A TRIBUTE.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Whitney on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

We are pleased to meet with you tonight,
Though very well we know;
We are not the guests who met with you
Just fifty years ago.

Those friends perchance, have one or two
Passed from this life away,
While others come to wish you joy
On your Golden Wedding Day.

When first your paths converged to one
You rejoiced to find them meet;
For fifty years that mutual path
You've walked with willing feet.

Through pleasant vales your way has led
With the glad sunshine,
And you have seen above your heads
Sorrows dark clouds combine.

But never a cloud has been so dark
But love's living bright;
And never an eventide has come
Without the promised light.

The years have brought their varied gifts
And smiles have mixed with tears;
Children have come and a child has gone
Within these fifty years.

The years have brought you many joys,
Though not unclouded care,
Hair and face have turned to grey,
And silver to your hair.

And while today your memory views
The varied way you've come,
Life's richest blessing still is yours,
The light and cheer of home.

Dear home, sweet home, its love its trust
Can never be otherwise than happy.
Family ties are summed up in one word
With four letters,—Love.

Love never faileth. It is the fulness
Of the law of God,
It is the one eternal principle of creation,
An everlasting gift.

God is love and we can attain to knowledge of Him and His kingdom, only through love.

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NEW ERA CAMP OREGON.

The First Spiritualist Association of Clackamas County, Oregon will open their camp meeting at New Era July 2, and closes July 26.

It is located about 18 miles south of Portland near the Southern Pacific railroad. J. M. Lucas, president, 148 Lane street, Portland. For further information inquire of George Laselle, secretary; Oregon City, Oregon.

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May 28, 1904.

EDITORIAL:

This is emphatically an age of monopoly. Many short sighted persons charge certain evils to competition, whereas it is monopoly that lies at the bottom of the evil. This mistake is universally made by Socialists, and it is apparently impossible to disabuse their minds of the error that competition is a curse to the world.

Competition in spots only, and with monopoly close by, is of course objectionable, because it gives power to a few and places others at a disadvantage. But absolutely "free" competition—free at both ends on all sides—is in harmony with the natural rights of all mankind.

Of course we mean competition in whatever is honest and good for the people. Anything that is otherwise should simply be suppressed, no matter whom the suppression may displease or where it will hit. Monopoly is a curse to the people and disgrace to the nation in which it prevails. Above all others Monopolies is that of natural elements, commonly designated "land." As no human being can live without in some manner using land, the monopolization of it by a few private owners necessarily works great hardship to uncounted thousands who are thus the victims of Greed. The original deed to the earth or any portion of it has never been produced, though everybody would be glad to see it as a matter of curiosity. No reward of even millions of dollars can produce such a deed, for the simple reason that there never was one.

Our present industrial system is about as bad as it could be without the element of absolute chattel slavery. In some localities it rubs very close to that relic of barbarism. The only remedy for this curse is Death to Landlordism.

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THE ORDER ASTRAEA.

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"ALICE" MESSAGE CORNER.

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium.

Frank Whiting—At last an opportunity to send a letter to my Father and Mother. The spirit who speaks in a slender young man who seems to desire help to reach his loved ones.

My father is Hamilton Whitney of Oakland. He and Mother have watched for months for this, and I want them to surely get it. Tell them and the Brother, how well I am now, just as strong as any one. No more disappointments or failures, my little brother is with me, this spirit will be with me today, but is true. My work is among the flowers and they know that is a great pleasure and sends her love also. Tell them to help me to go to them when they are alone for I want to help them. We were all there at the good time and enjoyed it with them. I hope to try again to reach them soon.

Sylvestor Battie—A word to my son if you please. I wish to tell him the way will soon be open to help him to something better suited to him, it is not far away now. I know how much he longs for this, and surely it will come just be patient. Make no plans just yet, for we are planning for you, all we sent love.

Eva Morris—A lovely young lady speaks now, giving her name as Eva Morris. Fair hair, very tall and slender, her hair is a man about fifty years of age, also fair light hair. I hear the name of Lawrence with him, he also gives the name of an earth friend Henry Patterson, whom he wishes to know this. This man is one who died with others in the water. I can hear no message but the words: "Tell them not to despair, and surely it will come just be patient. Make no plans just yet, for we are planning for you, all we sent love.

Dorothy Hahn—I cannot understand what the lady says as she speaks no English to me, but a little girl who is with her, says Grandma wants to thank her for flowers and she will keep flowers for Aunt when she comes over to the beautiful garden. She was surprised and so glad to be remembered and again she sends to you her thanks.

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OBUITARY.

Severine Benjamin Clark passed away at the Pacific Hospital to San Francisco, May 28, 1903, at the age of 73 years.

He was born under the shadow of the Green Mountains at St. Albans, New York, November 9, 1831.

