Hermann and Spirit-Writing—A Baffled Conjurer.

G. B. STEBBINS.

Our newspapers give copious biographic notices of Alexander Hermann, the great slight-of-hand performer, who has just passed suddenly to the higher life. Not only his wonderful skill, but his genial and kindly personal qualities are fitly commended, and his attitude toward alleged spirit phenomena is spoken of. These he treated as tricks, akin to his own, but at last he was convinced against his will, and avoided all fair proposals to duplicate the alleged tricks, as the following extract from the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, of Chicago, will show. I give them because most of the persons they mention are men eminent and widely known—all I personally know as competent and reliable—Mrs. Simpson as a psychic of remarkable gift and of unquestioned integrity, and J. C. Bundy, then editor of the JOURNAL, as a man greatly respected in Chicago, and whose word was as good as the best in any financial pledge.

The reproduction of these editorials (condensed) is fit and timely, as follow:

HERMAN, THE PRESTIDIGITATEUR, AND MRS. R. C. SIMPSON, THE MEDIUM.

In January, 1881, while Hermann was filling an engagement at McVicker’s Theatre, Chicago, the Editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL arranged an interview between this celebrated prestidigitateur and Mrs. Simpson, well known as a medium for independent slate-writing, writing without human contact. Hermann, accompanied by his assistant, met Mrs. Simpson, Mr. McVicker and Prof. V. B. Denslow being present as witnesses; Hermann having previously confidently assured all present that no writing would occur. Mrs. Simpson’s own slate was first used, after being duly cleaned, examined, and pronounced satisfactory by Hermann. Under Hermann’s own conditions, writing appeared on the slate. “Are you satisfied!” inquired Professor Denslow, “that no living human person could have been in any contact with the pencil when it did the writing?” “Certainly I am,” said Hermann. “How could any person get between the slate and the table?” Hermann’s own double slate was then used with equally decided and satisfactory results. A full account of this important experiment appears in the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL of January 15, 1881.

In January, 1883, Rev. M. J. Savage, then Pastor of The Church of the Unity, Boston, had an interview in that city with Hermann, at which the latter reiterated his assertion, that he had offered $500 to mediums for a sitting, but could not get one, and that the phenomena were all tricks. Whereupon the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, in its issue for February 17, 1883, challenged Hermann to produce the evidence that he ever offered any medium $500 for a sitting. The evidence has never been offered. In the same issue of the JOURNAL its Editor made two propositions as follows:

A TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR PROPOSITION.

The Editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL will pay to Hermann, the prestidigitateur, the sum of $1,000 for his services as operator and to Minot J. Savage $1,000 in trust, for distribution by him among indigent Unitarian ministers at his discretion; upon the following terms and conditions: Said Hermann is to duplicate by slight-of-hand the slate writing manifestations which took place at his interview with Mrs. Simpson, above referred to; having done so he is to explain the trick to the witnesses and show how it is done. All this to be done within ninety days and in the City of Chicago, with Mr. J. H. McVicker, Prof. V. B. Denslow, Mrs. R. C. Simpson and Rev. M. J. Savage as witnesses. The time, place and all details for the trial to be arranged by Rev. M. J. Savage and Mr. J. H. McVicker. The maker of this proposition refers Hermann to Mr. J. H. McVicker for proof of his responsibility. Rev. Savage is referred to B. F. Underwood, Assistant Editor of the INDEX, for the same purpose.

A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR PROPOSAL.

Was also made, that Hermann should come to Chicago and produce, by slight-of-hand a similar phenomena to the one described, under the same conditions, with the Editor of the JOURNAL in the presence of Prof. H. D. Garrison, Rev. H. W. Thomas, J. H. McVicker and such other witnesses as Hermann may select. The Editor will pay at once to said Hermann $5,000; the trial to be made within 60 days. Notice to be given in the JOURNAL of the acceptance of one or both proposals on or before Feb. 27th, whereupon the necessary papers will be drawn.

A few days after these proposals were made Hermann was in Chicago, but declined them. Comment is unnecessary.

On March 9th, 1888, Rev. M. J. Savage, at his own request, and in company with Sanford B. Perry and the Editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, had a sitting with Mrs. Simpson. Mr. Savage took his own slates, cleaned them, placed two bits of pencil, each about the size of a pea, upon one, placed the other over it, sewed the frames together on two sides, then tied a string around them—all this without the slates having been touched by any other person than himself.
A goblet two-thirds full of water was then placed upon these slates. The medium then placed the slates upon her extended right hand, raised the table cover with the left and passed her right, on which rested the slates and goblet, under the table, dropped the table cover, at the same instant placing her left hand upon her head. Under these conditions writing was produced on the slates. Mr. Savage saw a "proof" of the account before its publication in the Journal of March 24th, and certified that it was "more than true. * * A careful under-statement of the facts." The Journal then added:

If any amateur or professional "exposer" or any conjurer will produce like results, by trickery, under the same conditions and in the presence of the same witnesses, and show these witnesses the trick, the Editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL will pay to the said operator $1,000 and publish in his paper a full account of the affair.

No "exposer" ever appeared to earn the money.

Mr. Bundy made these proposals, the only like offers he ever made, in order to bring a conjurer of world-wide fame, then in Chicago, to a fair test. Hermann dare not meet the trial. He saw as have other great conjurers, that these manifestations led into depths that no tricks could fathom. It would have been to his credit had he frankly and publicly said, as did the renowned French magician Robert Houchin in 1878, that what he had seen of clairvoyance was "wholly beyond the resources of his art to explain."

Or, as did Bellachim the Berlin court conjurer in 1877, after witnessing phenomena in the presence of Henry Slade and publishing a statement that "any explanation of them as by prestidigitation art is absolutely impossible."

But Hermann jangled with words, saying in private, "I am convinced," and in public, "It is all a trick."

Conjuror, or clergyman, or materialist; whoever tries to show these manifestations are all tricks, will be lost in a borderland of folly and fog, but will soon strike a solid wall of facts and be flung back bruised and dazed. Whoever tries to solve them by any theory save the Spiritualistic will fare no better.

They are signs pointing to a divine philosophy which recognizes man as a spiritual being, shows the relations of the life within and the life beyond, satisfies intuition and reason, verifies that voice within which says, "Thou shalt never die," brings balm to wounded hearts, gives light from the spirit world to quicken the light within, and is at one with pure religion.

In due time, fitly winnowed and purified, this Spiritual philosophy will conquer and uplift the world.

Meanwhile all jugglers, great and small, whether with cups and balls, or with worn out dogmas, or materialistic notions about matter and force but no guiding mind and no life for man when his earthly body dies, may well take warning from Hermann's baffled confusion.

Some men carry their hearts in their heads; very many carry their heads in their hearts.—Hare.
But if I have personal ambitions I possibly might hesitate to enter an association of this character because my work through it must be of an impersonal nature. I do not condemn those who differ from me in this and do not believe in the organization of Spiritualists, but their position seems to me to be utterly untenable in the light of the new dispensation.

On page 98 of the Journal R. W. Savage tells what is demanded of Spiritualists, and says: "Its benevolent work is not of such a character as to call for the profound respect of the world." I do not know that Spiritualists, as a class, care for the "profound respect of the world," but it stands to reason if they were properly organized, respect and justice might be easily compelled, because then it would be possible to give due attention to benevolent work. He further says: "It has a spirit of generosity, no doubt, but it is not made manifest." For one, I do not see how it can be made manifest except through the medium of an organization.

It is often easy to criticise and point out mistakes, but difficult to suggest better methods. To my mind it seems clear that the most vital problems which confront Spiritualism to-day can be solved only by organization. But it is not to be supposed that in one or at least sixty years a work can be done which will remove all the bad effects of nearly half a century's mistakes and neglect of duty.

To my mind Spiritualism is synonymous with truth, and truth alone can fully satisfy the demands of one's soul. To it I find myself largely a debtor, and for it I have only the warmest love.

Salem, Ore.

WALTER P. WILLIAMS.

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE OTHER LIFE.

In the Journal of Feb. 13th, Dr. Babbitt criticised my article in the issue of Jan. 2, entitled, "Why do we Know so Little of the Other Life?" To which question my answer was, "For the reason that it is impossible that we know so very much about things wholly beyond the range of our experience." It seemed to me then, and notwithstanding Dr. Babbitt's comments, it still seems to me to be the true answer to the question I propounded. I tried to show that men, in or out of the body, could only communicate with each other on the plane of their development, intellectual and spiritual, and I cannot see now that Dr. Babbitt has seriously assailed my position. He says: "We do not reason in this way about earthly things, and should not about Spiritual things. Rome and Constantinople may be beyond the range of our direct experience, but we know that they exist for all that, and we know their main characteristics." True—and for the reason that it has always been asserted and known, and never once has it been denied, that those cities existed; and we "know their main characteristics" for the reason that we have seen earthly cities, and know much about how they are constructed, and of the material of which they are made, but of structures made without hands, eternally in the heavens, it is quite otherwise. Or at any rate it is so with us common mortals, made of common clay, as most of us are, and it was of this sort of people which I wrote. I have never assumed to speak for prophets and seers, like Jesus and Davis, and perhaps Dr. Babbitt. Paul, when he returned from the third heaven, and said that he had seen things which were impossible to communicate, should have excepted, perhaps, this class of persons. I have never denied that such men can communicate with each other clearly and exactly respecting the other life; but if a man cannot communicate, or so translate himself that I can understand him, he can be little or nothing to me, and this must be so with others.

As I understand Dr. Babbitt in his late article, he is about to publish a book in which he proposes to tell us all about heaven; even to give us "the form and location of the spirit realms." But I have not the slightest idea that he has any message for me, or for the masses of mankind. The following is what he says of himself and his book: "For 28 years I have dwelt near the open window of heaven, and I have also aimed at earthly science, so as not to run wildly into the ideal. My vision has been opened so that I can see the glories of the diviner life. My immense longing for the immortal habitations has led me to ask thousands upon thousands of questions, and to prevent my running into errors, my hands have been converted into a telegraph, so as to signify all the more correctly when I was right and when wrong. I have thus been enabled to understand the very form and location of the spirit realms, and the periods of time required for progressing through them. These forms I have had engraved and placed in the new edition of a book called 'Religion,' which is about to be issued."

No, I have never undertaken to speak for Dr. Babbitt, nor for any one like him. If Dr. Babbitt should ever convince me that he had knowledge which I did not possess, it would have to be by some other method than by showing me how his hand had moved thus and so, in answer to questions, mental or otherwise. The questions would immediately arise in my mind, and I think in most of others, "Are you quite sure that you did not unconsciously move your own hand? And if you are, what did you know respecting the intelligence or character for truth-telling of the one who did?" The movement of a man's hand could never satisfy me of "the very form and location of the spirit realms," much less of "the periods of time required to progress through them."

I cannot conceive that one who can settle questions in this way, can possibly possess valuable knowledge which he may be able to impart to the world. If I grant that Dr. Babbitt knows all he claims to know, the fact remains that it is impossible for him to reveal himself to mankind; and for the reason that I gave in my article, which Dr. Babbitt has criticised, i.e., "We can communicate only on the plane of our experience or development, mental and spiritual." Jesus and Paul and Swedenborg and Davis and Dr. Babbitt, had they been contemporaries, may have been able to communicate with and understand each other exactly all about heaven and spirit life. But I still believe...
that all common mortals will have to stay outside and wait until they are called up higher.

Dr. Babbitt says: "Mr. Belden seems to think that the communication with spirit life is contrary to nature, and he quotes Emerson's expression, in which he says: 'No one has ever yet achieved the slightest success in opposing nature.'" And then he goes on and delivers a lecture respecting the harmony and unity of nature in refutation of my supposition as given by himself. All of which was unnecessary, so far as I am concerned, for I have never written a word which could be fairly construed into my saying, "the spiritual phenomena is unnatural." On the contrary I published not long ago an article in the JOURNAL entitled: "A Fact is a Divine Revelation," in which I endeavored to show that there were no isolated facts, but that all facts were unitarian, related from lowest to highest. How Dr. Babbitt fell into the error he did, respecting my position, I cannot understand, though I do not for a moment believe that he intended to misrepresent me. But he should read my article more carefully. If I had not the utmost faith in the unity of nature I should have never been a Spiritualist, for my idea is that facts have to be interpreted or explained, and seeing no way to explain facts which have come to me except by the spiritual hypothesis, I am a Spiritualist. D. D. Belden.

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[This reply will end the controversy for the present.—En.]

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**OUR POSSIBILITIES.**

The possibilities of man, lying latent within him, are untold, and man has never comprehended his inheritance. This inheritance is a mine of golden ore, the only alloy being our finite understanding of our true capabilities. How shall we use this ability which is ours if we close the avenues of knowledge to it by submitting to the understanding of man rather than seeking to learn from the Spirit? We cannot because we close the avenues by which the Infinite Spirit can inflow, and this influx brings us knowledge, which is true power, if we open our minds to a perception of the true divine relation of things.

Such knowledge as this is not to be obtained from the study of books; it is a gift of the Spirit. It is not the teaching of the intellect; it is the voice of intuition, which wells up from the inmost depths of the soul, and tells us how blind we are when we do not discover the finger-marks of the Infinite in all creation, for intuition begins where worldly knowledge leaves off, and it is only as we let loose from the objective and tangible things of sense and come to realize the solidity of substance, of the intangible, that man begins to discern his possibilities. These possibilities are the gift of the Infinite Spirit, and teach us that man's life is continually new, because he is an epitome of the Universe, with dominion given to him over all things in this planet earth, thus having placed within his power the possibility of eliminating all that is not in direct harmony with the law of the Infinite, and co-operating in the consummation of all divine law.

As man grows into an understanding of his divine relationship with the Father, and the power invested in him, he comes into a knowledge which gives him faith; and faith can only be approximated intuitively when it rests upon an understanding of the deep things of our nature, and thereby we realize the possession of power over the unseen forces as well as the visible forces in our universe. The knowledge of this inheritance, combined with faith in its power, directed in harmony with all divine law, brings us into the harmonious vibration of the laws of the Universe, which are divine, and induces the state of oneness, or Christ-mind. This harmonious vibration is peace—rest. Rest is power, and power over ourselves gives us power over all life subordinate to our life; not the power of usurpation, but the power of love to eliminate, purify and uplift. In the exercise of this power, in divine co-operation, realizing our possibilities, we enter into that soul-communion with the vibratory harmony of the Universe, which is the physical force that acts upon the thought of humanity, aspiring to live according to their highest ideal of life in communion and union with All-Good.

If man has such possibilities in him, it may naturally be asked, How is it that he so often portrays so much weakness in himself and in his recognition of this power? It is because he is ignorant of the grandeur and power of his true birthright. He has been educated in false beliefs, he has been taught to implore for goodness, strength and divinity of purpose, instead of affirming with a fullness of gratitude that these gifts were already bestowed by an all-loving Infinite Father, the perfect principle of all good, and placing himself in the attitude of receptivity by being positive against all thoughts of inability to work out the good, and negative to the influx of the Divine, which is love.

The I, the me,我自己, is no destructible essence, but contains within its germ, possibilities so great that with our finite sense we cannot contemplate them. Being born from above, in the spiritual, we have power when we enter into this inner self to eliminate and enlighten that part of our physical being which is evolved from the earth, thus having placed within his power the possibility of eliminating all that is not in direct harmony with the Father, and the power invested in him, he comes into a knowledge which gives him faith; and faith can only be approximated intuitively when it rests upon an understanding of the deep things of our nature, and thereby we realize the possession of power over the unseen forces as well as the visible forces in our universe. The knowledge of this inheritance, combined with faith in its power, directed in harmony with all divine law, brings us into the harmonious vibration of the laws of the Universe, which are divine, and induces the state of oneness, or Christ-mind. This harmonious vibration is peace—rest. Rest is power, and power over ourselves gives us power over all life subordinate to our life; not the power of usurpation, but the power of love to eliminate, purify and uplift. In the exercise of this power, in divine co-operation, realizing our possibilities, we enter into that soul-communion with the vibratory harmony of the Universe, which is the physical force that acts upon the thought of humanity, aspiring to live according to their highest ideal of life in communion and union with All-Good.

