ever piercing,

The Christ child born to each,
Singing 'tis the King's birthday;

Ages, long ago the shepherds,
Wise ones watching over their fold,
Gave to earth the joyful message—
Of His coming they foretold.

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Time but gives it greater glory.

Lo, we come with joy and gladness—
And, when is the manger lowly,
Sang the stars with joy together,

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We get in such hesitations as that of Wilson and Dallas a certain spectroscopic view of the hell manufactured by earth passions carried to spirit life. Those who escape this experience have necessarily very different surroundings. Mediums and theosophists alike tell us that tale, but of its details we gather nothing reliable from either of them. Though possibly true, they are but imaginings for the mortal. The all important point the investigator to remember is when he crosses the divide he will not know where he stands, or may change his mind. He may sit alone to-day seeking spirit phenomena, or in a choice family circle where exposures are unknown; but, all the same, he is still close to the divide, and next door neighbors are not far off. If he longs for spirit growth that would insure spirit progress. He must learn to think it. Yet if he becomes too spiritual, he is soon unfitted for earth life as it is, and becomes more or less a martyr.

There are many of all classes, nations and races close to the border, where it seems, for the most part, a second edition of to-day, adapted to changed conditions. There are also, as we venture to believe, communities of life in the beyond, where at last men seems to attain a development of wisdom and power almost divine. But such a development can only follow an earnest desire and constant effort for progress. Every step of such progress carries the spirit further away from the divide, and therefore further from us. If we ourselves keep in the path of progress we are doing our part in this life. We shall not be troubled by exposures here, nor linger among the next door neighbors when our earth life is finished. That seems to me the important lesson from this remarkable experience of Wilson and Dallas.

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MRS. MAUD CHESBRO.

While our last case was in progress two years ago, those who were ordained under the State Spiritualists' Association stood strongly for Spiritualism as a religion, and we are glad to see that this idea has become prevalent.

In our former trial two years ago we were not allowed, in the lower court, to present any evidence showing that Spiritualism was a religion, and that we were ministers of a regularly organized and constituted body. So, when the case was appealed to the superior court, Judge Smith gave an opinion that one religious body could not be taxed when others were not, and so ordered a trial whereby we could prove Spiritualism was religion. In this trial the jury disagreed. Our funds being exhausted we could not defend further and so awaited the issue—the result being that the prosecuting attorney dismissed the case.

In our present trial we were allowed to present the evidence of our religion. It is no personal matter, and so as before we did not present any evidence of our personal work. Any honest medium could swamp a court with such if necessary. The prosecuting attorney himself stated that he had nothing to say against our meetings as a religious body, but when pay was taken he thought a tax could be imposed. It was stated that the Catholics receive a dollar for a silent mass, two dollars and up for a high mass for the benefit of the recipient's material and spiritual welfare; so a medium receives a dollar for a reading for the material and spiritual benefit of the recipient.

If we had won in the lower court it would have been no precedent, as magnetic healers have won and lost theirs alternately. To win in the superior court, a court of record establishes a law. Those who understand the law here know there will be no difficulty, if the money is forthcoming to have it presented. I wish to further state that it is a well known fact that the four societies here under the State Association, as well as their mediums, conduct no shows, but have religious services and acts that commend them to the outside world. Spiritualism is gaining in Los Angeles, as attested by the many well-filled halls. There is more harmony than ever before. The officers and representatives of the Truth Seekers, as well as others, aided well in this last trial. The pronounced stimulus in the ranks of Spiritualism called out an attack from Dr. Talmage, which was answered from the rostrum of the different societies. Professor Loveland ably replied at the First Spiritualist Mission. For three consecutive Sundays at 11:15 B. Spring Street at 2:30 p.m., commencing December 18th, Professor Loveland will deliver lectures on buried history—presenting archaeologicaI discoveries in Europe, Asia and America, and recounting the story of Egyptian and Babylonian life ten thousand years ago.

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The Rev. F. D. Witte Talmage has poured out his venomous tirade upon Spiritualism. He has, in truth, harmed no one but himself, for one who is capable of thinking such thoughts as those to which he has given voice, has set up within his own being the vibration that must ultimately result in disintegration.