An early age his parents removed to St. Lawrence County, New York, where his childhood and early youth were spent, alternately at school, working on a farm clerk ing for a mercantile firm, or on a bed of sickness.

In 1854 he departed for the Pacific Coast in search of health and a more congenial climate. In California he found both and in the fur trade accumulated wealth which was swept from him through those whom he trusted.

His early religious training was not confirmed to the teachings of any particular denomination. His mother was a Methodist and his father a Universalist.

He was educated at the St. Lawrence University.

Quite early in life he became a broad liberal thinker. He became interested in Spiritualism in 1846 and for many years continued investigations on these lines.

When a few earnest, progressive liberal Spiritualists met for the purpose of organizing a society in the year 1882, Mr. Clarke was run over by a milk wagon and severely injured. He was conveyed to the Odd Fellows' Home and thence Incenerated.

The funeral obsequies were held on Thursday of this week.

Edgar L. S. Drew officiating. Appropriate music was rendered by Mrs. Prentiss, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Mabel Place and the Lyceum Quartette.

The body was conveyed to the Odd Fellows' Home and thence Incinerated.

BOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

LETTER FROM MISS ELLA YORK.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. York, Portland, Or.

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Societies and Meetings

Society of Progressive Spiritualists

Opened their meetings November 1, at 8 p.m., Covenant hall, Old Park-USA. Chairman, Mr. H. S. Bowers, 1122 Market St., San Francisco. Secretary, Mr. R. G. Warren, 409 Market St., San Francisco.

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A Memory.

A little cottage standing
At the narrowing of the street,
Where the maples bend to kiss
Yellow roses at their feet.

Green fields like the western sea
Crep to its very side,
Within whose billowy surface
The white hand seemed to beckon,

To a stranger it is homely;
They find no touch of art,
But they do not see the picture
That is graven on my heart.

Of a lady in the doorway,
Brown of hair and tender eyes,
That now watches over her children
From the door of Paradise.

The white hand seemed to beckon,
The tender voice rang clear,
Come home, children, you are weary
Come and rest with mother here.

All of this came up before me,
As I passed what was my home,
And some way in my memory
It is still my very own.

And my soul holds just the picture
In that doorway fair and sweet,
While the maples bend to kiss
The yellow roses at their feet.

Anna L. Gillespie.

MRS. ANNA L. GILLESPIE AND HER PUBLIC WORK.

The subject of this sketch is too well known to need an introduction to the readers of Spiritual papers. For over 15 years she has been actively engaged in the lecture field, where her work almost from the start met with great success both as a lecturer and a message bearer.

As a speaker for the First Spiritual Society of Port Huron, Mich, and for over six years speaker for the First Spiritual Society of Lockport, N. Y., she has met with great success and has made them greatly appreciate her work, and the society of the People's church owe much of its growth and strength to her enthusiastic labors in the cause.

The present year will be no exception, as July and August are fully engaged with Eastern Camps.

Her sympathy with young people has made them greatly appreciate her work, and the society of the People's church owe much of its growth and strength to her enthusiastic labors in the cause.

Mrs. Gillespie's engagements for the camp season are as follows:

July 2nd to 12th Lake Brady, Ohio;
July 15th to 24th Briggs Park Mich
July 29th to August 2nd Clinton camp, Iowa;
August 2nd to 29th, Chesterfield, Indiana.

A California Day.

Sunshine filtering softly
Through the tinted clouds
Bird notes sounding clearly
Joyously and loud.

Roses, pinks and violets,
Fragrant, wet with dew—
I don't believe "the other world"
Is fairer. Say, do you?
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

To all well developed spiritual mediums. Is it not so that when a majority of the people of the earth have become Spiritualists that the highly advanced spirits will come down to earth and the low dark personating spirits with their evil influences will be driven from the earth and the people will be ruled by or under the direction of those highly advanced spirits.

And the government of the earth will become theocratic, and the millennium will be established on earth, and all this, is in the power of man to do, a condition of things which all true Spiritualists would like to see and should work for.

And it is not also true, that many leading Spiritualists, mediums and officers, in the various associations as well as the rich Spiritualists and non Spiritualists, are more or less under the control of these low dark personating or evil spirits, whose interests and desires, are adverse to the promulgation and spreading of spiritual knowledge among the people and their enlightenment; knowing full well that when a majority of the people have the increasing the fortunes of the spirits are perfectly satisfied. But as the spreading of spiritual knowledge is so, and please let us know

And that so long as their control make use of their knowledge and medical power, for the amuse­ment of children and skeptics and the increasing the fortunes of the avaricious, they, the low dark spirits are perfectly satisfied. But the moment their control receives higher or more advanced ideas, beneficial to the spiritual cause, that moment these low dark personating influences them in an opposite direction detrimental to the spreading of spiritual kno­

eledge and the enlightenment of the people.

Now will those mediums having high controls please make enquiry through the columns of the Journal for all the family.