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lower or physical self. Enter into thy closet (thy
spiritual soul), and there shut the door on all phy­
heavenly influx strength and wisdom to overcome
physical or worldly thought, and gather from the
in love all contending thoughts, emotions, and
feelings which war against spiritual enlightenment,
and peace and rest will be thy lot, for thy temple
will be brought into harmony with the Divine, and
thy thoughts will be fed with the heavenly manna,
and thou wilt be ministered unto according to thy
aspirations and faith to receive, whereby all things
will be dressed in a new garb of peace, bringing
cessation from suffering and disappointment. In­
volution and evolution will be united, and the
marriage of the lamb be within thine own house­
hold.
FRANCES J. MILLER.

LIFE AND LOVE.

Life and love—love and life. The two seem to
come so closely together that they blend in one
harmonious whole. Without life there would be
no love and without love there can be no life.
Simply a miserable cheerless and oftimes unendur­
able existence and that is far from being life, in
its truest, broadest sense.

Love is as necessary to promote the growth of
the soul as the warm, life-giving rays of the sun­
light is necessary to unfold in their full beauty the
blossoms and flowers, which gladden the eye; and
the life that is devoid of love is in the same
starved, dwarfed condition that the delicate plant
would be, were it consigned to the dark cellar,
where the sunlight could never shine upon it. It
is pitiful to know how many human beings pass
day after day and year after year without ever
having their souls warmed or cheered by the all­
powerful influence of love, brought to bear upon
them.

Love is one of the most important factors that
go to build up the human life, and when I speak
of love, please understand exactly what I mean. I
do not refer to the passional emotion that finds its
level and its highest enjoyment on the animal
plane, and which has been so falsely called love.

I mean the pure, deep, abiding love that is im­
planted within every human soul and which comes
from God and is a part of God. The love that is
born of tender compassion and sympathy—the love
that never fails to bring comfort and consolation
to the stricken heart in times of trouble and dis­
ress—the love that forgets self and only seeks to
bring about a better and happier condition of the
human race. This is the love that will uplift
humanity and make of people that which God and
nature intended them to be—pure noble men and
women, joined by the ties of the purest emotions
which the human heart is capable of knowing—
that of brotherly and sisterly love. This is the
love that makes life what it should be, and with­
out it you do not live, you simply exist.

Life is one of the greatest mysteries that scien­
tist or philosopher ever tried to fathom. Its
wonderful workings are beyond the reach of
human ken, but as we know we do live, let us have
the satisfaction of knowing we live aright. This
is a question that must be settled by each one.

That small voice within, yet which sometimes
speaks so loudly that we imagine the whole world
can hear and which we call conscience, will tell us
whether we are doing right or wrong, if we will
but listen to it. We need ask no one within our
own souls; we know. Then let us ever keep
before us a perfect ideal of true manhood and
womanhood, and let it be our aim in life to be as
narrow like that ideal as possible. And give out
the pure love that is so needed, and as we give so will
be given to us the love that will brighten and bless
our lives for all time. MRS. IRENE GAY.
Flint, Mich.

SUNFLOWERS FROM KANSAS.

When people cast suspicious glances at you,
keep a brave heart and look pleasant.

Life is not made up by living regrets. A har­
bored regret will destroy as much good as an evil
thought.

When you are surrounded by all the machina­
tions and outrages of this mundane sphere, turn
your imagination loose and it will carry you far
away from it all; then you will revel in all the
beauties of the world and be as truly happy as if it
were real. Afterward, with renewed force, return
to your foes and overcome. But when you turn
your imagination loose, be sure and don't let it
run away with you. A. B. B.

SUN WORSHIP.

The worship of the sun is now regarded as a
relic of heathenism; yet it was the external ex­
pression of a grand truth. When mankind were
in the childish stage of progress, they intuitively
perceived truths which are now lost to the believ­
ers in creedal religions. Sunday—the day sacred
to the worship of the sun; the symbol of the
seventh cycle or Golden (Sun) Age of the world—is
a "heathen's" day which "Christians" have
adopted. They have also adopted the pagan Sun
worship, but they have changed it to the "Son of
God."

Now the sun worshipers had true conceptions
of the origin of Divine Power than have the popu­
lar religious systems of our day. They realized
that all things in nature have correspondences in
the spiritual. They saw that the sun was the
most potent power in Nature to impart health, to
stimulate the growth of the beautiful, and to evolve
which gives joy, nourishes, clothes and
shelters man. They worshiped the sun as a sym­
bol of the Celestial Sun (the Divine soul within
each living being), from whence comes spiritual
health, nourishment, beauty, growth and perma­
nent happiness. They intuitively perceived the
thought that the highest spiritual power was itself
an essence and formless, and was above all forms,
for it evolved them. LUCY A. MALLORY.

CURIOSITY OF LANGUAGE.

A sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is that
in which the sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on
which the sleeper runs while the sleeper sleeps.
Therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper, the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper until the sleeper which carries the sleeper jumps the sleeper and wakes the sleeper in the sleeper by striking the sleeper under the sleeper on the sleeper, and there is no longer any sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper.—Ezra.

**Wanderings of a Soul in the First Sphere.**

The first thing I noticed on going through a barren country, with nothing to see but small one-story shanties, was the loneliness of the place. I felt so dreary, so utterly forsaken. I cannot describe the lonely feeling I had. I saw many people whom I had known and they talked about money, business and pleasure just as if they were on earth. They did not notice me. I felt hungry and cold. My clothes were all rags, my feet were sore and I was very tired.

I came to a small house, where I found a woman I knew, but she did not recognize me. I saw 3 or 4 beds in the attic, and I heard her say that she had to have them ready when her children visited her. I heard people talk about cooking, but did not see anything to eat; but still I felt hungry and tired. Some one spoke about my parents; they did not know where they were, and so I kept on going. I felt so thirsty, but there was no water, not a river or sea, nothing to do but to go on looking for rest. Getting weary and heartsick, I commenced to cry and I was in the body again.

Friends, try not to get there. What is the hell pictured in the Bible to that dreary place, called "The First Sphere?" Lead good lives; be truthful; be charitable; be brotherly. I have been allowed to visit that place, while in the body, and I do not think that I was there more than a few years to my soul, and I pray you to live so that you may at once pass on to a higher sphere.

**LAKE HELEN CAMP.**

Southern Cassadaga Camp is beautifully located on the shore of Lake Colby, which forms one of the beautiful little chain of lakes called "Lake Helen." The ground around is generously sheltered with pines whose aroma constantly fills the atmosphere with fragrant perfume. The lay of the land is very pretty, its little hillsides, slopes and valleys present an ever-changing view of the scene.

Judging from the hearty good will which the workers have shown, it promises to be a great center of spiritual force which will be an oasis, where angels will be the guests to bring cheering thoughts to many while passing the dreary desert of life. The auditorium is large and comfortably seated, and was very prettily decorated for the opening services.

The president, Mr. Geo. J. Colby, being called upon to give the opening address, Mr. C. F. Parcell, secretary, filled the chair. Mr. Colby was controlled by Seneca, who gave a fine practical address, filled with home-thrust truths, in his quaint and individual way, producing mirth and tears alternately among the appreciative audience.

In the afternoon the platform was occupied by Mrs. C. Fanny Allen, whom all who know her best love her most, not only for the grand truths she utters but also for the great love to humanity and fidelity in her life to her teachings. She was followed by Mrs. Concannon who gave some remarkable clear-cut tests in her inimitable way.

In the evening the cottage owned by Miss E. Keenan and occupied by Mrs. Dr. F. J. Miller who is teaching the science of spiritual health and healing, was dedicated to spiritual work, and named the Bradford Cottage, Penn. Mrs. Concannon gave the dedicatory service, some mediums on the ground assisted, among whom was Mrs. Carrie Twing, whose large heart beams forth in her happy face and it is always a pleasure to hear her. She spoke with fervor of the good which might accrue to humanity if each individual felt the progress of this new camp-ground rested upon themselves. Mrs. C. F. Allen made a few remarks and a poem suitable to the occasion, which lifted hearts to feel the grand work to be accomplished. Mr. A. Campbell gave some tests so clear which if there were any skeptics in the audience must have been compelled to acknowledge there is something in Spiritualism.

Mrs. Emma J. Huff, the Cor. Sec., whose heart and soul work, for the prosperity of the camp, has been almost gigantic, made a few appropriate remarks and Mr. Colby’s control Seneca spoke of the work to be accomplished. The meeting was then closed with a little attention to the outer man, Dr. Miller donating chocolate and cake, the proceeds of the meeting went towards helping to defray the debt on the Auditorium. The music was under the direction of Mr. Morrow and did much as music always does towards making the work of the helpers harmonious. Altogether it was a pleasant day. Cordiality and brotherly feeling beamed from every countenance.

Before closing this brief review I must not omit to mention a great undertaking for humanity by Mr. Webster and family on his own grounds adjoining the camp-ground which is to be called "A Healthful Rest Sanitarium." It has long been planned and discussed by both spirits and mortals. Much of the plans and specifications have come through the mediumship of Mrs. Concannon.

The dedication of the grounds and the ceremony of laying brick for the corner pier of the foundation of a three-story building, took place on Feb. 12th, Abraham Lincoln’s birthday. About forty people, representing many states in the Union, took part in the ceremony, laying over 75 bricks named for their friends and themselves. This is to be a non-sectarian institution, the revenue from which is intended to be used in establishing an improved educational center which shall include everything from the kindergarten to a medical college. When completed it will be under the direction of Mr. Webster’s son, Dr. Bert Webster and a corps of helpers.

M. Lake Helen, Florida.
Appeal to the Departed.

La Lumiere has a strong appeal by a lady to the "souls of our dear departed." "Tell us," she says, "oh, beloved dead, that you do not forget us; that you are protecting us in the dangers of this life; that you are not unhappy; that you are at peace; that in the 'beyond' there is a world of duties in the exact knowledge of the solidarities between the incarnated and incarnated spirits; that you are laborers of the Great Spirit, the helpers of the angels, the combatants for justice and truth, and together by our union of effort we shall be useful to the oppressed, to the ignorant, to the despairing, suffering, in the anguish which becomes madness, in the wasting away, which is real death."

She has in the same number a special notice of her book, "Letters from the Spirit Salem-Hermes," a book which is intended as a sort of manual of what she calls "The New Spiritualism." The feminine principle has full recognition in this work, evidently as it did in that of Lady Caithness.

Victor Hugo on Immortality.

The celebrated Victor Hugo in a speech which he made at a banquet given in Paris in his honor a short time before his transit from this phase of life to another, is so beautiful, expressive and true on the inherent proof of immortality that no apology is made for quoting it, as we feel sure it will be appreciated. He said:

"I feel in myself the future life. I am like a forest that has been more than once cut down. The new shoots are stronger and livelier than ever. I am rising towards the skies. The sunshine is over my head, the earth gives light to me with the reflection of unknown worlds. You say, that the soul is nothing but the resultant of bodily powers. Why then is my soul luminous when my bodily powers begin to fail? Winter is on my head, the sun is rising towards the skies. The spiritual light in me illuminates the sun-burnt sky, makes it a brighter star. "Tell us," she says, "oh, beloved dead, that you do not forget us; that you are protecting us in the dangers of this life; that you are not unhappy; that you are at peace; that in the 'beyond' there is a world of duties in the exact knowledge of the solidarities between the incarnated and incarnated spirits; that you are laborers of the Great Spirit, the helpers of the angels, the combatants for justice and truth, and together by our union of effort we shall be useful to the oppressed, to the ignorant, to the despairing, suffering, in the anguish which becomes madness, in the wasting away, which is real death."

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Clairvoyant Gifts.

Rev. Dr. Parker of London, once spoken of in strong terms as the possible successor of Henry Ward Beecher in the Plymouth Church pulpit, related in a recent discourse several stories of clairvoyant gifts and their exercise, and then commented on them. He said:

"There are those who tell us that such things are artificial illusions, or momentary hallucinations. If we like to commit ourselves to these polysemous, so be it: but is it not a grander thing to commit one's self to another? Is it possible that the range of thought? Who are the fools who commit themselves to the doctrine of continual hallucination, and thus make themselves little better than fools, or the men who say there are more things in heaven and earth than have been dreamed of in any philosophy? I prefer to number myself, if they will have the company. It is nobler in reason and finer in temper. It is more poetic and ideal in the whole cast of its being and thought. Who are the fools, now, the fanatics or the men who say this universe is bigger than we thought it was, and that there are avenues all through its spaces along which there pass messengers from heaven, visitors from eternity?"
The remarkable things done by the "visitors from over the border" are the main topic of conversation in many households where hitherto the subject of Spiritualism had been "tabooed," and it is an open secret that some families, seeing the brighter light that the angel visitors bring, and perceiving the grander truths they teach, have "left the church and gone into the light," believing it to be what the Apostles preached—as it is. There is much solemn wagging of heads among the select, and many are the words of woe that are exchanged in new results to the Army of Freedom and Truth; but let one of these erstwhile church members try to tell one of these who are so anxious as to his eternal welfare of the grandeur of the dead from the "land of the living," of the wondrous things he has seen and the numerous proofs of identity given, and the man of the church turns impatiently away, declaring it is all a dodge to make money, and the "Christian" gentleman who is said to wear horns and a spear-tipped tail, and who generally carries a pitchfork—Mr. Satan, or as he is commonly called, the "Devil"—the more they talk against and try to pray it out of existence the more recruits does Spiritualism claim—so they might as well talk and pray, as they cannot do the works which would identify them as real followers of him whom they claim as a Savior.

The First Christian Spiritualist Society is holding quite interesting meetings in Loring Hall, at 14th and Clay streets, which are presided over by their energetic Vice-President, Alonzo Coons—a man ever ready to establish the fact that loving and giving prevail everywhere, and to-day millions may be employed and suffering and want may be known no more. Will all papers please copy this item?

We have in this community a lot of people—some of them profess spiritualists—who are very knowing, and sharp in detecting fraud. They know all about how Fred Evans performs his wonderful slate writing "tricks," have fathomed the secret of Earle's remarkable platform tests and "spotted" his confederates; were "dead onto" Ada Foye's "little game," and know how the other mediums play their "games." The rest of us are waiting very patiently for these people to make their wonderful discoveries public, but somehow they never come to the front with their proofs. Talk is cheap, but facts are what we want.—The Medium.

La Loie Fuller, the wonderful dancer, is a spiritualist, and is not ashamed to say it. She has not only visited the Children's Lyceum here, but invited them all to attend a matinee as her guests. Her program was "The Harp," in a manner that won the audience, and the man of the church turns and help us." By the way, Mr. Jones has promised to come to Oakland some time in the near future, and give us a lecture on "Spiritualism—Objections of its Opposers Answered," in a manner that awakened deep interest among her hearers, and the only thing we know about it is that a large and endless talk of Christ's teachings and so blasphemous, so foreign to the general spirit of enlightened reason and conscience of enlightened man, so foreign to the reasons for the faith that is in him. Last Sunday afternoon, that indefatigable Lyceum worker, W. T. Jones, of San Francisco, addressed the above-mentioned society, taking for his subject, "The Lyceum—its Aims and Scope." The society is taking steps toward organizing a Lyceum, and Mr. Jones addressed them by invitation. His remarks were comprehensive, full of interest, and showed a clear insight into the object and methods of Lyceum work—a work, by the way, in which many are deeply interested, and on which he is certainly an authority, having been in the work some 30 odd years, and if he has few confederates, it is because the hobby is the Lyceum. He made an excellent impression, and when our Lyceum is ready for organization, he may be sent for again to come over and help us." By the way, Mr. Jones has promised to come to Oakland some time in the near future, and give us a lecture on "Spiritualism—Objections of its Opposers Answered," in a manner that awakened deep interest among her hearers, and the only thing we know about it is that a large audience was not there to hear it. Bro. Jones was present and by request sang "The Old Musician and His Harp," in a manner that won for the singer a hearty round of applause.