He has given to Spiritualism advertising that, if paid for at advertising rates, would amount to hundreds of dollars. He has sent to the Spiritual meetings and to mediums numbers of people who desire to know at first hand how true his statements are, and he has created a sympathy and interest where aversion and indifference were before. Thanks, Rev. Talmage. Continue your good work. Every breath you blow against Truth but causes its fire to burn more brightly, and to shed its radiance on an ever widening circle.

In marked contrast to such unchristian barraging is J. F. Cooke's article—"From Animal Man to Angel Man." It might be well to make the article and send a copy of the Journal to the rev. ranter.

But calling names is not living up to Bro. Cooke's teachings. The regeneration of Commenter is not quite complete, for vibrations of indigestion will follow the reading of statements that are clearly unjust. As astralus, read twice these sentences. "We can overcome our evil with good. We can overcome our selfishness with charity. Then come and let us prove our love, our sympathy, our mutual forbearance with all men." Or this—"With love for Good or God we change from animal man to angel man."

If you have thought the Journal has brought you no food for the spirit, read and re-read the second article on page four of last week. It will give you peace and bring you strength.

"By the fruits, shall ye know them," and by the practice of such teaching the individual Spiritualists will attain regeneration and "be given the sure hope of moral perfection, the realization of God in the life of man."

At Christmas time it is well to think what the teachings of the Nazarene mean to this age and time. Their present day application is well set forth in Ralph Waldo Trine's essay—"The Awakening." Slowly humankind are hearing Christianity is not a creed but a life.

"For what, let us ask, is a Christian—the real—not merely in name? A follower of Christ—one who does as he did—one who lives as he lived. And, again, who was Christ? He that healed the sick, clothed the naked, bound up the broken hearted, sustained and encouraged the weak, the faltering; befriended and aided the poor, the needy; condemned the proud and the selfish; taught the people to live nobly, truly, graciously; to live in their highest, diviner selves; that the greatest among them should be their servant; and that his followers were those who lived as he lived. He spent all his time in the service of humanity. He gave his whole life in this way. He it was who was about doing good."

So Trine defines a Christian. Is not this the spiritual life—the life of a real Spiritualist—the individual regeneration which J. F. Cooke teaches as the foundation of the re-wakening of Spiritualism?

The star has again appeared, and stands over the manger wherein is born anew in each human spirit of Christ—the eternal Truth whose mission is to be the Light that lighteneth every man."

Mrs. Parsons on being introduced, in a quiet, unassuming way, said a few words on peace and harmony, and that the audience would have patience with her as she was comparatively new to platform work, but that she would do the best she could. She then gave some good tests, and was followed by Dr. Stuwart-Ellis, who seemed to be in an unusually good condition. In one of her tests she gave a vivid description of an accident which she said was about to happen. It.grieved her very much to give it, as the party most concerned was a young man, and the chief support of his widowed mother. This was not the young man to whom she gave the test, but one of his work companions. She then described him, and told his friend to tell him to be very careful.

The audience then joined in singing "Think of the Home Over There," and this inspired Mrs. Cowell to say a few remarks on that subject. As we got near the Christmas time, she said, many cast a look at the vacant chair, and missed the dear one who was with them last year, but had now gone to the home over there. She urged all to do good, and try to make the world better for having lived in it. So then gave a few tests, one of which was very humorous.

The house was then divided into two circles, one being presided over by Mrs. Parsons and Mr. Buswell, who was asked to take part, and the other by Dr. Ellis and Mrs. Cowell.

The Oakland Spiritual Society has incorporated under the laws of the State as the First Spiritual Church of Oakland, and Mr. Hyler was elected president; Mrs. Heckman, vice president, and the other officers were re-elected. The old charter has been returned to the Spiritualists of Los Angeles, as they have decided to maintain an independent organization.

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MEDIUM MEETING.

The Mediums' Meeting, held in Fraternal Hall, on Thursday evening, the 18th instant, was fairly well attended and a good deal of enthusiasm manifested by those present. Mr. Thos. Ellis presided, and a usual good humored manner opened the meeting. After singing by the audience Dr. Stewart-Ellis led with an invocation.

The Union Spiritual Society holds its usual meetings in Fraternal Hall on Sunday afternoon and evening. Mr. Gillette speaking on "The Star in the East," followed by Mrs. Gillette and Mrs. Knott with messages.