And that only those we know as mediums are subject to the control of spirits, others are as susceptible to control and because in their case is un­suspected, is oftentimes more po­tent than would be the case if it were exercised with the knowledge of the individual.

OAKLAND NOTES.

A party of 44 ladies and gentle­men spent a very enjoyable even­

ning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Saxton on Seventh avenue, East Oakland on Friday the 3rd.

The main object of the gathering was the drawing of the winning number on a silk quilt made by the ladies connected with the Psychical Society.

The drawing resulted in Mrs. Anna L. Gillette, pastor of the Peoples Church, San Francisco, bo­

ing the winner. There was a very ple­

asing and enterprising literary and musical program rendered, after which delectable refreshments were served. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Will C. Hodge, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. McFoy, Mr. and Mrs. Gillette, Mrs. Weed, Mrs. James, and Mrs. Thomp­son.

Psychical Society.—Mr. Will C. Hodge's lecture on "Mediumship" was a lucid exposition of the wide spread characteristic of those through whom the phenomena of Modern Spiritualism are presented, as well as showing the unconscious control or ignorance of which if not all of those who, are not looked upon as mediums are sub­ject.

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Fraternal Hall—On Sunday after­noon Mrs. McEvoy gave the main address ably followed by Mrs. Knapp. Mrs. Siebert read an or­

iginal poem, Mrs. Gillette and Mrs. Nelson gave messages. In the evening Mrs. McEvoy spoke on the great need of mission­ary work, that should be taken up by Spiritualists, among the poor and degraded. She also said that more spirituality and love among the workers in our cause and all who profess to love our cause, be­fore we can hope to accomplish any great results. Mrs. Knapp gave a very acceptable several Psycho­metric readings and messages.

Mr. Paul S. Gillette of 619 18th street, Oakland, has been appointed the secretary to canvass the vicinity for a suitable accommodations for holding the Ninth Annual Convention of the California Spiritualists. All who can assist Brother Gillette in this matter, please address him at 42 Smith street, Oakland.

Woodmen's hall, 621 12th street.

A meeting has been called for Sun­

day afternoon the 18th for the pur­

pose of organizing a Progressive Lyceum. All who have the inter­

est of the youth at heart, are earnest­ly invited to be present on this occasion, bring the children with you.

Loring hall, 11th street.—A meet­

ing was called on Wednesday even­

ing for establishing another centre for promulgating Spiritual and New Thought activities. A more extended account will be given next week.

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Freeville, N. Y.—The dates for the Central New York Spiritual Association Camp meeting, at Free­ville, N. Y., are from July 22 to Aug. 22, four weeks and five Sun­

days. Owing to the protracted and severe illness of our secretary, Miss Victoria C. Moore, I am acting sec­

tary, to whom all letters pertaining to the camp should be addressed W. W. Keasey, President, Cortland N. Y.


Onset Camp—Commences July 21 and ends August 28. For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp, Onset, Camp.

Harmony Grove, Cal.—Camp opens July 17, and closes July 31. For particulars address Frank C. Foster, secretary, Escondido, Cal.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, The camp session of the M. V. S. A. Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, will open July 31 and close August 31. For programme and other information address Mollie R. Anderson, secretary, Clarke'sville, Mo.


Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programmes and other information address Lydia Jossup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

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In visiting the societies of this and other countries and finding some flourishing while others are struggling to maintain an existence, I have tried to diagnose the most prolific causes which spell success or defeat. The plant must have proper soil, climate and conditions. In order to grow, so we must have favorable surroundings in order to develop our best, the great variety in individuality is caused largely by the different environments.

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A sphere where each and all have homes, real, true, unencumbered with deed or mortgage, but held in fee simply by each occupant; where each soul has all things for its use and benefit, according to its desire and needs; where no one can possess more than can be utilized for his or others benefit; where hoarding and the miser's occupation are unknown; where the only poverty seen is poverty of purity, wealth of wisdom, wealth of power.

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At Loring Hall—On Wednesday evening of last week a number of friends assembled for the purpose of establishing a school for the higher spiritual teaching. Owing to the absence of a co-ordinator of the movement, the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 15th.

At the pleasant home of Mrs. Dungan in East Berkeley on Thursday evening the 9th. About twenty friends gathered to celebrate another Milestone in the journey of life. A pleasant evening was spent and many good wishes were expressed for the renewals of the happy occasion.

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A PARTIAL LIST OF CAMP MEETINGS OF THE SEASON 1904.

UNITY CAMP MEETING.

The Lyon Spiritualists Association will hold meetings every Sunday at Unity Camp, Bangor, Me., Mass., commencing June 5, and ending Sept. 25. For all particulars address Mrs. A. A. April, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Island Lake, Mich.—The Island Camp, at Island Lake, Mich., 42 miles from Detroit, on the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, commences July 10, and extends through the month of August. For particulars address H. R. LaGrange, Secretary, 84 East Mont-Calm street, Detroit, Mich.