After the lecture Mrs. L. C. Cornelius gave a number of good tests—fully establishing the fact that loving friends unseen were there.

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Anniversary in Oakland, Cal.

To the Editor:
The Mediums’ Meeting in Syndicate Hall, Oakland, Cal., celebrated the anniversary of the Hydeville reawakening of men’s spiritual perceptions on Friday evening, Feb. 19. Mrs. Weir presided. Mrs. L. W. Knott pianist, assisted by Mrs. Geo. C. DeJarley, Miss Ethel Sawyer, and Messrs. Starr, Cook, and Sawyer furnished the music; and Prof. J. S. Loveland, Dr. Rin-Es, Mrs. Hempstead (the first president), and Chris. Anderson, (the boy orator), did the speaking.

There was a good audience, and the addresses were of a high character. Prof. Loveland supplied the duty of Spiritualists in this world. Mrs. Hempstead said that to be a Spiritualist was not to lose any good features of character but to add one more. Dr. Rin-Es counselled his hearers above all things to love one another; all is life, there is none dead; it is otherwise in the spiritual world. It is otherwise in the spiritual world. It is otherwise in the spiritual world.

The Diamond Cluster.

To the Editor:
On Tuesday night, December 29, 1896, I sat at my table writing, when the hour of 7 came. I at once dropped everything, turned out the light, etc. The diamond cluster, before mentioned on page 115, at the portrait, came and went, as it were, in brief, business-like manner. A few minutes later I resumed writing. It being unusually quiet that evening, I could but feel belonged not to me alone. Such phenomena come not out sitting at the table at all. Conjunction in the spirit world.

Development so easily attained as this would be a barrier to my coveted station. All the phenomena, but to my great surprise joy, the diamond cluster came at the turning out of the light, and with it a light filling the room, especially above me, but this time the “glory-light” did not absorb the diamond cluster. Both were plainly visible at one time. After remaining a few seconds, the cluster, instead of passing to my left, as on former occasions, rose nearly to the ceiling and passing directly over my head, stopped and descended until fairly within reach of my hands—I could pass my fingers through it. In this way I caressed it in rapturous delight for a few seconds more when it gradually vanished, leaving me in a delirium of joy, which I could not feel belonged not to me alone. Such phenomena come not except by the united energy of many spirit friends. On this occasion the accompanying healing power was abundant, so that the next morning I was feeling well, in fact my health was improved.

Conjunction in the Spirit World.

To the Editor:
All conjunction in the spiritual world is done by looking. When anyone there thinks concerning another, the other becomes present on the spot, and one sees the other as do all things glorious. It was light transcends my power to describe it, as do all things glorious. It was like luminous gold, yet not as dark as yellow gold. It was perfectly steady, not a scintilla of quivering or flickering about it. The edge of it at my left was, as on former occasions, perfectly well. The light, beyond it remaining intact; all of which was so plain I could not help noting it, notwithstanding the surprise and awe that took possession of me in this, my most wonderful visitation. After lingering some 50 or 60 seconds, it gradually dissolved. Soon after I relit the lamp and resumed writing.

On Tuesday, Jan. 5, I was so ill at the hour of 7, that I was lying down, afterwards, sitting by the kitchen stove until 8 o’clock, when I went to my room and retired at once, without sitting at the table at all. Company had gathered in early that evening, and were in gleeiful, happy mood, with other members of the family in adjacent apartments. I expected this would be the time to pass on to other phenomena, but to my great surprise joy, the diamond cluster came at the turning out of the light, and with it a light filling the room, especially above me, but this time the “glory-light” did not absorb the diamond cluster. Both were plainly visible at one time. After remaining a few seconds, the cluster, instead of passing to my left, as on former occasions, rose nearly to the ceiling and passing directly over my head, stopped and descended until fairly within reach of my hands—I could pass my fingers through it. In this way I caressed it in rapturous delight for a few seconds more when it gradually vanished, leaving me in a delirium of joy, which I could not feel belonged not to me alone. Such phenomena come not except by the united energy of many spirit friends. On this occasion the accompanying healing power was abundant, so that the next morning I was feeling well, in fact my health was improved.

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Lyceum Lessons.
Suggested by Brother Joseph, as Used at National Avenue, San Diego.

LESSON 9.

Ques.—In the lesson last you told us the soul of man was immortal; please tell us what you mean by immortal?

Ans.—A soul can be the soul is co-existent with spirit it must be like spirit. We can conceive of spirit as having a beginning or an end. It always was, is, and ever will be. That is what we mean by immortal—never coming to an end.

Q.—How do you know that spirit never had a beginning?

A.—If spirit is life, which we conceive it is, for we cannot think of it as otherwise, then life must always have been.

Q.—By what process of reasoning do you make that appear?

A.—We are conscious of life now, and the proof of it is in us, and its manifestations all about us. If life had a beginning, then there must have been a time when there was no life—nothing, and out of nothing something never could have come. So we are obliged to conclude that life or conscious being is self-existent, undivided, without beginning of years or end of days. If it were not so, we never should be what we know ourselves to be, perceiving, reasoning, feeling, willing, acting individuals.

Q.—Does the phenomena of Spiritualism prove the immortality of the soul?

A.—Not sufficiently. It only demonstrates to the senses the continuity of a life like this. The truth of the immortality of the individual soul is within him. The phenomena of Spiritualism demonstrate to the senses the continuity of the individual soul. The truth of the immortality of the individual soul is within him.

Q.—Then is it not possible for one person to prove to another the soul's immortality?

A.—No! The proof must come to the consciousness from the within of the individual.

Q.—Then what is the phenomena of Spiritualism?

A.—To call attention to the proof of immortality which each one has within him.

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Prof. Geo. W. Walrond.

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At an early age Geo. W. Walrond entered the British Army and served with distinction in several wars in different parts of the world. He has been a great traveler, but during the past decade has devoted all his spare time and thought to the Cause of Spiritualism and occult science. He has lectured in England, Ireland, Scotland, and in the principal cities of Canada and the United States.

A writer in a last month's paper speaking of Mr. Walrond said: "He is an erudite gentleman, an excellent psychic lecturer, and a fine clairvoyant." His reputation as a reliable astrologer of merit is widely known. His present address is the Granite Building, Denver, Colo.

Los Angeles Notes.

At the Harmonial Spiritualists' Association, Sunday, Feb. 21, Prof. W. C. Bowman entertained the audience in the afternoon. In the evening Maude Lord Drake occupied the rostrum. A large audience was present on both occasions.

At the First Society the conference meeting was well attended. At the evening meeting a fair-sized audience was ably entertained by Mrs. M. T. Longley. The Light of Truth Society enjoyed an able talk from Mr. J. D. Griffith.

At the Truth Seekers' the Lyceum and conference were well attended. The evening meeting was devoted to tests and messages—the mediums being Mrs. Gribben and Mr. Clark Anderson, of Pittsburg, Pa. At the World's Fair, at Chicago, he electrified the audiences with inspirational music and was known as "The Boy Wonder." He is a young medium of rare powers and already has few equals.

In Memoriam.

The Board of Trustees of the First Spiritual Society of San Diego, have prepared the following as a memorial of the late Mrs. A. A. Pierce, aged 78 years and 9 days. She was a life member of this society.

After a long and painful illness, her spirit, having laid aside its mortal body, passed to the incorruptible inheritance of the saints in light. We tenderly laid her to rest. We shall miss her presence and her sweet, spirit-lit voice. She was a light to us all and a comforter in time of need. She was a faithful member of this society and she will be greatly missed. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful and convincing medium and has left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be missed by all who knew her.
Who Is Thy Neighbor?

He who in nature is near unto thee,
Who needs thee as thee needs not, can
After thou knowest not, unconditionally,
Seeking—nor will be satisfied until ye meet.
Thus will ye yield the most subtle thought to thee.
Because thou art of his own temper made.
For nature will not have her essence lost.
Thyself thou canst give only to thine own.
Thus truly may thy character be known.
Do many deeds in charity's sweet name.
But to thine sweet heart give thy best.
So trouble not thy thinker thought because
One state thee with unsympathetic eyes
That say, "I love thee not.
Be great; pass by: For farther on, thy neighbor smiles on thee.
Again, one may troth thy way so close.
He touched thy face and clasped thy hand in his,
And smiled and thought—"O friend, I know thee well;"
Yet ye not each other ye may be.
More nearly strangers even than I and thou.
Who far away are reading this from me.
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It will thus be seen that Truth is a very different thing from what many conceive it to be, and from what many are representing it to be. The poets and inspirational writers of the Bible all gave promises of a material prosperity and comfort that have never been realized by man. Wealth, plenty of corn and wine, honors, and every earthly comfort were the ideals representing the condition of those "serving the Lord," yet have never been distinguishing characteristics of the majority of religionists. Religious philanthropic and humanitarian teachings and efforts are to the betterment of material conditions, emphasising their own conception of Truth, and that the way for Truth to succeed with man is through his stomach. Life will be purer, say they, society on a higher plane morally, and righteousness everywhere abound when the condition of the poor is bettered, and the relations between capital and labor adjusted so as to benefit all.

Socialism also believes and teaches that with general plenty there would come general happiness and cessation of moral evils.

In each of these cases Truth has been so modified, so adjusted to other conditions, so forced to its extreme meaning that it has been changed in its character towards humanity, and instead of being helpful, safe and desirable, becomes harmful and dangerous to spiritual life. The spiritual has been subordinated to the material instead of the reverse. The divine order, or the operation of Truth, is to elevate man up to the plane of its own existence, not to lower Truth to man's condition. This divine order is unchangeable, and spiritual forces must work in their own way in cooperation with human powers, or they do not work at all.

Each Truth is a view of God, should be worthy of him, and at the same time perfectly harmonious with every other view. But, while each view of God is a Truth, a revelation of his character, they
are made dishonorable to him when considered alone or pushed to their extreme limits, for they become not only a misrepresentation but a distortion. The Truth of Truths regarding the Infinite Spirit is the harmonious blending of all the different views of God into one.

It is only as one holds the Truth in relation to all Truth that he becomes a living co-worker with God for the salvation of the human race, and is joyfully willing under the guidance and control of Infinite Wisdom, Love and Power.

Early Spiritual Work in California.

The history of Modern Spiritualism, which was the embodiment of a well-matured plan first laid in the councils of the spirit spheres, may never be told, but its advancement in the world is as familiar as the sunlight; and its advent into California I deem advisable to make known (by the solicitation of my spirit guides) through the Philosophical Journal, to assist the future historian when generations have gone by. I give it precisely as it occurred.

It commenced at the mission of San Juan in Monterey county, California, in September, 1850, by the writer, who is best known as "John Brown, Sr., Medium of the Rockies," and Hon. William J. Shaw, who alone composed the entire circle; myself being the medium through whom the spirits made known their presence.

At this meeting it was revealed to me that California had been admitted as a State into the Union, long before the steamer bringing the news had reached the harbor. This was done by the Spirit taking me out upon the Ocean and showing me the approaching vessel with a huge piece of canvas stretched from the mast, whereon I read, "California Admitted," all of which I related to Mr. Shaw, who declared it to be most wonderful.

Soon the news came that the spirit vision was literally true, for the steamer came into the harbor with the welcome words inscribed upon her canvas, "California Admitted." Mr. Shaw desired further opportunity for investigation, but being called to San Francisco was unable to do so.

In the spring of 1852 I removed to San Bernardino and became the clairvoyant, writing, personating and healing medium for the following named persons: Amasa Syman, George Surrine, Dr. J. W. Smith, Wm. Stout, Arthur Parks, Charles Chapman, Zini J. Ayers, Henry G. Sherwood, Thomas Blackburn, Hester Blackburn, Matilda Stout, and many others became convinced of the truth of Spiritualism from the many wonderful manifestations and cures the spirits performed through me.

At first our meetings were held in secret—often in the canyons of the mountains in some secluded place, because of the threats made against us. Often our little band, who had become united, would seek some lonely glen where our spirit friends would come and commune with us. They stated then that the time would come when meetings would be held openly, and spiritual journals established. Spirits appeared, so as to be seen and conversed with.

After settling in San Bernardino I performed some of the most remarkable cures to be found on record. In 1853 I moved to Yucaipa Valley, 12 miles east from San Bernardino, and there our little band gained strength by adding to its number Vinson Slaughter, D. G. Weaver, David Bondreger, and Mrs. Gray and daughter, to whom the spirits gave some of the most wonderful tests ever given to man, "without which the joys of earth would never know the wild emotions of the soul." In the spring of 1857, I moved from Yucaipa Valley to San Bernardino, by which time the little band had increased by the names of Wm. Heap and wife, Wm. Stone, George Berton and wife, John Metcalf, John Carter and wife, John Metcalf, Jr. Mrs. Wallace, Joseph Highmore and wife, Henry Mogridge, John Bottoms and wife. Mrs. Burton had become a test medium and clairvoyant, through whom many were made to see the light and become converted.

By this time all felt safe in meeting and bidding defiance to all opposing elements. Circles were held for physical manifestations at different houses, and for Sunday gatherings I set apart my front room, where the friends met for nearly two years. Dr. David Smith joined and assisted in establishing a library of all the Spiritual literature then put forth. The Spiritual Telegraph was read on Sundays with much interest, it being the only paper of the kind then published.

Our little band still continued to grow, and the names of Moses Martin, John D. Patter, S. Mecham, Alfred Benson, Joseph Gilbert and wife, M. Linn, John Gregory and wife, Levi Blackburn, and others whose names appear upon the record book of our society, were added to our number.

As many desired a larger house for holding meetings, it was agreed to build a hall. J. M. Wallace donated the ground and our little band put their shoulders to the wheel, and soon the hall that stands there to-day sprung into existence, which by slight repairs has served to the present time as a monument for those whose souls were filled with devotion for the love of liberty and truth.

The inspiration of long ago taught the truth as well as that of to-day, and Jesus said, "If I go away I will send a comforter," and they are walking beside us to-day, comforting, striving to instill into our minds words of inspiration for those who will listen, as in the days of Judea, when Roman senators spoke freedom to her happy land, when the light of the angel world dawned upon men and they spoke with the unseen spirits which surrounded them, wrote their inspirations, saw as John saw on the isle of Patmos when the spirit said to him: "Lo! I am he that was dead and yet liveth; fall not down and worship me for I am only one of thy brethren."

Again this light has dawned as in days of yore, to lift mankind away from doubts, superstition and fear to a true knowledge of life eternal and the beauties of the life to come. And thus we are made to see the glories of perfection moving on in creative principles, unchangeable and eternal, where we see progress written on the face of nature everywhere. The waving fields denote it,
and realize the truth as it then existed and as it exists to-day.

Thus in Spiritualism we find the "missing link," (as named by Mrs. Leah Underhill, the eldest of the Fox sisters, in her book), that joins the past with the present, the beginning with the end, the Alpina with the Omega and completes that great chain known as the Christian religion.

So in these latter days are fulfilled the prophecies of the Bible, the words of its inspired seers are vindicated, and this by a movement that has been scoffed at by the very church the essential truth of whose teachings it can verify by actual fact through its mediums and spiritual teachers. Let, Liberalism, Agnosticism and Anti-Christ hammer against its bulwarks as it may, Spiritualism puts in an evidence that cannot be gainsaid of what is really true in Bible and church as derived from the primitive movement; and so this cause which has seemed like the Nazareth of old out of which came the Christ, shall be the last and strongest link in the completed chain of Christian evolution.