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For the future in the distance,
And the good that we can do."

A new-born Saviour doth appear
Whenever cometh a glad New Year,
Older than Abraham within.
Besides a spirit; all the din
Of outward life and turmoil shows
Through discipline it aye perfects;
Its habitation then will rise
More glorious in its native skies.
O let this year be fraught with gems
When days are darkest then appears
When all the nations in their pain
Some new-born Saviour will arise
When strife is rampant far and near,
In lonely form, as babe sublime:
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The Christmas season the glad New Year
Must be the birthday of the sun,
The centre of the living light
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For the wrong that seems so great,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that we can do.
I have read the articles of Henry Wood and Trine—quite good books—all the way down to Martha Fue­ser's saucy panfly "New Thought Rhymes and Fire-side Chimes," and "Sister Towne's" "Solitary Pleasures," and have, in the line of the above, my four, the only Spiritualists, and we must meet it as patriots if we de­sire to continue our enjoyment of our present moiety of freedom.

This is not written in any polit­ical sense whatsoever. The writer's political views are well known, and he is by no means a harsh worshiper, hence he is not actuated by any spirit of partisanship. Patriotism is beyond partisanship, and the de­feat of one great political party does not make its adher­ence traitors, nor does it make them pros­criptions of the universe.

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This is a matter that rises far above personality and partisanship. The President is the embodiment of the spirit of the nation and is that one thing to which every man, woman, and child look in the day of need. Let in­terests and souls be free from the spirit of the day of their death by violence.

Within the past thirty days no less than four such prediction have been made by honest, re­respectful mediums in the presence of the writer and other people. Four years ago the writer listened to a most remarkable prophecy, that the great man on the part of the spirit controlling the medium that the most extraordinary secret be observed. If sufficient up to date of the writer in calling the attention of the Spiritually of America to the plain duty that is now theirs.

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Mrs. York's letter from the north shows that the work is not without success. The reports from Oakland speak of a society having withdrawn from the Star Association.

These are indications of advance or retrogression according to the standpoint of view. Some of the brightest minds in Spiritualism feel that there has been so much effort at uniformity that latent 'ty has been well-nigh destroyed.

The attempt to formulate a creed for Spiritualism has not yet gotten a success. Creeds have a very stifling effect upon progress. It would have seemed that this movement might have been willed to be led by an idea. As the Unitarians have followed the gospel of the idea of unity, so Spiritualists might wisely have followed the gospel of the idea on which their tenets are based.

Charles Dowler's closing article comes out of the "bog," as one of their leading articles, and gives a clear view of one phase of the theme, a phase that many do not wish to have discussed, for fear it will prejudice the public against the cult; as though Truth needed a deadening force. The attempt to convert the world to the idea of unity, and every member of class present that Twenty-five of her class were present and a merry evening was spent, each one carrying home a loving remembrance.

CHURCH OF THE SOUL.

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SOCIAL MEETING.

The bi-monthly social of the People's Church was held at 510 Fillmore Street on Monday evening, the 19th inst. The vote was given by Mr. O. H. Prindle, a young gentleman who very recently united with the society, and he was assisted in the entertainments of his many guests by Mrs. H. U. Prindle, in whose parlors the social was held. While this gathering was not as large numerically, yet it was espoused that Mr. John's had by several points engineered the most successful, socially, financially speaking, of any preceding one.

A HOME CIRCLE.

A home circle has been formed on Tuesday evenings by Miss Mae Hunt, to meet at her parlors, 346 Oak Street, the seating capacity being seventy-five chairs. These meetings are so conducted that all who attend are free to take part. They are opened with an invocation, followed by the reading of a poem or other suitable selection. Then a subject is suggested for the evening's lesson, which elicits many interesting remarks, which are helpful to both speakers and listeners. The guides of Miss Hunt closing the meeting with practical illustrations and applications of the lessons to daily life. The lesson for this week being "Thoughts are Things, Possessing Force and Power."—A. E. Wadsworth.

GONE ASTRAY.

Again we are compelled to disapprove the readers of the Message Department, Alice's Messages were mailed but failed to reach the editor, which we very much regret.

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