An excellent programme has been prepared for the coming season. We have under contract such speakers as mediums as B. F. Austin, G. W. Kates and wife, Amanda Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. White, D. A. Herrick, Dr. Julia M. Walton, Mrs. Margaret LaGrange, W. V. Nieuw, and others. Farmer Riley will be with us the first two weeks of camp. Every phase of mediumship will be represented. Correspondence solicited with first class stamp and slate writing materials.

Lake Brady, Ohio.—The Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp meeting opens July 3 and closes September 4. For full programme address A. G. Kock, Akron, Ohio.

Freeville, N. Y.—The dates for the Central New York Spiritual Association Camp meeting, at Freeville, N. Y., are from July 22 to Aug. 22, four weeks and five Sundays. Owing to the protracted and severe illness of our secretary, Miss Victoria C. Moore, I am acting secretary, to whom all letters pertaining to the camp should be addressed. W. W. Kelsey, President, Cortland, N. Y.


Onset Camp—Commences July 24 and ends August 28. For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp, Onset, Camp.

Harmony Grove, Cal. — Camp opens July 17, and closes July 31. For particulars address Frank C. Foster, secretary, Esculindo, Cal.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, The camp season of the M. V. S. A., Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, will open July 31 and close August 28. For particulars address Miss Mollie B. Anderson, secretary, Clarksville, Mo.


Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programmes and other information address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

Delphos Camp, Kan.,—This camp meeting will begin August 5, closing August 22. Address all communications to I. N. Richardson, secretary, Delphos, Kan.

Maple Dell Park, Ohio.—The American Spiritual, Religious and Scientific Union will hold a camp session at Maple Dell, commencing July 24 and closing Sept. 1. Long King, corresponding secretary, Address with stamp, Box 60, Mansfield, Ohio. The grounds will be open for family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

SAN JOSE NEWS.

The weather is extremely warm and many are making preparations to go to the coast. Our meetings of the Union Society continue to be of interest. The Lyceum, although not increasing in number still holds on to those who started in to stay at the first.

The morning conference meetings have been favored with the good thoughts presented by the controls of some of our local mediums, among the number I might mention the names of Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Elsey, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Ganderson, and others.

While the good talks of Brother Barker and others who claim no control are not to be forgotten, the interest is not much paid, and the constant expense of their care is going on. A few days ago, the sum of $24.00 was sent to an agood medium from the Union Society. A lady of eighty-five years, disabled and in need, in San Jose, California.

Please friends, those who have not contributed to the fund, send what you can, and the Angels with mortals will ring your praises. The entire list for May and June will be given to the papers July 1st.

MEETINGS IN ST. LOUIS.

It gives us pleasure to announce that Spiritual meetings, will be held in St. Louis during the summer, by the N. S. A. and its auxiliary, the First Spiritual Society of St. Louis, at the Temple of said First Association in that city.

Sunday meetings will be held morning and evening which will be free to the public, and week evening meetings will be held two or three evenings each week.

The temple will be open daily for the reception of visitors and good Spiritualists will be in attendance. Any one may rest and register their names, will be opened, where the spiritual papers and other literature of latest of rooftop homemakers can be found.

The best of talent among the speakers and mediums in our ranks will present Spiritual subjects each meeting; all particulars can be learned from the Rev. Thomas Grimshaw 5358 Theodosia avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

ATTENTION.

Anyone not able to show a plain and unequivocal endorsement from the N. S. A., has no right to claim to represent this Association. All mediums and writers who represent themselves that they are members of the N. S. A., should be members of the Association. They have their certificates of endorsement signed by the President and secretary of the N. S. A., or they cannot obtain the endorsement for the present year only.

Some years ago, the N. S. A. issued certificates for contributing membership, they did not endorse anyone, but were merely receipts for money contributed, these certificates were abolished years ago, so we found they might be mistaken for credentials, from a superficial examination. The public is warned against anyone who presents such a paper as an endorsement from this office.

MAY T. LONGLEY,
Secretary N. S. A.,
600 Penna Ave., S. E., Wash., D. C.

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Dr. Green, secretary of the Missouri Spiritual Association, with headquarters at 518 Commercial building, is arranging a World's Parliment of Advanced Minds.

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**EDITORIAL**

Many of our friends are fond of referring to fraud in mediumship, and the existence of a "Blue Book" as evidencing wide-spread corruption in the Spiritualistic field. No doubt there is some fraud, no doubt there are some mediums who use their powers for selfish ends; but there are also many who are actuated by a higher motive, and who are seeking to elevate the character of their work as well as their own.

In our silent moments with God, truth and you will receive all the help you require. As one progresses in soul culture, the whole body changes. The great soul lives in the eternal light, and all that comes to him is in the eternal light, and all that comes to him is in the eternal light.