The general second-coming itself, in conjunction with kindred movements of interior or spiritual thought, should also bring to view the instrument or agent for the promised personal coming of Christ again to earth to complete the work begun so long ago.

But this second coming need not be like the first, for while we swing back to the truth as it was in those ancient times, we must remember the world is nearly 2,000 years older, and so we must therefore push ahead as well in all wisdom and truth as the age demands.

This, then, is the larger scope and place of Spiritualism. Not a thing by itself simply, great even as that may be, but the culminating part of a great, complete and comprehensive whole. We need not call it Christian Spiritualism any more than we need call the other liberal denominations by that prefix, but we can aim to so embody in our lives the fundamental teachings of the gentle Nazarene, supplemented by the knowledge of to-day, as that we may fitly be termed enlightened Christians though at the same time we still bear the name of Spiritualist as our especial tag or given name. It began, organically, as the Holy Catholic Church. May it end, likewise, in the sense of a pure, whole, and universal brotherhood.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

W. J. CUSHING.

A Deaf and Dumb Girl and Her Flowers.

She was born deaf and dumb, and her mother died when she was less than a year old, and in those times, among poor people, little or nothing was done to help her realize or understand anything of that important part of life from which she was shut out.

But nature always makes some amends for such losses, and so her sense of sight was something wonderful, and her love of the beautiful was the one passion of her life, and then also her sense of touch was very acute, almost as much so as that of a blind person.

She was a silent being in a silent world—she could see the water ripple and fall, but she could
not hear its music—she could see the trees wave in
the wind, but she could not hear the harmonious
rustle of their leaves—she could see people talking
together—see their lips move but no sound reached
her ears and no message came to her silent soul.
One thing only spoke a language that she could
understand—that was her flowers. She loved
beautiful flowers and she understood them, and
they seemed to love her and to understand her and
her love, for she had the most beautiful flowers in
her little garden—even rose and delicate varieties
became hardy under her care, and she had a mag-
nificent sensitive plant that would not wilt at her
touch. She would stroke and fondle it, and it only
seemed to brighten and flourish from such strange
care. She handled her plants as if they were sen-
tient beings, and in some way they certainly were
sensitive of her love and care.

When not quite twelve years old, the seeds of
that were sown, even before birth, had
preyed on her delicate form till the inevitable
change was very near, and she realized that but
little longer could she care for her beloved plants,
and they likewise seemed to realize the same sad
fact for they began to wilt and wither away as if
in sympathy. They were giving their lives with
hers. When even for a single day she was too ill
to care for them they showed a marked change,
and the poor sensitive plant, missing her caressing
touch, wilted as if smitten by some rude, strange
hand. Finally one day she failed so fast that it
seemed certain the change would take place that
night. She became unconscious at night-fall and
remained so until nearly morning, when she roused
suddenly and asked to be helped so that she could
go to see her plants and flowers. She found them,
as many plants are at night, asleep with blossoms
closed and leaves turned back or folded together,
and her poor sensitive plant was not only wilted,
but even withered and to all appearances nearly if
not quite dead; but she began to stroke them and
the sensitive plant brightened up and held its del­
cate leaves upright as if to meet her caresses.
The other flowers and leaves opened to her touch
as to the sunshine. It was then that the flowers
spoke in an articulate language and she heard
them and repeated after them: “Beautiful! beau-
tiful!! I love you! I love you!!” For the first
time in life she spoke aloud in a clear sweet voice,
perfectly intelligible to the watchers. But after a
moment she sunk down suddenly and was dead
before they could reach her.

The sensitive plant wilted again quickly and
could never be revived again, and the other plants
withered away and were all dead in a week; but
they had fulfilled their mission—they had spoken
to her of another world which was more than any
human being had been able to do; and she had
understood and spoken to them in turn. She was
no longer a silent being in a silent world. All of
the million vibrations of sound had come to her in
a flash like a grand chord of symphony, and it
rose above the trees—above the clouds—above and
beyond the sphere of our crude senses; and her
speaking soul left her silent body in a silent world
and arose with this harmonious symphony to the
higher and better sphere.  

CARL BURELL.

The Bible is like a musical instrument on which
each one plays his and her own tune. Each writer
or speaker bends it to his own theory. For some
persons it has one meaning; to others a different
meaning, until we have an endless variety of
opinions and beliefs, conflicting with each other.
No other book with which we are acquainted con-
tains so many conflicting ideas. Its language is
“I come not to send peace on earth, but a sword.”
History demonstrates this fact.

We are told that the Bible contains many things
that are good and true. Yes; and so do other books—so do other Bibles; yet these truths had
an existence before they were put into that book.

There is a tendency among a certain class of
Spiritualists to attach undue importance to the
phenomena recorded in the Bible. It is true there
are many instances of spirit power in that collec-
tion of ancient writings, but we need not expect
reasonable men and women to receive our facts
any more readily on that account. At times it is
useful to refer to the ancient record to show to
Christians their inconsistency in accepting it as
inspired truth, yet denying the fact of spirit com-
munication. This may lead some to investigate, but
there its utility is ended. We should not lose sight
of the fact that a majority of intelligent people of
this generation are not Bible believers.

We are building up a philosophy and religion
upon principles as old as the Universe, by evidence
given personally to each of us in our own time.
We do not reach among musty records for testi-
mony concerning the beliefs of past ages to find a
foundation for our own faith. Churches erected
upon Bible texts are falling to pieces, and that
Spiritualism which seeks to adapt itself to such
delusions will fall with them. The Bible, with its
truths almost lost in a mass of contradictions and
errors, cannot—except constructively—assist our
Cause.

The returning spirit whom we can see and hear,
or who manifests himself in such a way as to con-
vince us that he still exists, retaining life, intel-
ligence, and the same personality he had on earth,
gives us reliable evidence of immortality, and it is
all we need.

It is easy to find in Scripture instances of almost
all the phenomena now known, but every year the
number of thinking people who will accept this
testimony as proof is diminishing. Men want to
know not what Moses or Jesus believed, but what
is fact. They care not so much if a great medium
lived 1800 years ago, as where is the medium in
their own neighborhood through whom their
departed friends can best communicate.

Spiritualists must not put on the fetters which
fall from the skeleton limbs of dead faiths. The
truth we know is the truth to adhere to, to pro-
claim to all the world. We do not know that Jesus
ever lived, but we do know that we shall never
die. We know that eternal progression is a natural
law, and that the best is always before, never
behind us. Let us be wise, and build our philos-
ophy upon the solid rock of ascertained fact, not
upon the shifting sands of opinion which come to
us through traditions and books belonging to the past.

Many Spiritualists can see the vein of pure gold running through much that is crude and sordid in the scriptural narratives. Others cannot accept any part of their revelations or teachings. Some of these latter minds have grown away from the error, superstitions and dogma of ecclesiasticism, which, like a nightmare, had haunted their brains, and because of which they had at last come to regard all utterances of priest or minister, and all texts from the Bible as but the fabrication of designing and crafty minds for the enslavement of their followers. Others reject the Bible because those who in ancient days, tampered with its record and interpolated it with their own views, declared it to be an infallible book that could not be changed in its rendition or interpretation by any mind, under penalty of everlasting pain. Sensible readers know that it does contain much that is inconsistent; much that is evidently the expression of crude, unripened and lascivious minds; much that shows unmistakably the work and hand of very fallible creators.

Those who cannot discriminate between the true and the false, the inspiration and the man-made opinion, who cannot understand the Bible to be a compendium of human affairs, hopes, aspirations and histories in the life of nations, as well as of individuals, reject the whole and say it can have no service for them, especially as they can learn directly from departed friends of the future life and its habitations, and can hold communion for themselves with visitors from the immortal world.

A. H. Nicholas.

ORGANIZATION AND SUCCESS.

Accepting the title of an article in the JOURNAL OF Feb. 20th by Mr. R. W. Savage, as a text, I wish to express in a general way my concurrence with what he says. I wish also to present some reasons for taking a somewhat hopeful view of the future.

More than 50 years ago I heard an eminent man express the idea that reforms were not likely to come from the lower orders of society. It then appeared to me no less so now. Whatever progress Spiritualism has made towards acceptance by intelligent people has been due in a large measure to the ability and culture of a moderate number of its adherents.

All great enterprises require leadership as a condition of success. Without such a leader as John Wesley, there would have been no Methodist church. Without a leader like George Washington, there would have been no United States. There can be no great industrial enterprise without its "captain of industry." But leaders are powerless without followers.

If there are leaders and followers, there must be organization; otherwise we have a mob. A mob is the symbol of lawlessness and destruction, not of order and upbuilding. Spiritualists have been slow to organize, many are opposed to organization, and while there are some millions of convinced Spiritualists in the United States, yet the census only shows about 50 thousand.

Not every tree in the forest is good for lumber, not good even for fuel. It may be too crooked and knotty to be cut into proper lengths and split. Such is waste material and only "cumbers the ground."

So, many Spiritualists are mere waste material, and are to be omitted from any estimate of the available strength of the body. Those who do not command respect in other fields of activity, are not likely to do so in this. If they will not join the army, they will not be soldiers; they may be bushwhackers and so are the enemies of the cause they profess to serve. The progress of the cause towards its present standing has not been accomplished by those who refuse to co-operate with intelligent leaders. Some of those who have rendered most important service, have been treated with ridicule by those Spiritualists whose ridicule is harmless to all but themselves.

It seems very unfortunate that the published organs of Spiritualism in this country have constantly competed with each other, with the usual result of lowering the quality of their work and soliciting the patronage of those who care only for cheapness. The road to greater influence does not lie in the direction of cheaper papers. Those who care for the quality of their reading, will pay what such reading is worth. Most of the old church-weeklies are published at three dollars a year. Those who receive the publications of the Society for Psychical Research pay from five to ten dollars a year, and one of the members of that Society is designated as a cabinet officer of this government. Our cause will be respected after a while. "Wait a little longer." We need not adopt the methods of the Salvation Army.

Joseph T. Dodge. Madison, Wis.

"We rise by raising others, and he who stoops above the fallen stands erect, writes a noble soul. Nothing can be grander than to sow the seeds of noble thoughts and virtuous seeds—to liberate the bodies and the souls of men—to earn the grateful homage of a race—and then, in life's last shadowy hour, to know and feel that the historian of liberty will be compelled to write your name.

No words are intense enough—with heart enough—to express admiration for the great and gallant souls who have in every age and every land upheld the right, and who have lived and died for freedom's sake—says an exchange. In our lives have been the grandest years that man has lived, that time has been measured by the flight of worlds.

Let us ever remember that he who lives for self and self alone, is a failure; while he who renders honest loving service to his fellows, though he be poor and an outcast, unhonored and unsung, is a noble success.

J. Leonard Levy.
Theosophy has "done itself proud" in the ceremonies attendant upon the laying of the corner stone at Point Loma, near San Diego, Cal., for its school and temple, on Feb. 24, 1897. The day was balmy and delightful, such as one may enjoy in Southern California, and none the less sublime were the ceremonies. We condense from the San Diego Vidette, the following description of the scene and ceremonies:

Amid the flare of gorgeous and costly silk banners and many multicolored flags, the blare of trumpets, the inspiring strains of martial music, the solemn chants of acolytes and neophytes, purple gowned and bedecked with the brilliant gold and silver jewels of the orders, dashing with the scintillations of costly stones, the slow and solemn steps of the richly robed priests and priestesses, bearing the sacred vessels, with tinkling bells, beneath triumphal arches, were performed by loving hearts and faithful hands, in deepest reverence, the solemn, ancient rites, venerated from the gloom of antiquity, whereby ceremonies:

Laying the corner stone at Point Loma, near San Diego, Cal., for its school and temple, on Feb. 24, 1897.

1. The religious cranks who are ever trying to force the word "God," into the Constitution of the United States, are on the alert and intend to force that issue again in the near future. A late circular from the "American Secular Union" announces the decease of its talented president, S. P. Putnam, who had in charge the matter of opposing the cranks. Seeing the necessity of immediate action this Union announces that its acting president, Judge Waite, will take the case in hand, and will endeavor to see that those who are trying to erect a religious hierarchy upon the ruins of a republican government, get no advantage as the result of the death of their brave leader, and adds: "We must arise and prove ourselves equal to the occasion."

To use Mr. Putnam's own language: "We cannot hesitate in view of this gigantic conspiracy. We must meet it at the beginning; we must meet it in the halls of Congress; and we must continue to arouse the people."

To do this funds are needed, to the amount of $1000, and should be forthcoming. Let everyone who reads this, send at once, such sum as he may be able to spare, to E. C. Reichwald, Cor. Sec., 141 S. Water street, Chicago, Ill.

The Theosophist Temple.

MARCH 13, 1897.

Spiritualist Temples.

A correspondent writes: "I do wish that we had a Spiritualist Temple in which to hold our meetings, so that we should not be obliged to meet in the dance halls, reeking with odors of previous suppers and entertainments. I believe that we could fill a Temple every Sunday with people who do not like to be seen going into halls. Will someone start a fund to build such a Temple that we will not be ashamed to ask our orthodox friends to visit? The people are ready for it, as witness the growth of Christian Science and its beautiful buildings. They are younger than we, yet are going away ahead of us; and it is because they have such attractive places of meeting, and not because they out-number us."

We are not surprised that Spiritualists look on and wonder why they should not have Temples and schools in which to teach their grand philosophy. Only one reason can be given, we think, and that is the want of harmony in the ranks. The jealous bickering which pervades on every hand is alone responsible for the lack of organization, and unless this can be supplanted, the Angel World will doubtless accept other co-workers and not be thwarted in their designs by the foolish jealousy and inharmonious actions of those who should be their willing assistants in bringing in the glorious era about to dawn upon the world.

Spiritualists, let us speak plainly and, realizing our great responsibilities, urge all to lay aside their foolish strife and work harmoniously for the establishment of the best-working organization the world has ever witnessed.

This is the day of our grand opportunity—the time will never be repeated, and we should now rise to the requirements of the occasion, or be content to be relegated to the rear, and sink out of sight. Those persons, societies or periodicals which cannot or will not labor for harmonious and vigorous action should be shunned and left behind in disgrace, while the great living, thronging army of workers march on to victory. Don't waste any words in condemnation of their non-action, nor reply to their contentious mutterings, but spring instantly to the front, and by your enthusiasm help to lead the columns of laborers on to glorious achievements and grand results.

Take a lesson from the Theosophists—band together and do something to awaken an interest and astonish the world: Let us send our missionaries out by the hundreds or thousands, organize societies of co-workers, in every hamlet, village, town and city, hold up the banner of our cause, support lecturers, and build Temples! This can all be done if Spiritualists, only WILL to do it and work for it—not in a day or a month perhaps, but it should be our high aim to labor for, to work to, and thus ultimately to accomplish it.

We have among us men who have the money, the brains, the energy, and, above all, the abiding faith in our power to do this very work: Shall it be done? Who will answer "yes," and promise to labor faithfully to do it?

These are times of great responsibilities, and grand achievements—and the men for the hour are now needed. Men who dare and "do," when many fail.

A thousand cheers for the men of might
Who bravely strive when others fall,
When marching on to glorious fight
As rights go down and wrongs prevail.
The men who bear the scorn and frown
And censor's bitter, blasting breath,
Will get at last the victor's crown.

A thousand cheers," as the Spirit saith.
of earth, air, water and fire, to sup- — jrt the great building wherein shall freely taught, by unpaid teachers, those mysterious arts whereby man shall strive for perfection in his physical, mental, and spiritual natures.

At the corners to the temple grounds a magnificent permanent arch has been erected, supported by the grand Corinthian columns, and barred with a swinging gate.