The sight of beautiful nature, and everything on earth has its counterpart here, only more refined. Then we come to a forest where a tribe of Indians camped. I asked why do they live in wig-wams? she replied, see those houses in the forest that belong to that tribe, then teach them the laws of spirit life and you shall see improvement.

They then learn to build and leave forest for others to come to. We passed over many mountains until we reach my mother's home. My sister who passed from earth 43 years ago met me and embraced me, and bade me welcome.

To describe the beauties of the spirit and flowers and lovely houses earthly language fails me. I was invited to eat, as the table was spread, there was spread over the table, the most beautiful lace I ever beheld, I saw Jane who makes this lace, she answered, for when on earth I did not have the pleasure of meeting her, I make it for the schools and temples. In his studio hung a part of engravings, and I could not accept a copy.

I was rather shy of offering it to you, he apologetically added. "I should be delighted to have it," said Jane, "but I must say I do not know any of the American Indians.

"People think that more or less good has been done to them by some of our political lives. I have disliked Mr. Gladstone. To tell the truth, my only difficulty is to keep him at the pleasure of his approval of what he has been doing from day to day and year to year I could never understand him."

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OCCULTISM.

This is the only way I have of introducing myself to the new comers and yearly comers, assiduously. I will try to be as brief in this as I am, and then I shall have a chance to tell you what I have been doing since you left. I have been working on the subject of the human spirit, both as to its own development and culture of itself. It is a subject that has occupied my attention for a long time, and I have been working on it in various ways. I have been working on it in a scientific way, and I have been working on it in a practical way. I have been working on it in a scientific way, and I have been working on it in a practical way.

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When the Mists Have Cleared Away.

Auntie Herbert Bivver

When the mists have cleared away, we shall know as we are known.
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The Reverend Gentlemen, considering that all these practices were the work of the devil, did not desire to encourage visitors. The hotel keeper near the ruins was, however, able to enlighten, and put me on the right track. I found Chevelipont a hamlet with half a dozen dwellings of the low, red-roofed, white-walled kind, so typical of Belgian cottages, and one of these was pointed out to me as the home of the Pirsch family.

The author of the miraculous cures by spirit agency is a boy of the age of 16, named Edward Pirsch, who has been aiding the sick to recovery in an astonishing fashion for the last three years. He is the elder of two sons of M. Charles Pirsch, a marble quarrier, an intelligent man with the highest possible character for uprightness and straightforwardness. The mother is an intelligent woman, hardworking and practical and alert. Until recently Mrs. Pirsch's mother, whose house joins theirs, has kept a small inn, which her daughter-in-law manages, but has now closed. One of the peculiarities of the case is that the family takes neither money nor gifts, and as it was felt that the spirit cure might be a means of attracting people to the inn, it was decided to give up this business.

The two Pirsch boys have received a good education. The younger boy is said to be about 12. The elder is a shortish, thick-set youth, strong and sturdy, and the exact opposite of anything one might look for in connection with ethereal matters. He has a very bright complexion and is dark, with large dark eyes.

He was educated at the college of Charleroi, where he did very well, passing out fifth, having specially taken up commercial subjects, as his intention is to follow the business of his father and develop it still farther by exports to other countries. He is, therefore, anxious to learn only foreign languages and his schoolmasters guarantee that he studied neither medicine nor chemistry while at Charleroi.

I told him that I had heard of very remarkable cases of sick people being cured by prescriptions given by him when under alleged spirit guidance, and he said simply: "It is quite true. All the villagers from far and near come to me for prescriptions."

"How do you write them, when you know nothing of medicine?" I inquired.

"I am guided by a spirit named Dr. Spiro, who writes on his hand prescriptions which I then make into medicine."

"Tell me about Dr. Spiro," I said.

"He is the spirit of a Servian doctor, who has been dead a great number of years, but who, anxious to aid his fellowmen, uses me as an instrument for prescriptions.

"Then he writes in Servian, or at least in Latin?"

"No he uses French," he explained to me that even over there (thus the boy spoke of that unknown land to which all are drifting, and about which we fain would learn), spirits must study and learn such things as enable them to be more useful to the earth they have left behind. In this way he also explained the fact that the doctor occasionally makes use of remedies discovered since his day, though he ordinarily only employs herbs.

"Are you a good doctor?" I asked.

"No, I knew nothing of herbs when Dr. Spiro first visited me, nor did my family; but by means of minute descriptions, rough spirit drawings, and other indications, we know how to look for those that grow in the neighborhood.

Others we buy from regular retailers, and often the doctors prescribe herbs quite unknown in Belgium, and which have to be procured at trouble and expense from abroad.

My mother and grandmother prepare the herbs, and make medicines and ointments, which we give away absolutely gratis to all who come to me. Sometimes when Dr. Spiro is away on a spirit mission another doctor takes his place. He is a doctor of the neighborhood who died not long ago, and who greatly disapproved of Spiritualism during his life, but who, once dead, took possession of my arm, to my great surprise, one day, and said he knew now that there are many things he had not properly understood before, and that he was always willing to help me. He is not as good as Dr. Spiro, however, and I do not often call on him to help me."

[To be continued.]

LIBERAL LECTURES.

Benjamin Fay Mills, one of the most eloquent orators and advanced liberal thinkers along the lines of religious thought; delivered three lectures on Sunday, June 5th in Golden Gate hall, this city. Although it is a little late we feel that an abstract of his address delivered on Sunday evening of that date will be perused with interest by our readers.

He said: "The Divinity of Christ." He said in part: "I am frequently asked the question: 'Do you believe in the divinity of Christ?' In response I would say that, if you mean what I do by this expression, 'I certainly do; and that a thousand times more than I did a few years ago.'
I do not mean by this, that I would assert the accuracy of certain historical statements as I most assuredly would not deny them. I do not think these questions are important, but that the main questions is why the life of Jesus of Nazareth has proven so powerful, and, as Emerson says, 'it has been ploughed into the history of the race.' By that I mean to say that I pin my faith to no dogmatic or metaphysical theory.

"These are not only unimportant but are sometimes positively demoralizing. Blood has been shed in disputes by so-called Christians in a cause which was a metaphysical theory, and, as Emerson says, 'it has been ploughed into the history of the race.'

"Divinity is the perception of universal life. I accept absolutely the New Testament's definition of divinity, God is Love,' and 'Every- one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.' Paul says, 'As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God.'

"Now if you take John's word for God, which is Love and insist in Paul's sentence, you would exactly express my belief: 'As many as are led by the spirit of love, they are the sons of God.'

"The manifestation of love is a manifestation of divinity. The question concerning the divinity of Jesus of Nazareth is then simply this, 'Did Jesus live a thoroughly loving life?' He certainly manifested great trust and love in all, the high and low, the good and bad.

"You can understand Jesus, not by taking a course in a theological seminary, but by endeavoring to lead a loving life. A great writer well says, 'Jesus astonishes and uppowers sensual people. They cannot unite him to history, or reconcile him to themselves.' Jesus said that the Father could be manifested in his disciples as he had been in him, and he said further, 'The work that I do, shall ye also do.'

"Whoever was begotten by pure love and came devoted heart and mind into life, is of immaculate conception. He whose heart is full of tenderness and truth, who loves mankind more than he loves himself, and cannot find room in his heart for hate, may be another Christ.

"We all may be the saviours of the world, if we believe in the divinity which dwells in us and worship it, and nail our greater selves; our smokers, greedies, and our unworthy aims upon the cross. Who grows health to all pays kindness for unkindness, smilies for frowns, and lends new courage to each fainting heart, and strengthens, hope, and scatters joy abroad. He Redeemeth, Son of God.

"No matter whether you are a Hebrew or an orthodox Christian, a liberal Christian or an agnostic, this is the spirit that should be manifested in your life; and you will find it true that 'everyone that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him.'

MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE CONVENTION.

At the convention of the Morris Pratt Institute Association, held in Whitewater, Wisconsin June 9th some good work was done for the future of the Institute, and towards establishing education as an important factor in Spiritualism.

The vacancies on the board of directors, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. A. Thompson and Mr. C. L. Stevens because of inability to serve on account of business demands, were filled by the election of Dr. Geo. W. Warne of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. John D. Vale of Marshalltown, la., both of them competent men, and giving to the school the strength of an efficient board of directors.

The officers were re-elected, adding to the executive committee Dr. Geo. W. Warne.

The secretary's report showed old bills paid with the exception of two hundred and fifty dollars that was hired one year ago to meet urgent demands, a bill of three hundred and eighty nine dollars for fuel and repairs on roof, and one hundred and fifty for furniture, leaving a total balance of $2. All running expenses for the year had been met except a bill for fuel, and some of the old bill paid, that was carried over from last year to more than balanced that.

The number of students enrolled during the entire year was seventeen. Four of the first year's class graduated with honors and received diplomas, which will be an endorsement from the Institute as their ability and a recommendation for them to Spiritualists wherever they may present them.

We predict that class of 1904 will go forth in the power of the spirit, embodied with the knowledge and experience that have been gained during the two years study and associations with the higher psychic forces, and become leaders and teachers of a great truth so much to demand of all mankind. The names of the graduates are, Miss Agnes Chaffee, Miss Alva Ballock, Miss Emma Penning, and Mr. B. K. Bowen.

An office to be known as financial agent was created and Mrs. C. L. Stewart appointed to fill it. The duty of this office will be to solicit funds for the Institute both publicly and privately, and she will visit different sections of the country for that purpose, and will call upon those who are interested in the cause of education and Spiritualism for any assistance they may give.