The great temple is on the very summit of the highest ridge of the Point Loma peninsula. Here was laid the corner stone. It is a massive piece of granite three feet above, and three feet square, set solidly in the earth. In its center are the triangular pieces of stone. One piece is from Ireland. The second is from Scotland. The third is from Egypt. The fourth is from America. In the center of the stone was a cavity for the metal box of relics.

Just east of the corner stone was the great arch of triumph, festooned with evergreens and ornamented with sheafs of wheat, shocks of corn, garlands of flowers, and bunches of citrus and palm branches, emblematic of the luxuriant land of Southern California, where the home and headquarters of the Theosophical movement will henceforth be, and from whose high altars sunshine and breeze will go out to the world. The purple standard borne by the attendants, bearing the sacred vessels, car- ried them to Mrs. Tingley, who successively took them on her lap, while wine and oil, and poured them upon the corner stone, uttering sentiments with each libation.

Scattering a handful of dust upon the stone, she said, "This is emblematical of man's body." A small glass globe, sealed air tight, she held aloft in her right hand for a moment, and then placed it into fragrant rose petals on the stone, with the words, "This is air, emblematical of man's spirit." Pouring some water on the stone, she said, "This is water, emblematical of man's fluid." Fonth from a sacred urn fell a burning fluid, which ran down over the corner stone, "Fire!" she exclaimed, "emblematical of man's spiritual part."

Each one of the attendants then read a selection from one of the sacred books of the world.

An attendant handed Mrs. Tingley flowers which she threw upon the stone, while many Theosophists present among the audience recited verbally sentiments from ancient philosophers according with those uttered by Buddha, Jesus, and Mohammed.

The attendants then chanted the mystic words, "Budham, Saranam, Gocham," in peculiar vibrating tones.

After the chant an American flag was run to the top of a pole near by, double triangles on a field of purple, and immediately replaced by the Theosophical flag. It has seven golden stripes alternated with six purple stripes, with the golden serpent and double triangles on a field of purple.

It may be interesting to many to know how San Diego came to be chosen as the location of the school. Before leaving San Diego to finish her trip around the world, Mrs. Tingley gave out the following information.

While in India she saw in a vision, Point Loma, and the particular piece of land was pointed out to her as the site of the Temple. Then the scene changed, and she saw it as it will look when the Temple will be completed. This place she was then told had been selected by the Higher Powers as the place where the Temple must be built.

Orders were accordingly sent to purchase the tract, which she had never seen with her material eyes, and the purchase was made. When she came, she found everything exactly as she had seen it in the vision, and she was much satisfied with the remarkable tests which had been given her.

She said she has a beautiful home on the Merrimac river, where the scenery is grand, and where she could have located the school, but it was not in her power to make the choice; that was the privilege of the higher and invisible intelligences which are guiding the great work.

**Materialized Spirits.**

A correspondent asks the question: "Have spirits, under certain conditions, the power of materialization?"

It is answered thus by John Brown, Sr.:

Yes, if the history of Jesus is admitted, at the time of his crucifixion, and that of Peter, James and John when they ascended the mountains with him, to communicate with Moses and Elias on matters of business (the same as we do, in an audible voice.)

Materialization has been admitted in all generations, until it becomes an element in man's consciousness to learn if possible of the higher growth, but some are slow to understand the cause that produces it. It does not grow on every shrub. It must come from Nature's grand laboratory of progress, where cause is made to produce effect. Nature never makes a mistake. The husbandman reaps a bounteous harvest when conditions are right.

Nothing is impossible when a cause is made to produce an effect. The earth magnetized from the magnetic magnetic cause which produce it. The rain falls, lightnings flash, thunder roars, water freezes, balloons ascend—all these are effects of a cause. An eclipse of the sun and moon could not occur unless conditions were made that would produce it, and materialization is no exception to the rule.

**Beautiful Transition.** — Libbie M. Page writes from Anderson, Ind., to the Light of Truth an account of the so-called "death" of a young girl there, of consumption, and said:

In her last moments she lifted her wan and wasted hands, while her face lighted up with the glory of the next world, and cried out: "Oh, mother, I am going to die. See a beautiful flowery path and sister lias come to lead me and show me the way to heaven. We are going up that beautiful flowery path and I will leave the gates open for you."

She then bade her friends good bye.
and passed to the other side. Do you tell me she did not see her sister? That one death-scene is enough to convince any one that the spirits return to this world.

The trend of public thought is toward Spiritualism, says the Two Worlds. The phenomena support the hopes, intuitions, and affirmations of the best part in man. The philosophy interprets life's mysteries, and presents the key which unlocks the door leading to the realm of principles and power. The spiritual religion is the only religion which is permanent, progressive, and spiritually satisfying; therefore, the world moves into harmony with the facts, appropriates the benefits, and affirms the philosophy with ever increasing readiness and unanimity.

Steps to Success was the title of our leading editorial in the Journal for February 20. This has called out many letters of endorsement, and has been copied into other spiritual periodicals with approving comments. If any failed to read it, they should now do so. It is important to everyone who claims the name of Spiritualist, and call for action—united, vigorous and harmonious. Organization is our watchword, and it alone leads to success. Let us repeat and again urge all to unite with the angelic forces in bringing in the grand era of light, liberty and prosperity— as a tidal wave of glory to bless mankind and lift humanity to greet the heavenly choir, and welcome them, as they chant their benediction: "Peace on earth! Good-will to men!"

The Anniversary will be celebrated in San Francisco, by the California State Spiritualists' Association, on or about March 31st. A committee is now making arrangements, and will be ready to report in next week's Journal. It is expected to make these anniversary exercises of special interest, and all other meetings should give way to this one—all uniting to make this 49th birthday celebration of the "new dispensation," of great interest to the world, and pave the way to the grand Jubilee next year.

Spirit photography is now being talked about more than ever. The Chicago Inter-Ocean of Sunday, Feb. 28, gave a three-column illustrated article on the subject, showing that it is an absolute fact, that the spirits can be photographed, when one is sitting before a camera. We expect to give more about this matter in the near future, for they are also being photographed without a camera. We are on the eve of grand developments in this as well as other lines of progressive unfoldment.

This week's Journal contains some particularly attractive articles which might interest some of your unconverted neighbors if their attention were called to them.

"Early Spiritual Work in California," by John Brown, the "Medium of the Rockies," forms one of the most interesting chapters in the history of Spiritualism ever published; while "A Deaf and Dumb Girl and Her Flowers," by Carl Burrall, records a strange, pathetic psychological phenomenon which we believe is without a parallel in the annals of psychological research.

Then, "Thought-Waves," a poem by Mrs. E. Greer Floyd, penetrates the very arcanum of the spirit-world and lifts the soul above the grovelling things of earth; also "Dreamland," another poem by Bishop A. Beals, which wafts the soul back to the scenes of "memory's golden shore," besides a fine poem by Carl Burrall, several articles of a philosophical nature, important spiritual news and choice miscellany, altogether making a collection of spiritual literature worth a year's subscription alone: yet 52 issues are sent to every subscriber for only one dollar.

Mrs. Annie Besant, a prominent Theosophist, who takes the place of Mme. Blavatsky, will lecture in San Francisco next summer. Mrs. Besant has been in India and Australia for the last two years.

Even Theosophists it seems have divisions among them. Mrs. Besant is announced to lecture to the societies of which the late Mme. Blavatsky was, and Colonel H. S. Ocott, of India, is the head, as distinguished from the Theosophical Society in America, of which Mrs. Tingley, of New York, is the present head.

Trial Subscriptions will be taken for 3 months for 25 cents each. Here is a chance to send the Journal to some friends who may be enlightened in the Truth, without costing much money. Postage stamps will be received for all small amounts.

A New Society.

All who are interested in the growth of Spiritualism will be glad to learn that we have a flourishing society in the National Soldiers' Home of Dayton, O., which is a credit to the Cause.

A beautiful hall is allowed us without charge and large quantities of cut flowers donated each Sunday from the Home green house. Many of the best families of Dayton are represented here, and the house has seldom been able to accommodate all who wished to attend, as high as 100 persons being unable to gain entrance and forced to go away. We have been especially fortunate in securing brilliant talent for the rostrum, and Mr. Pugh, the president, a live earnest worker, is the right man in the right place. The society has been served by Judge Thomas of this city, and Mr. Helm, whose lectures are of the highest and most instructive order and are so compact and complete that it is hard for the skeptic to hear and remain unconvinced. Also Mr. W. V. Nicoll, late of Cincinnati, O., who occupied the rostrum on Sunday last at which time his subject was, "Man's belief and religion based upon his understanding." Mr. Nicoll is a young man of unusual ability and energy, thoroughly inspirational and delivers his pointed remarks with such vim that his audience is fairly hypnotized. This young man is most happy when working hard for the Cause and is destined to make his mark in the world.

Mrs. Wriedt, well known at Lily Dale, N. Y., has given one or two very successful trumpet circles at the ball at night. Long live the "Veterans' Spiritual Society."

Prof. Lockwood, whose lectures in the East upon "The Spiritual Forces of Nature," are making for him a national reputation, is preparing the manuscript for a book on "The Infidelity of Modern Ecclesiasticism, a Menace to the American Civilization." It embodies a research into ancient mythologies from which, Prof. Lockwood claims, the Christian religion was forged.

Some time ago I received from Mrs. Dr. Wyant, a letter with my psychometric reading. I was very much pleased with it. I believe my nearest friend could not have given it more correct.—Gust. Olsen, 223 Grand avenue, Chicago, Ill.

I think the Journal is decidedly improving, and that the Spiritualists should be proud of its good work and fine appearance.—Carl Burrall, East Pembroke, N. H.

The Journal desires to secure a good agent in every Spiritualists Society in California.

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Spiritualist News.

In this department may be found the cream of the current Spiritualist news of the day, culled from various sources.

The Editor must not be held responsible for the opinions expressed, nor for the estimated talent or abilities of the persons mentioned.

Readers are requested to send us short items of news. Interesting incidents of spirit communication and authenticated spirit phenomena are ever welcome, and will be published as soon as possible.

Dr. J. M. Temple is at 834 Baronne street, New Orleans, La.

Dr. and Mrs. Magoon have organized a new society at Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Elsie Reynolds is at Lake Helen Camp, Florida.

A mass meeting under the auspices of the National Spiritualists' Association was held in New Orleans, La., March 5, 6 and 7, 1897.

Mrs. Lillie gave an inspirational lecture at Oakland on Monday night, at Fraternal Hall. Mrs. Lillie inspired the audience with his songs.

The First Spiritual Church of Rochester, N. Y., will hold a special anniversary of Modern Spiritualism at the Fitzhugh hall, on March 28, 29 and 30.

Dr. Muehlenbruch gave psychometrical readings at the Gler Hall, Oakland, last Sunday, also received flowers and gave messages from the friends "over there."

Charles Anderson, the Boy Orator, lectures at 997 Market street San Francisco, on Wednesdays, and at 3 p.m., on Sundays at Fraternal Hall, Oakland.

Pres. Barrett gave a lecture on Feb. 12, in South Bend, Ind., and at the conclusion of the lecture an organization was effected under the name of the First Spiritualist Society of South Bend.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie gave an eloquent lecture at Scottish Hall, San Francisco, last Sunday on "The Bible Medleyship the Corner Stone of Modern Spiritualism," Mrs. J. J. Whitney followed with wonderful "tests." Mr. Lillie furnished the music.

Edward K. Earle has returned from Los Angeles, after a successful engagement to large houses, and will appear at Metropolitan Temple next Sunday, March 14, in his marvellous tests. A few seats may be reserved, at 150.00 per seat.

J. H. Ludlow of the Verdict, by Lorin Ludlow. Boston: Everett Press Co., 47 Franklin street. 10 pp., 10 cents. In an attractive little booklet, 10 paper covers, ornamented in silver and blue, "Lorin Ludlow" has embossed in his name in their graceful and melodious in diction, a strong appeal for "the white life for two." Of it Hezekiah Butterworth says: "I regard this poem as a very powerful and effective appeal, and as one particularly well calculated to awaken spirit resolution. It has insight, force and inspiration, and leaves a vivid lesson in memory." Surely, only good fruit will be brought forth by the scattering abroad of this excellent seed, says Zion's Herald.

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Human Nature is the name of a monthly devoted to Phrenology, Psychometry, Health, Medical and Social Reform, published at 1018 Market street, San Francisco, Calif., by Allan Haddock, at 50 cents a year. Its last issue contained the following kind notice of welcome to the Philosophical Journal:

"This is a welcome journal to our table. It talks of all things which have reference to man's spiritual nature, and those who read its pages will rise from the perusal with a calm assurance that "There is no death."

Among the excellent illustrated articles in the March number of the Journal, the one for March is Japanese Farming, by H. H. Guy; and Grant's Life in the West: and his Mississippi Valley Campaigns, by J. W. Emerson. $1.50 a year. Des Moines, Iowa.

The total and complete accurate account of the life of Lyman J. Gage, Major McKinley's choice for Secretary of the Treasury, has been written for the March Review of Reviews by Major Moses P. Handy, who describes the leading traits of Chicago's first Senator in a twelve-page illustrated article, written in Major Handy's usually felicitous style.

"The Season for March is full of pretty novelties in dress—many beautiful costumes are represented for ladies' and children's wear, suited to all climates and for all occasions at home or for street, carriage costumes, dinner, morning and evening gowns; in fact, something suitable for every one. International News Company, 85 Duane St., New York."

John Fiske the eminent historian, in the March Atlantic Monthly shows by a sweeping historical survey how the progress of industry and the relations between the United States and Great Britain make the Arbitration Treaty a logical event; and he explains the incalculable benefits that are sure to come from it in the future. He points out how nearly all our disputes in the past could have been adjusted under such a treaty, and how the treaty is a natural ally of commerce and industrial advancement for the bringing of a new era in the history of government.

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**Threatened Trouble.**

A bill is now pending in the Michigan legislature designed to establish a medical monopoly in this State. It provides for a board of examiners, composed of persons "paths" specified and appointed by the governor, and all persons not licensed by the board will be prohibited, under pains and penalties, from practicing.

This excludes, of course, all mediums, scientists, healers and every form of practice except such as may be permitted by this board. The M. D.'s are pushing the matter vigorously and will leave nothing undone to further the bill. They have the money and means to make their full showing, and will circulate petitions carelessly worded, and endeavor to induce the committees to believe that the people want some such bill passed.

It behooves the friends of freedom and progress to hasten themselves. The Michigan State Spiritual Association at its recent meeting at Lansing appointed a committee to take this matter in hand, with M. A. Root, of Bay City, as chairman. This committee will need and must have funds to pay for postage and circulating reminiscences and other legitimate expenses to offset the efforts being made in favor of the bill.

The committee has also drafted a substitute bill which will be introduced and urged by it, providing for a board of examiners, the right of appeal, and guarding against fraud or false pretense on the part of any.

We hereby call upon and urge all who are interested in this work to send in funds. The committee will be judiciously and legitimately used and fully accounted for by the committee.

This matter is urgent and must be responded to promptly to enable the committee to do its work.

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**San Diego News Items.**

Mrs. Maude L. Freitag is winning victories in Lafayette Hall. Her ballot tests have not failed in a single instance, and the daily "Reader" last Sunday published her portrait with a brief biography.

Ben Barney at G. A. R. Hall has made some predictions about the local municipal campaign, the fulfillment of which is watched with interest by many.

Prof. Henry Crindle and Miss Ethel Hodge are giving some clever exhibitions in the San Diego Theatre Sunday evenings, which mystify unbelievers.

Mrs. Elsie Reynolds, who has been in Tampa, Florida, for some time past, writes that she has gone to Washington, D. C., and will go to Cleveland, where she expects to remain some time.

There are several private developing circles in progress and a large number of converts reported, many among the best elements of society.