School will open September 27, 1904 and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. The term was shortened to 54 weeks instead of 59 and board and room at $5.50 instead of $6.00 per week.

Catalogues will soon be ready, persons wishing them can address either the President or Secretary and they will be sent at once.

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APPLES FOR BREAKFAST.

OAKLAND NOTES.

At the last annual meeting of the Oakland Spiritual Society an election of officers was held with the following result: President, Mrs. Heckman (re-elected); vice-pres., A. E. Gilman (re-elected); secretary, Mrs. L. Lorenzen; treasurer, Mrs. R. Palmiter; financial secretary, Miss Ida Hass; board of directors, C. H. Cole, C. Sorensen, J. Scott, Mrs. Verl.

A beautiful set of silver spoons was presented to the president by the members, as a mark of their respect and esteem, and as a token of their appreciation for her good work on behalf of the society and the cause.

The vice-president was presented with a handsome hand painted cup and saucer, which he received with appropriate remarks.

The retiring secretary, Sister Shaw received from the society as a token of regard for duties well performed, an elaborate set of two china cake plates.

Miss Ida Hass was the recipient of a hand painted pin cushion.

The chaplain, Sister Gilman, was made glad with a beautiful china decorated small set.

The society is in a flourishing condition, substantial additions having lately been made to the Building Fund.

OBITUARY—Mrs. Ilse, a member of the Psychical Society, who recently went to visit her brother and sister, passed over while there. Her remains were brought over to Oakland and were cremated on last Thursday. A large number of the Psychical Society were in attendance at the services.

LORING HALL—The meeting on Wednesday evening the 15th was under the management of Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Knott was well attended. Those present decided upon a form of procedure to be adopted. Next Wednesday evening will be the first formal opening.

Odd Fellows Hall—The Psychical Society were out in good numbers. Mr. Will C. Hodge delivered an interesting address upon the life and occupations in spirit life, clearly showing that all who become denizens of the spirit world, will find congenial employment, according to their adaptation and capacity.

Fraternal Hall—On Sunday afternoon small addresses were made by Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Drakes and Mrs. McEvoy. After which circles were formed and messages were given by Mrs. Knapp, Smith and Fanning. In the evening Mrs. McEvoy spoke upon evil influences commonly known as obsession, indicating the methods by which persons who are thus vexed can be relieved. Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Gillette followed with messages.

Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. McEvoy have commenced a class on Friday evenings at 7 o'clock, room 24, 1229 Broadway.

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Responding to this universal sentiment of the human heart and the emotional longings of the soul, and recognizing the fact that in most of human lives, there are incidents worthy of notice, and services rendered for the general good and the upliftment of the race, which deserve to be commemorated.

Having said this much the JOURNAL takes pleasure in saying further that an opportunity to carry into practice that great principle involved in the words, appreciation and gratitude, is given to all persons who know Mrs. Annie Herbert Barker, the author of the beautiful poems, entitled: 'When the Mists Have Cleared Away,' 'New Time Rolling On,' 'Where the Shadow Fails to Never,' and other beautiful and inspiring poems.

Mrs. Barker's address is 223 D. street, San Rafael, Cal., where she resides shut up in her cottage home by poor health and limited means.

Another anniversary of her birth will occur on June 21st and this is thought a fitting time for those who feel they have been blessed by her inspirations to show their friendship and love in some substantial manner accompanying with words of greeting or birthday tokens to cheer her solitary life.

"ALICE" MESSAGE CORNER.

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium.

Marina—a little Indian girl only abolished.

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Obituary—Mrs. Ilsen, a member of the Psychical Society who recently went East on a visit to her children Paola and brings wild flowers, also an Indian called Swift Arrow, he brings music for the little one.

John and Nettie Merritt—To our friends we would send this message which we know now that we believed was true, all live again, and we are together with all our dear ones; but there are so many in earth life that need us. I wish my children were all on the brighter side of life. Tell them for us that we don't forget and when they think of us we are near them. There are so many friends to send greetings to; ask Florence to help me reach them all.

Newton Booth—This spirit desires to reach his daughter who is always ready for a word from her loved ones. He says: Tell my daughter, Mrs. Emma Suter, that we will help her; we know that she has had so much trouble, and that she is worried but the trouble will soon be over and all will be better for her.

I don't want to see her work so hard, I want to see her life made somewhat easier, and tell her that her old age will be pleasant. I was an old pioneer of California; and know what is means to go to a strange land. But O, this new land where I am now! It is so beautiful no words can describe it; tell Emma to take care of herself, and that her father is near her every day.

Hearty Lasel—A lady is with the gentleman, whom he calls wife; her name is Sarah or Sophia, also daughters Bertha and Anna, all coming to one they call Mary. Now I hear the name of Thorid and the name John Thorid also James and Margaret, this group all send greeting to Mary Thorid.