With the departure of the Theosophical crusaders San Diego seems to be in a state of devachan so far as Hindu Spiritualism is concerned. It has been given out that Mrs. Annie Besant, the high priestess of the opposition wing which Mrs. K. A. Tingley leads, will leave in the laying of the corner stone of the Theosophical temple here on Feb. 23, one crusader admitted that Mrs. Tingley had been a Spiritualist many years, and was attended with marked phenomena. Mrs. Tingley herself stated to a reporter that while in India the temple site in San Diego was shown clairvoyantly to her exactly as it looked on her arrival there. Still, they are not Spiritualists! Query: Was it merely an illusion McKinley showed her the temple site?

The meetings of all the societies here are well attended, and much interest is manifested.

**Another "Slaughter."**

I am a constant reader of the valuable journal, which has brought light, hope and cheer to many households and raised the cloud enveloping the soul of the downcast and afflicted.

Other cities and towns have been stirred at times by wonderful spiritual manifestations, but Wichita is now in commotion through a medium which is not generally recognized as coming through the ordinary source. A well-known and highly respected merchant of Wichita has within the past few months developed into a healer who has brought happiness to hundreds of homes. The discovery was made through spiritual manifestations, but the public only care for the simple statement of facts.

Three years ago Mr. F. M. Petry of this city was engaged in the mercantile pursuits; he was prosperous and happy, but meeting with an accident on his way home one evening, the strange prophecy made by the wife of State Printer Snow, that he (Petry) possessed remarkable healing powers, was fully demonstrated.

In a quiet way he began to heal the afflicted, and those who had been benefited by his healing powers were his statements through the daily press of this city. He does not state anything about the afflicted to the world. His consultations are free and strictly confidential.

Mr. Petry is but 35 years of age; is of American parentage, of the noble family of France; has always prospered at whatever he has undertaken, and in appearing before the public as a healer it is only that others may be benefited.

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**Two new Spiritualist papers have sprung into existence in the State of Missouri, since the New Year came in. The publishers must have been doing things in these precarious times. While we wish them success, we cannot see how they can remunerate their proprietors in a financial way—but perhaps that is not the object of their existence. It may be to help the cause locally, in each case.**
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All the glories to behold,
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The work of Miss Whiting is constantly enlarging in its scope and deepening in its significance. Her three books have a single purpose; the discovery of the permanent in life and the illumination of experience by such discovery. Personal as much of her book is, there is found all through it the element of universality. One must all the while, as is necessary with all poems worth speaking about, read between the lines.

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In the former volume we had presented to us the general outlines of the newer life and world, and in the second book we have a more detailed description. The first subject discussed is Sympathetic Social Relations. What life would be if everyone tried to do all that lay in his power to increase the happiness and well-being of others, is not difficult to surmise. We should very soon behold the capital city of Altruria rising around us and its streets would be familiar to our footsteps.

As Miss Whiting says: "To leave undone those things which we ought to do, to leave unspoken the word of recognition or appreciation that we should have said, is perhaps as positive a wrong as it is to do the thing we should not have done. We talk of success as an aim of life; but what better form can it take than that of easy and sympathetic relation with whom we have to do? Social relations are not the mere amusements or even enjoyments of life, but an integral part of its conduct."

So the book proceeds, displaying those genuine bonds which should unite man with man. The vitalizing of the conditions by which we are surrounded, the understanding of the best ways of moving through the tangle of life, the need of unswerving integrity in all our concerns, are others of the themes which are illuminated by the writer's sure and delicate touch.

The writer deals with every subject with a genuine insight and a clear illustration of it in many ways. She has the pleasant fashion of enforcing her aim by presenting it from many points of view; this holds her to the unity of her subject while giving it every sort of variety. Gradually, as one reads the persuasion a deep and real reason comes over one with accumulating strength, and one finishes the chapter with an assurance that is not lessened by the charm of the atmosphere in which the thought moves.

In the section called the "Modern Corrina" are to be found some of the sanest views on the advancement of woman. Thus she says: "In the increasing avenues of industrial labor opened to women and pre-empted by them, there is not one in which refinement, delicacy and courtesy will not prevail over self-agressiveness, selfishness or rudeness. It is the gift and grace of womanhood that she may win. Why, then, should she renounce this higher and finer prerogative to descend into strife and demands. She may win a thousand things where she could not command, merely by love, even one. If she could, what then? Are contention and self-assertion qualities to be held as either ideals or necessities in active life?"

In the later pages Miss Whiting approaches those subjects to which a great deal of her thought is given, and whose real discussion imports so much. Thus one of the essays is called the "Incident of Death." The title here is very explana-
tory. Death is something merely incidental or accidental to that which is essential—spirit. Thus she says: "That persistence of energy which we call life is spirit. Spirit is immortal; its life, eternal. The physical body it inhabits is neither immortal nor eternal. It is simply the temporary tenement of the spirit. To keep it pure, refined, healthful, is a part of spiritual life; for it is the means through which the higher life must express itself. But it is not that higher life in itself, only the instrument."

We might go on quoting at any length, but we would not forestall the reader's pleasure in the book. It is like all Miss Whiting's writings, sincere, delicate, refined, high-thoughted; it shows her grasp of wide-reaching questions; it is a stimulant to generous action and an avenue to spiritual heights from which the outlook is broad and cheering. It has a real work to do, and like other volumes, it will do that work nobly and surely.

**AUTOMATIC OR SPIRIT WRITING.**

**THROUGH MRS. DR. YORKE.**

I have been requested by an earnest co-worker in earth life to write my views and experiences in spirit life. I have promised to do so if I could find a medium through whose organism I could work. It has been my good fortune to find one who willingly devotes her time to my use, so I will try to redeem my promise.

My earth life was of such a nature that I have no desire to pass again through its scenes—even in memory, and my medium will pardon me, if I make no allusion to so painful a subject. It is known that for many years I was a medium through whom spirits of a high order, as I then believed, were giving grand truths to the world and many accepted the teachings given through me as truth. And another sect was added and another Messiah or great teacher, was believed to be co-equal with the saviors of the past.

Well, the change came; I was not nailed to a tree, but grew were the sorrows through which I passed; but upon my advent into the spheres I immediately saw that I had been misled. Those with whom I came in daily contact made no allusion to my earth life, and it was long before I met with those who for their own amusement taught that I was co-equal with the saviors of the past.

Perhaps my life was as pure as was his. I know that my intentions were as honest, for neither in earth life, nor here would I knowingly mislead or wrong another—but I was a medium, one whose organism could be made to obey the commands or will of another, hence, the mistake into which many sincere and earnest people were led by the teachings which were given through me, and the sect called Swedenborgians was established, a remnant of them still exist, but one great consolation to me is that theories and beliefs do not make the man. If his character is upright, and life pure and honest, his standard, truth, he is safe, for if the theories which he accepts is false, his acceptance makes it truth to him while it may be a weight or hindrance, it will not effectually bar his way to progression, for as I read the laws governing nature, I find only one law for all, and evolution expresses that law.

It has been my study through the many years since leaving earth, to arrive at a safe conclusion concerning the truths underlying the great plans governing the Universe, and if my judgment is correct and I have counseled with many minds of greater intelligence than I possess, the question of God is just as unsolvable here as it was on earth. To the vast number of advanced spirits there has never yet come a solution of the problem, and the only God we know anything of is in, or as himself.

When there was a commencement, or how, is hidden by the millions of ages which have elapsed since then; but every page which has been turned since the present generations have had existence, indicate that growth—evolution has been the order of event. From the crude beginnings of the far past, has developed beauty, utility and refinement.

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**WHAT IS PRE-EXISTENCE?**

Nearly all admit in a broader or lesser sense, that we as human beings have proceeded from one general source, having different opinions and expressions of faith and knowledge. The Indian calls this the Great Spirit. We vary widely in our ideas, but to the most advanced spirits there has never yet come a solution of the problem, and the only God we know anything of is in, or as himself.

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learns to think in harmony with nature, he will have less conflict and be more in harmony with that ennobling impulse of love, and the heart will say, as long as there is one unhappy being there will be a thread of sadness running through my long-sought peace, for as we are all united as the stream of water that finds itself drawn to the ocean. So also we are more or less affected with the joys or sorrows of others, and sooner or later find that as we are all sustained, uplifted and are part of the Great One, we will be drawn toward that great ocean of wonderous possibilities and with this ever-extending consciousness we are able to realize that we have always lived, and are within the orbit of the One life, each step forward takes us nearer this source of all life, unfolding with the law of growth.

A. VIRGINIA REED

ALL TRUTH IS PRACTICAL.

Many men are familiar with the language of Truth who have never had any actual experience of its power. They have an intellectual consciousness of the existence of such a thing, but have nothing beyond the mere "say so" of others to confirm this indefiniteness of knowledge. Others have a closer contact with Truth so that they know that it is not a mere notion or mental conception yet have nothing in their lives as evidencing its ennobling uplifting power. And there are others still, who have entered into the practical operations of Truth in the human heart, and who manifest the solid superiority of the life of the Spirit over the life of the Flesh.

Now the substance of what has been said above is, that the practical demonstration of the operation of Truth is of far more value and influence than all the theories in the world however exalted and ennobling. Intellectual belief may be a step in the process of Truth's victory over mankind, but truth has not reached its human throne until it has filled the human heart. There are conditions of heart that are not harmonious with intellectual belief, and there are other conditions of life and education that only need the co-operation of the heart to develop the practical essentials of spiritual life.

The practical, and all Truth is practical, is the main thing in securing the permanent control of Truth over mankind. Hence it is evident that the state of mind is not so important in the progress of Truth, as the state of the human Will. The eternal principles of Truth do not change, but the attitude of man's Will toward them, does.

Constant association with Truth, and an unexpressed or unconscious imbibing of their character may give strength and beauty to the human life, but nothing can ever take the place of actual devotion and consistent conformity to Truth, apart from intellectual belief. No man ever lives up to his best light, and even if this were possible his life would fail to present a staunch, consistent, continuous proof of the life of the Spirit in that large and influential way that is possible only to a life permeated and directed by spirit forces.

It is for this reason that isolated moral precepts have no power to incite to moral goodness, though they may be an evidence of wisdom. The emphasis of sin and evil of every form, is in the life conforming to the evil, and the living it, convinces of the genuineness of its moral embodiment. So also in what is called righteousness, it is the consummate wisdom and force of a right purpose, and will power, revealing the policy and workings of Truth to change the human race into its character and likeness, that presents the ideal of the perfect moral character. It is not the ordinary human life, but the revelation of the human life in conjunction with the divine.

Now, I want to ask, what other way of helping mankind to a clear practical knowledge of Spiritual Truth is, or can, be so efficient in furthering their best interests as the way of experience corroborating doctrine? Does not human nature and our own experience call for this method? Is not the injunction "as ye have received," etc., the revelation of the royal road to success in establishing Truth among men?

Who can present the benefits of spiritual enlightenment, guidance and power, but he who has "entered into" them through the door of experience? Men are tempted, tossed about, worried, beset by fears, and seem to have no sure foundation for their feet. They listen to this and that teacher or guide, and if his life is not a barrier to the acceptance of his Truths they are received, but if his life does not conform to them they are cast aside as useless. This is the reason why men go from one "ism" to another; because there is not the practical demonstration of their power in the lives of those proclaiming them.

He must have a hardened conscience who can preach and teach one form of moral rectitude, and practice another; who can proclaim victory over tumultuous passions, and yet be known to indulge in riotous living and sensual excesses; who can claim the delights of peace, the purity and safety of spirit life and control, and yet show unseasiness, bias toward wrong doing, and the hideousness of moral obliquity.

Such teachers have been the bane of all religions ever known.

G. W. BRADFORD

Hand Writing on the Wall—In Emblem.

On Sunday night, Jan. 17, 1897, I was sitting at my table, finishing a piece of work, just before the hour of 7. When the clock struck that hour I immediately laid my work away for a little while; closed the door, turned out the light, and looked up at my wife's portrait, which was hanging near the door.

Immediately a light formed over the portrait, which gradually took the shape of a hollow square, at first about two and a half inches in size. I noticed that the diagonals of this square were vertical and horizontal, respectively; the parallel sides of course slanting accordingly. By degrees the outline became more definite in form and character, increasing in size and brilliancy until it became a perfect Masonic emblem. The square and compass, surrounded by a blaze of glory of almost dazzling brightness and of transcendent beauty which surrounded my wife's face in the
picture frame, the sides being about five inches in length by that time.

The halo of light was of a rich golden color, and the edges of the square and compass were very clear and sharp. The hollow square in the midst was of a warm, purple hue that surpassed in color the richest hue of the loveliest morning glory I ever saw. After remaining for nearly a minute, it gradually merged into a disc of homogeneous, mellow light. It began shifting its position, rising and passing, first to the right, then to the left, expanding and fading as it moved. About two minutes from the time it was first seen it gradually vanished from view.

I am not a Mason, neither was my wife a Daughter of Rebecca, though her father was a Mason in high standing and is reported to have been in spirit land for several years.

On the same night that I witnessed the above phenomena, a friend was writing to me whom I have not seen for 25 years, and whose brother, a Mason, has also been for some years on the other side. Furthermore, my wife's grandfather was a Mason; his life having once been spared by the fact when all else failed. He had been captured by Indians, tied to a tree and material for fire all prepared for the torch to burn him alive. He then gave the grand hailing sign of distress of Masonry, when the Indian chief ordered him released.

Whether these Masonic friends in the unseen, or others, contributed to produce the emblem in my room I can only conjecture.

Summerland, Cal. THOS. H. B. COTTON.

TREASURED HOPE.

Look upon the earth, with its vast multitude, ignorant of the true light of the beyond, and so indifferent to even one thought that might give them an insight into the true nature, or even an idea of what is possible, still holding to the nonsensical foolishness taught them by their forefathers, thinking that they knew more than the enlightened of today. The spiritual part has been kept in darkness by the stubborn animal will, which holds the spiritual a prisoner, and would not hearken to a friendly call.

Life is eternal and its mission is never filled. Life is light, and spiritual knowledge is given to teach the truths of the beyond, extending through a vast eternity. Can you not, then, get one idea of what there is, not of what has been, for to you there has been nothing in comparison to what there is in the beyond. Are you still willing to continue in this way, rather than respond to the knockings at your heart, and open it to the light of the beyond, letting the spiritual part go out and search for itself?

We can lead you, and upon this beautiful light you can look, as you would upon a gorgeous sunset. You cannot see within its depths, yet you feel a perfect peace and rest, and are satisfied with its beauty. So it is with this we bring before you, and it brings to you peace and rest. While you feel you are tossed upon the rough waves of time, you have the assurance of anchoring safely on the other shore and be welcomed into a home of love and rest. Spiritual truth is founded upon knowledge of eternal things. Given through the "guides" of MRS. FRANK RAMEY, Kansas City, Mo.

THE NOBLENESSEN OF LIFE.

There were two articles in the Philosophical Journal of Dec. 19, of more than ordinary interest. One was "The Nobleness of Life," by Solon Lauer, and the other, "Rudiments of Science," by Arthur Lovell.

Yes, as Brother Lauer says, "Away with the poor consolation of a heaven beyond the skies! Heaven is a condition, not a place. Harmony is heaven. We need not leave the body to find it. We carry our heaven with us as we do our thoughts and aspirations. Nor is it largely dependent upon our surroundings. Two persons may be externally situated precisely alike, and one be in heaven, the other in hell. We in fact make our own surroundings."

"Prepare to meet thy God," and "Prepare for eternity," are expressions of no significance. We are in eternity now. The best preparation we can make for the morrow is to improve to-day. In fact, now is all the time there is. Yesterday is gone, to-morrow is not ours. It is everlasting now. If we are prepared to live to-day, we are prepared to die—or rather to live to-morrow, as there is no death. We have only to prepare for life, not death.

Many people, even to-day, seem to think the end and aim of life is to prepare for death, and so mourning and dying all through life for fear of not being ready for the grim monster, as they consider death, when it shall overtake them.

In "Rudiments of Science" the writer says that "disembodied spirits can not have more power than embodied spirits, because spirit is one and the same." It is too true that men in the body do not know how to use their powers, occasioned by putting off their cultivation until by death the body is discarded. Another mistaken idea is that as soon as the ego leaves the physical form it is nothing, ye shall know them. Are Spiritualists more harmonious, brotherly and charitable among themselves than many who had a less exalted theory? Religion, philosophy and science should harmonize. Truths never collide. I like a relig-
ion that makes one happy. What is a philosophy of religion worth that does not make one better and consequently happier? I do not mean by better, a goody-goody-goodness, but an understanding of what constitutes true manliness, true patriotism, citizenship and what is involved in the brotherhood of man. If we understand the oneness of all, that each person is a part of one great whole, when one suffers will not others suffer in sympathy and relieve themselves by relieving the suffering?

Selfishness seems to pervade humanity, as if none were our kindred, and we were not our brother's keeper! There are notable individual exceptions, else we would find no balm in Gilead, and no physician there. These exceptions constitute the salt of the earth. How little understood or appreciated! Mrs. C. K. Smith.

San Diego, Cal.

JUBILATE.

From "Poems of Progress," by Lizzie Doten.

TUNE.—"Ortonville."

The world hath felt a quickening breath
From Heaven's eternal shore,
And souls triumphant over Death
Return to earth once more.

For this we hold our jubilee,
For this with joy we sing—
"O Grave, where is thy victory?"
"O Death, where is thy sting?"

Our cypress leaves are laid aside
For amaranthine flowers,
For Death's cold wave does not divide
The souls we love from ours.

From pain, and death, and sorrow free,
They join with us to sing—
"O Grave, where is thy victory?"
"O Death, where is thy sting?"

Immortal eyes look from above
Upon our joys to-night,
And souls immortal in their love
In our glad songs unite.

Across the waveless crystal sea
The notes triumphant ring—
O grave, where is thy victory?
O Death, where is thy sting?"

"Sweet spirits, welcome yet again!"
With loving hearts we cry;
And, "Peace on earth, good will to men,"
The angel hosts reply,

From doubt and fear, through truth made free,
With faith triumphant sing—
"O Grave, where is thy victory?"
"O Death, where is thy sting?"

A NEW REVELATION NECESSARY.

A few days ago, I met one of our young revivalists on the street and he handed me a religious paper entitled the Holiness Union Herald, published at Louisville, Ky., with a request that I should read it carefully. I commenced to read the first article and found this in the first paragraph:

We do not believe the Christian world will ever unite on baptism. Men will have differences of opinion here until the end of time. Baptism cannot be narrowed down to one mode unless we get a new revelation on the subject, and this we are not likely soon to get.

This is a remarkable statement. Can you wonder that I paused? Here is a book sent down to earth, professedly to guide us to heaven—and yet that revelation is so much a mystification that some of us do not know what God was talking about; and we are plainly told that in order to know what he meant in this revelation upon which our eternal happiness depends, it will be necessary for him to make a new revelation explaining the old one.

We are also told that we must believe or be damned, and yet we are informed that this revelation on this one subject is so obscure that we cannot know what we are to believe. We may try to believe it, but if we put an interpretation on it, one class of people will tell us we are in error, and if we believe the thing God intended we should not believe, we are unbelievers, and must be damned for our error. What are we to do in the premises? We are expected to believe, and yet they tell us that they themselves do not know what we are to believe. I am still struggling with that assertion, and I fear I cannot be helped. Certain it is, that this will not help me, for it confesses itself unable without a revelation, which we are told "we are not likely soon to get."

Speaking of baptism, leads me to enquire, what is baptism? I have always believed in immersion, because I am sure John immersed his disciples. John was an Essene, and the Essenes always baptized by immersion. The Essenes originated in Egypt, if we may believe Mosheim, and the Egyptians derived the custom from the baptism of the land by the overflow of the Nile. They depended on the inundation of the river for their crops, and as this occurred immediately after the advent of the sun into the sign of Aquarius, they were associated together. When the year died the sun went down into the water, and as it came up out of the water a new year had been born. The figure was carried over into the Essene religion. The dead man was buried and the new man was raised to newness of life. When Jesus asked whether the baptism of John was from heaven, he undoubtedly referred to the rains that followed the sun's advent into the sign Aquarius. But here again we seem to have authority for sprinkling.

The Egyptians believed in a literal resurrection of the dead body, and they used baptism as a symbol of that expected event. Hence their baptisms were always immersions. But there were other Pagans who believed in sprinkling, and as the religious systems we now have are an amalgam of Paganism and what was supposed to be Christianity, we have the dispute as to which of the Pagan baptisms were incorporated into Christianity, sprinkling, the latter Paganism, having been borrowed from the Latin religions. D. W. Hull.

Norton, Kans.
Spiritualism on the Stage.

Sardou, the French writer of plays for the stage, is creating a great sensation, by his new play in which Spiritualism is so prominently placed.

From his youth, he has been an ardent Spiritualist. Some have requested him to revise his play and omit some of the spirit features, but this he flatly refuses to do. Surely, as ever, the stage forestalls the pulpit in human progress.

In his letter to Frohman, who has charge of his play in America, and who had requested the elimination of certain Spiritualistic features, Mr. Sardou makes the following apology for refusing to do so:

My piano has played of itself. Flowers have fallen from my ceiling upon a table, and it is I who brought this about, and they dare not lay at my door calumnies, such as true mediums dare not, and say to me that they had the impudence to say to Home that I am a charlatan. For the last forty years I have said to whoever would listen to me that I would consider as idiots those who allow themselves to be taken in by the agents of jugglery, frauds and mountebanks. I should equally regard as imbeciles those people who deny the reality of phenomena attested to by men of science and people like myself. * * *

On the opening night at the "Renaissance," in Paris, Spiritualists and skeptics almost fought one another to get into the theatre to see "Spiritisme," according to the Paris correspondent of the San Francisco Call.

The play was produced simultaneously in New York by Charles Frohman, and is also billed for Boston, but owing to the bigotry and prejudice of the New York press, the western papers are obliged to get their report of the play direct from its author's home in Paris.

In Paris the press for weeks devoted whole pages to "Spiritual Manifestations Through Mr. Sardou's Eyes," "Is Sardou Really a Medium," etc.

On the day of the last rehearsal at the "Renaissance" Sardou gathered his actors around him and told them how and why he became a Spiritualist. The recital occupied many columns of type, and as the great dramatic critics were there too, Sardou had the pleasant experience next day of seeing the budding aspirations of Prince George of Greece shoved into obscure corners of the newspapers and "Mr. Sardou Tells How he Became a Spiritualist," given the place of honor.

The following is taken from a dialogue in the play. The talkers are d'Aubenas, Dr. Davidson, a Scotch medium; Dr. Parisot, an obstinate old fellow who won't go to a seance for fear of being converted, and Des Aubiers, a friend of d'Aubenas. The scene is at d'Aubenas' villa:

Parisot—You have seen Dr. Davidson perform?

D'Aubenas—Three times. The first three seances were curious, nothing more, but that of yesterday was startling.

Parisot (sitting on the lounge)—Mere trickery.

D'Aubenas—Judge for yourself. This table, which had done nothing more than turn and answer our questions by very distinct raps, suddenly stole away from the contact of our hands and turned by itself all round the room; then it rose up high from the floor, and after having floated in the air for some seconds fell back softly onto the carpet.

Parisot (still skeptical)—All that I suppose took place in total darkness?

D'Aubenas—Not at all, it was as light as it is now.

Des Aubiers (chiming in)—I felt a touch on my shoulder and by instinct felt the place and my hand came in contact with it.

Parisot—Made of fibre.

Des Aubiers—A hand of flesh, warm, supple, palpitating. I drew away my hand and the other stretched itself out and touched Marescot's head.

He cried out—

Marescot—That is to say—

Des Aubiers—Not at all, it was as light as it is now.

Parisot—Oh, some night-moth imprisoned in the works of the clock. As for the rest—table-turning, the tapping and rapping—there is nothing simpler. It was instinctive muscular impulse. And the hand—cerebral excitement, auto-suggestion.

Des Aubiers—Oh, excuse me, excuse me! We heard and saw for ourselves.

The controversy rages until it assumes the ponderous reasonings of a congressional debate, as you will see from the following, which is buried at the unbelieving Parisot's head by Dr. Davidson:

The most learned men, the most competent men, those who carry the most weight of authority on account of education and character, believe in manifestations. Only to quote England as an example, doctors, physiologists like Gully and Elliotson, physicians such as Lodge, astronomers like Challis, mathematicians like Morgan, naturalists like my friend Varley, inventor of the electric condenser—all members of the Royal Society or professors of the exact sciences at the universities of London, Cambridge, Glasgow and Dublin—all bear witness to the most remarkable phenomena. The most bigoted in favor of Spiritualism are precisely those who have studied it in order to disprove its reality, among others the eminent chemist, William Crookes, whose example is typical. * * *

And so on, till Parisot, still hardened in unbelief, gets up and puts on his gloves, saying: Enfin, if you have savants to attest to your facts, there are also more savants who deny them.

Davidson—Especially those who think themselves infallible and who, like yourself, have refused to make any investigation.

Parisot—It is no use studying what does not exist.

Davidson—What tells you Spiritualism does not exist?

Parisot—Common-sense.

Davidson—Ah, poor good sense! Is it responsible for all the errors laid at its door? It was in its name that the antipodes walked head downwards, and said to Christopher Columbus, 'If you go down there you can't get up again.'

Davidson gives examples of idiotic things said and done in the name of
common-sense, but Parisot, who is still unconvenced, takes his departure with the parting shot: "Human patience has its limits, but human credibility has none."

Power of Thought.

W. H. Dower delivered a lecture before the Theosophical Society of Syracuse, N. Y., recently, on "The Power of Thought." He spoke in part as follows:

Thought is the result of raising or translating vibrations of color or sound into self consciousness by the quality of egoism which is inherent in everything. By visual vibration we see, by auditory vibrations we hear, by tangible vibrations we have the sense of touch, etc. Through the avenue of these various senses and sense organs man gains a knowledge of the aspects which he lives. There are, however, senses and centers which belong to octaves of life higher as well as lower than the material aspect of its manifestations. These all have a dual eye. They are second superconductions and correlations, and aid and take part by their actions and interactions in producing an eventual consciousness or self-consciousness which is the sum and sum total of all evolution and involution. Spirit is the same thing as consciousness. The universe is embodied consciousness. This in order to know itself, lowers itself into the many forms, states and conditions we see about us.

Between these many forms thus thrown out there begins a ceaseless and eternal action. This action and influence in the consciousness embodied in man is sensed as thought. Every action is dependent upon and the result of some previous action. Every thought is the result of some previous thought. Upon the quality of that preceding thought, as might be said upon the chemically pure nature of that preceding thought, depends the resulting compound or new thought. Thoughts like chemicals will only unite in definite proportions and according to their affinities. Hydrogen gas and oxygen united in certain proportions form water—a compound utterly different from either of the constituents which go to make it up. This union or any similar union of substances taking place in nature, on the earth or in the solar systems would be the physical correlative of thought operations in universal or Kosmic mind. Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, seismic disturbances of all kinds, as well as the unfolding of a flower, all come under this head.

When we have a new thought it means that a compounding of elements in some part of our nature has occurred. That consciousness or self-awareness in this changed relation of things and call it thought. A beautiful thought may be the result of a perfect blending of a vision on a high plane of our natures and brought about by high aspirations or desire. The resulting new color or vibration then registers on our brain mind, and even the physical brain may be marshaled and arrange themselves according to the thought. Beautiful and high thoughts build up the nature and even the physical body. Evil, vicious thoughts destroy the nature and tear down the physical. High aspirations produce perfect harmony of thought, this produces harmony of form and character, so that in truth we are pictures painted by our own thinking.

What are Dreams.

At a meeting of the Buffalo (N. Y.) Psychical Research Society recently Madame De Ovies said on the subject of dreams:

Time is only an illusion. Today's happenings are the result of yesterday, co-morrow's happenings are of to-morrow. Yesterday has always passed, and to-morrow never comes. Therefore the ever-living present oversteps the future, and the events make time in one. This is a psychological process. Psychological time always exists. A man going to sleep with a clear mind, free from the results of lobster suppers, his divine spirit entering as an instrument, meets the soul's eye into a universe filled with kaleidoscopic events, and returns to the body full of what it has seen. Dreams, according to scientists, are but reflections of our waking thoughts and actions. This is occasionally but not always true. What about the places we visit that we have never heard of? Mathematicians have solved problems in dreams that they could not do awake. Coleridge's Kubla Khan was composed during sleep, and ranks among the best works. We, therefore, have this eye that sees in our sleep, a watch dog to guard our movements.

If Selfishness is at the bottom of our Spiritualism, we are no better than others. The Spirit Messenger, asks these pertinent questions:

Is a friend in spirit any more to you than a friend in earth life? If not, why do you sit with such patience for hours, days and years to secure the simple little "rap" or other means of communication, while at the same time you devote but little effort to the cultivation of your communications and thought-transference with mortal friends? Examine yourself, and see if your earnest desire for mediumship is not fraught with selfishness—a desire to gain something by which you can pose before your fellow men as a "wonder" or by which you can earn an easy living? If such be your aim, the more advanced angels may never reach your heart, and according to their affinities, will look elsewhere for co-workers and leave you behind. Spiritism must be lifted to a higher plane. Let us all help to do our best to exalt it.

The Powers of the Soul.

The Powers of the soul are so various and countless in number, that one may exhaust the vocabulary of names to designate the forces that emanate from it, and yet have to invent new ones, says Lucy A. Mallory. The world, generally, is disputing about the names given to these forces. Some maintain that hypnotism comprises the powers of the soul: others, magnetism; others again, auto-suggestion, and so on. None of these disputants know what the powers of the soul really are, and what it is that heals. They perceive that certain manifestations follow the observance of certain rules, and give it a name, and then quarrel with all who give it a different name. Until men cultivate and practice Love and Wisdom they will continue to quarrel about names.

Not Death, but Life.

The grave holds the mortal, but the immortal roams on the plane of the green fields of Eden. Why mourn the dead when there are no dead? asks the spirit Samuel Ogden. All nature cries aloud, there are no dead. Man only dies to give it tribute back to mother earth. The spirit goes whence it came to seek the infinite mind of the universe; to learn the law, and its relationship, under the law, to that beautiful world in which it is a dweller. Why mourn the weak and weary? Why lament over that which you know has life, a new life, a life in beauty and grandeur.

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Startling Tests.

E. K. Earle's seance at Metropolitan Temple, San Francisco, last Sunday was wonderful beyond description.

Mr. Earle tried a new experiment at this meeting. A committee of skeptics were chosen by the audience, and each was given a pair of slates, which they thoroughly washed, fastened together and arranged them all in a pile on top of each other. The committee then placed their hands upon the pile of slates—Mr. Earle having previously requested the audience to write the names of deceased friends on cards or slips of paper, asking mental questions, and to retain these cards or slips of paper in their own possession. He then proceeded to give a number of clear-cut verbal tests to persons in the audience, with full names and descriptions of scenes connected with the person's younger days, ending with the spirit friend's name who gave the medium his information. Meanwhile two of the committee heard sounds of writing among the slates. They were opened, and over 100 names were found signed to answers to mental questions from persons who had written the names on the slips, which were still in the possession of the writers. The slates were then passed through the audience, and the one which we saw contained 25 or 30 signed messages almost microscopically written, and in distinctly different styles of writing, some of which required the possession of the writers. The committee to decipher. All tests were all in decidedly different styles of writing, some of which required the possession of the writers. The doctrines of Spiritualism are honey-combing our churches to-day.

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Adventists' Delusions.