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The dreams you dreamed, and how they will come in spirit to us that the little feet will never slip or stumble, but will enter at our door.

And she slipped away.

Like a strain of heavenly music that is waked to our ears through the door was closed and all was still, the silence must have been well nigh unbearable. In those first moments when the very air is heavy, with stillness and we fear that in the sound of our beating hearts we may lose the whisper of comfort for which we yearn, we cannot even bear to hear the birds sing for the leaves rustle.

But the night of grief is swallowed up in the morning of hope.

We can say we have a firmer stop and braver spirit we set the house in order and make ready for the coming of our darling.

We know she shall come. What one baby has done another baby may do, and love shall so light the pathway to us that the little feet will never slip or stumble, but will enter at our door.

Oh, these mothers who stand weeping over empty cribs and unruffled pillows. Who can give them comfort? Who can dry their eyes? God seems far away and the grave an impassable gulf to them.

"I could have borne pain and loss and misery of any kind, if only my baby could have stayed with me," they sob.

Up and down the world today the sad mothers are wandering striving to be brave and to understand the reason of death.

But dear friend, your little Doris will guide you to some sorrowing one whose baby is with her in that new life where she has gone and your knowledge of the love of God made-manifest through ministering spirits may prove a shelter in time of storm.

Happy little Doris! To find a mamma smiling through her tears!

To find ready recognition of hers every effort to draw near!

To find a mother earnest in her efforts to take up her life naturally as the dear little daughter would have her do!

Many a child would find the way to your loving arms because of Doris, much loved and loving much, now as in the earth life which was so limited in years so full in expression.

All the Home Circle mothers will hold you in their thoughts with ten­demper. Those whose hearts have passed into spirit life will be es­pecially near to you and those who still cuddle and caress their little folks will give you a share of that motherhood happiness.—Banner of Light.


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INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

Editor Journal:

This subject has been mooted by some of our Spiritualists of the ad­visory Committee of the N. S. A., for forming an investigating committee, whose duty it shall be to summon mediums and speakers for an examination of their claims as mediums and speakers, and to pass judgment upon their merits for the work of the spirit world.

I have been appealed to for my opinion on this subject, which I herein unhesitatingly express. I am utterly opposed to the forma­tion of any such examining committee, and I believe that should the N. S. A. Board of Trustees, or its executive committee volunteer to act as such, it would be the death blow to that Institution. My reasons for the opinion are as follows:

Mediumship is a God-given gift; it cannot be acquired by hand work, or industrial methods, like learning a trade, such as watch making, engineering, etc.

Mediumism is born, not made, a mediumistic person can advance his powers very much, by education, particularly to persons who have a medium, as to make a genuine medium, or a bridge between the two worlds out of a person not born with mediumistic qualities.

Perhaps it is not impossible to do justice to mediumship at all times—sometimes the medium might appear before an examining committee and give beautiful and convincing tests, at another time, be, or she, might utterly fail, because the conditions were totally outside of forces and persons throw their shadows over the sensitive or over one of the members of the committee, and absolutely destroy for the time being, all possibility of giving satisfaction.

There are very few Spiritualists and Scientists who are qualified to act on an examining committee, for only those who understand mediumship and its wonderful subtle forces. It took me many years of close study and observation to learn the whys and wherefores of certain manifestations and expressions and mediumistic trance mediums, who it was my privilege to have in my employment just for the purpose of investigating Spiritualism in its various phases and I confess truthfully, that many times during the first years of my experience, I would be investigator, who thought he was doing the wise thing, was actually assisting evil isolated spirits to destroy or hinder the true work of the spirit bands of the medium, instead of assisting them in their good labors, as I meant to do.

Most Spiritualists think they know all about Spiritualism, when the fact that 80 per cent of them hardly know the first letter in the alphabet, and in their conceit they will never realize it until they pass from earth and see the grave mistakes they have made.

The Executive Committee of the N. S. A., Board of Trustees, is to buy a baby to be hindered with the work of playing examining committee for speakers and mediums. If for one, have no time to give to such work, and if I had, I would not quarter it, because it would be an affront to our honest workers, who know the truth of their medi­umship would disdain to appear before such a body—you might get a lot of frauds to appear, for they would have much to gain and nothing to lose by their appearances, for if they made a favorable showing by hoodwinking the committee they would be indorsed, and if they were proven to be frauds they would simply change the scene of their labors, and their names and go on as before.

No sir; I am positively not in favor of an examining committee.

I will not reduce the number of fakes in mediumship, but it will be an affront to our honest workers, who know the truth of their medi­umship would disdain to appear before such a body—you might get a lot of frauds to appear, for they would have much to gain and nothing to lose by their appearances, for if they made a favorable showing by hoodwinking the committee they would be indorsed, and if they were proven to be frauds they would simply change the scene of their labors, and their names and go on as before.

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