Elder E. E. Andross of the Seventh Day Adventist Church spoke last Sunday evening at 1049 Market St., San Francisco, on the subject of Spiritualism. He admitted the phenomena and said:

That individual who does not believe that there is a power in Spiritualism is certainly deceived. The doctrines of Spiritualism are honey-combing our churches to-day.

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Chicago now has a stir among the Spiritualists and mediums. An effort is made to impose a crushing tax on mediums. The Chicago Record of March 2, contained the following: "Ald. Gazzolo believes that persons who gain a livelihood by dealing in things mysterious should divide their professional fees with the city. In accordance with this belief he introduced an ordinance obliging any person engaged in the business of fortune teller, by card or otherwise, clairvoyant, astrologer, palmist, Spiritualistic mediums, trance mediums, occultist, phrenologist, or hypnotist, shall pay a quarterly license of $50, or an annual license of $200. The measure was referred to the license committee."

This diabolical attempt to persecute mediums shows the supreme hatred existing in the bosom of "those in power for a brief period" towards Spiritualism. It should be resisted by the 40,000 Spiritualists of Chicago, with all the power they possess. If they present a united front and demand their rights they will be likely to get them. If mediums must pay such a tax in these times, then ministers should do the same, whether orthodox or heterodox. "What is sauce for the goose should be sauce for the gander."

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond is right in saying that now is the time to defeat the measure of oppression, and to show that the "gifts of the spirit" are not to be classed with fortune-telling and conjuring.

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The Programme of the Illinois Spiritualist Camp Meeting will have an edition of 20,000 printed, instead of 10,000, as at first announced. The meeting will open on the first of July and close on Aug. 1st, 1897. The programme will be accepted at the gate as admission fees on the first and last days of the camp. All persons who have any thought of attending the camp, part or all of the time, will confer a favor by writing a postal card to that effect to Rev. Dr. Benton, Camp Secretary, 312 Fayette St., Peoria, Ill. This will enable the officers to secure better reduced rates from railroads and thus benefit the people who attend.

If some Spiritualists would work as hard to reform dishonest mediums as they do to injure those who are trying to do so, there would be more harmony and better results.—Medium.
The lyceum banner,
of different shades of belief. Thought transference is entirely dependent upon harmony, and when we shall learn to exclude harsh criticism, all envy and enmity, telepathy will be accelerated.

The principles are obviously more applicable to communication of disembodied thought or spirit.

A proper, loving state of mind establishes the condition whereby we may develop the power of telepathy, and this is the underlying principle of occultism.

These are but a few thoughts from addresses freighted with pure inspiration, logical and comprehensible.

Five successive days of meetings is the record of our first week in March, and arrangements are made for a like closing of the month.

In spite of our pastor's strong dislike of presenting the phenomena in Sunday service, his test powers increase with every sun, and his ability to read the sealed envelopes and mental questions from the pile of papers upon the desk every Sunday evening, and even to those familiar from day to day with that phase of thought vibration.

The first week in April he will answer a call to Leadville for the unveiling of Controlling Intelligences; his first absence of a day since attending the convention at Washington, in October.

SARA L. HARD, Sec. First Spiritual Church.

Lessons of Helpfulness.

To the Editor:
The Journal comes regularly and I feel like complimenting you upon its appearance. If anyone appreciate it as highly as I do, there would be few homes without it. I find that it contains many earnest thoughts that will help to start investigators on the right track, and even the oldest workers can find upon its pages helpful lessons, that, if brought to bear upon their daily actions would be of great benefit.

The "reading" I received from Mrs. Dr. Wyant far exceeded my expectations. She was very correct in giving the traits of my character also in giving descriptions of spirit friends and messages from them.

MRS. IRENE GAY. 629 McFarlan St., Flint, Mich.

The Path of Progress.

To the Editor:
I feel as if you made a good move by going to San Francisco. My impressions are, that you will succeed and be able to do much beneficial work for the cause from there, I wish you the best success. It is true we do not often understand the movements and directionings of such masses, but that all is known at the time, what all those difficulties and trying times mean, but will find the solution later on. I am still studying hard the philosophy and the sciences, and the other scientific fields connected with it and find, the more I study, the more hungry I get, and the more I realize, how little I know. I get some reward out of my efforts, and that is, that in this part of the State, the number of people, who are investigating Spiritualism is growing steadily. It seems after I broke the ice in this town, and it became known, that I was a Spiritualist, people commenced to talk about it here. In the beginning many odd things were said, but by-and-by they commenced to change, and now persons come to me and inquire about this matter, and commence to take an interest in it. So I think it is going on everywhere. Sure but sure is the path of progress, of the real light of truth.

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M. O. GENTZKE.

Organization Essential.

To the Editor:
I must have the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL as long as I can pay for it. I began taking it while Bro. Bundy was publishing it—it was in fact the first Spiritualist paper that I ever read. Your editorial on page 100, on organization, appeared to me to be so sensible and timely that I cannot refrain from sending you something complimentary of it. Bro. Bundy urged the necessity of organization through the R.P. JOURNAL before his transition, and I was surprised and grieved at the apathy of Spiritualists. It ought to have been an accomplished fact at least 25 years ago, and if it had been, it would have been one of the greatest religious organizations in the country to-day, and Spiritualists and muckrakes, not be persecuted as they are now. A person who can't see that is not worth arguing with.

J. F. McCARTY.

Comanche, Texas.

Palomar Mountain Home.

To the Editor:
My husband and myself have taken up our residence in the Cooloola, 60 miles east of San Diego, Cal., as a nucleus for a Spiritualist and co-operative colony, and are in correspondence with many liberal people who wish to form such a colony, as there are many more claims here with every advantage for such a purpose. Judging from many favorable letters we receive and from many who will come here this Spring, we feel sure of a fair prospect of success.

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To the soldier's life and drum,
Still we feel thy mystic presence,
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Lyceum Lessons.
Suggested by Brother Joseph, as Used at National Avenue, San Diego.

LESSON 11.

Q. — In the last lesson you commenced to explain the functions or uses of the soul's faculties, and spoke of reason as next to perception: will you please tell us now what reason is? Ans. — It is a faculty or power of soul by which it discovers principles and motives for action beyond the inclination of the senses. It is that which makes man so much superior to the animals. The animals are controlled by their natural inclinations. They seem not to have the power to stop and consider, or reason as to that which will be the best thing for them, but man has a power by which he can consider, compare, reflect, look ahead and regulate his conduct by a future prospect of good, and not simply by desire or natural impulse. Motives which are called good or bad can govern the conduct of man. Reasoning is an intellectual exercise. (The teacher can explain to the class this difference between men and animals.) What is the driver to a horse, reason should always be to man animal nature.

Q. — Have all persons this power to reason?
A. — Yes, but all are not in the same degree of unfoldment. There are a great many degrees in reason. Reason grows or declines.

Q. — Can you explain how any one is influenced by reason?
A. — Yes, when you find something within you which checks you, holds you back from doing what you have a strong inclination to do. For example, a person insults you, wrongs you, and you feel inclined to resent, fight, or be revived in some way. Reasoning on the matter holds you back, and points out a more excellent way.

Q. — Are most persons governed in their conduct by reason?
A. — No indeed! Until the soul is unfolded, most people are controlled by their likes and dislikes, or one word, feeling.

Q. — What should be our ruler, reason or feeling?
A. — Reason, every time.

Q. — Why?
A. — Because when conduct is ruled by reason it always brings better results and more satisfaction.

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The Reviewer.


This is No. 19 of the "Anti-Infidel Library," but just wherein it will add strength to the Christian religion, we fail to see. A history of the Jewish race and shows the superiority of their sanitary laws over those in practice among Christian nations.

In referring to the fact that the Jews were exempt from the black death "in Europe in 1348, Mr. Hastings says:

"And because they would not die off like good Christians they were accused of poisoning their neighbors' wells, and were murdered for the calamities which afflicted the people around them. No language can describe the infernal barbarities of the plague-stricken and frenzied populations (Christians) who persecuted the Jews on this account."

Moses was a medium and received messages from both good and evil spirits. As an example of the latter see 1st Samuel, 15:3, where he is commanded to exterminate the Midianites, and to "spare them not, but slay both man and woman, infant and sucking."

Speaking of the spiritual nature of the Jews, Mr. Hastings says:

"Many Jews who retain their national customs are doubtless ignorant of that inward spiritual life which comes to those who are in personal communion with [the] Father of spirits." And Mr. Hastings might have added that many Christians are in the same boat.

This book will do more towards liberalizing human thought than towards binding it to Christian dogmas.

The Phrenological Journal for March contains an article on "English Men and Women of Note." "The Starting Point in Some Great Men's Lives;" "Anthropology," and many other excellent articles. Published monthly at $1.00 a year by Fowler & Wells Co., 27 East 21st street, N. Y.

"The New World" for March, a quarterly review of religion, ethics and theology, has among its leading articles, one on the "Armenian Church," which is timely and interesting. Another very interesting article is on "Mormonism of To-Day," Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston, 15 cents.

The Metaphysical Magazine for March, contains an article on "Clairvoyance or Telepathy," by Irene Safford, among its excellent articles of interest. 509 Fifth Ave., N. Y.

In Need.—Mrs. R. S. Lillie says that only living member of the Fox family (the son of Kate Fox and Henry Jencken of London, Eng.) is in need. This young man had the gifts, in quite a large degree, possessed by the Fox sisters.

This is the child who was taken by the spirits when an infant of five months. When moving with the pencil, in the presence of reliable witnesses, his tiny hand, moved by an invisible but irresistible power, wrote several lines in clear bold caligraph, the facsimile of which will be found in "Fifteenth Century Miracles," by Emma Hardinge Britten.

A few days ago he wrote to Mrs. Lillie that he was discouraged with everything, was sick, penniless, with not enough to buy food, medicine, or even pay room rent, and without comfortable underclothing. He has inherited from the mother the spiritual gifts, and with them some of the physical weaknesses. Every Spiritualist of the land owes him a duty and a helping hand as a member of the Fox family.

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Form of Bequest.

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Sunshine and Shadow.
Dedicated to my old friend, Samuel Clark.

My thoughts turn backward
Macy a year.
To the friends of my childhood—
Oh, why drop a tear?
Life's shadows and sunshine
Stand out so plain.
I cannot weep.
To the mournful refrain.

We are all growing old
And the shadows are deep,
I look for a rift
Where the sunbeams may peep.
Oh, why do they not come?
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The silvery crown.
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Our communications with each other are spirit communications. The spirit is the real man. The body is the shell, the tent, the tabernacle that he tarry in for a season. It is neither eternal nor logical to say, "man has an immortal spirit." But rather say, man is a spirit—a spirit now, a natural finite spirit vested in mortality and capable of almost infinite possibilities. Death is but a little eddy in the overflowing stream of life—of friendly hand that, opening the icy door, guides us across the crystal river to the homes of the blest. It is the golden key that, unlocking the entrance chamber to the soul, lets the flesh-encircled prisoner out and up into the fairer fields of immortality. Death, in its time and turn, is beautiful; ever remembering, however, that our good deeds here, our generous self-sacrificing lives construct our future paradises, beautify our lawns, make the winds more musical, the far-away stars more visible, and our immortal clothing more bright and golden. God is good, and his angels are our guardians.

The Brahminical and Buddhist sacred books,
like our Bible, abound in the history of spiritual manifestations. Zoroaster and Socrates were spiritual mediums. Thales, Zeno, Epicurus, Cicero, with other of the philosophers and most brilliant orators of ancient Greece and Rome, were Spiritualists. Jesus, standing upon the very pinnacle of Hebrew Spiritualism, conversed with Moses and Elias; and he chose his apostles, not because they were scholars or learned Rabbits, but because they were sensitive having mediumistic gifts. The early Christian fathers had visions, the gift of tongues, and like the disciples of Jesus fell into trances. Swedenborg for twenty-seven years held open communion with spirits and angels. George Fox, the Quaker, and the Wesleys were mediums. The Shakers of America, were Spiritualists from the first. The Fox sisters near Rochester, N. Y., neither invented nor created the "trappings." They simply discovered them. They interpreted the language of those delicate telegraphic tickings from the other side of the great divide. Otherwise, being by organization psychic sensitivies they re-discovered one of the lost methods of conversing with the dwellers in eternity.

Spiritism, as Alfred R. Wallace wisely said, "is quite as well proven as are the facts in any of the other sciences." That spirits in the body can converse with spirits out of the mortal body is now an absolutely demonstrated fact, and the fact is God's living witness of a future existence. But Spiritualism—mark the suffix al—while accepting the phenomena and encouraging them, mounts one step higher into the moral and spiritual realm, manifesting—manifesting in daily life the "fruit of the spirit,"—which the apostles described as "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, patience, faith, meekness, temperance"—all moral and spiritual qualities of the soul. Consider, remember that Spiritualism is a divine truth, that neither Popes, priests, bigots nor ignoramuses can destroy. Its allies are investigation, research, freethought, free speech and a free press. Every enlightened country to-day has its mediums, seances, lectures, weekly journals, monthlies, and- ministers. Though Spiritualists acknowledge no one infallible leader; though they have no fixed confession of faith; though they are chained to no church-encrusted creed; they generally teach the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the present ministry of spirits, the certainty of punishment, the progress of humanity, and the

One far-off divine event
To which the whole creation moves.

Omitting the doctor's experiences in entrancing young Atkins and transferring his own thoughts to the subject's brain, willing him to speak them; his relations of a wonderful Masonic test through a tub of sixteen, entranced: his reference to old vegetable head, who had already "lived in heaven fifty years;" and other interesting illustrations, he continued—

Spirts are only men and women divested of their earthly bodies. They have taken with them consciousness, memory, reason, sympathy, character. They walk by our sides often, and yet unseen. Some are angelic, others deceptive, selfish and evil-minded. Here comes in one of the abuses of Spiritualism. No matter what name is signed to the spirit communication—exercise your own reason, rely upon your own calm judgment, "try the spirits!" Another abuse is these promiscuous seances in ill-ventilated rooms, and still another is the calling upon spirits to locate gold mines, trace criminals, find Captain Kidd's buried treasures and forecast matrimonial adventures—all of which are worldly, selfish, unspiritual and utterly unworthy the candid seeker after heavenly truths and teachings. It is the frivolous and vicious conduct of this kind that opens the door to the denizens, the earth-bound denizens of the lower spheres, resulting in obsessions and deceiving communications. It is unwise to trifle with Spiritualism, hypnotism, or any of the finer invisible forces surrounding us.

While there are thousands and tens of thousands of trustworthy royal-souled mediums—message-bearers bringing tidings from our loved ones in the higher spheres—there are, sad to say, pretenders, imposters and travelling frauds who leave an unsavory slime in their crooked winding tracks. I am speaking especially of America where, in many cities and lesser localities Spiritualism is decidedly popular, these impostors are promptly exposed, and generally, as it should be, by Spiritualists themselves. It was well that Judas went to his own place. The abuse, however, implies the use; the wrong implies the right, and the false implies the true; just as counterfeit coins indicate the genuine.

Spiritualism is of God and has come in the culture and very blaze of this nineteenth century to stay. In the year 2000, or before, embracing and encompassing the good of all phenomena, the good of all sciences, and of all philosophies, Spiritualism will be the acknowledged religion of the world. Already it has inspired the grandest reforms of the age, such as the emancipation of 4,000,000 of slaves by President Lincoln, the comparative freedom of millions of Russian serfs by Alexander the Second, and the construction of that magnificent University in America by Senator Stanford.

Further, it has given us a new geography of the heavens and the hells, assuring us that mortals enter the future world with as absolutely substantial bodies as we have here, only more refined and etherealized. That there are different degrees of happiness there. That memory is the undying worm. That there is intense mental suffering in the lower spheres, resulting in obsessions and deceiving communications. It is unwise to trifle with Spiritualism, hypnotism, or any of the finer invisible forces surrounding us.
light. God is love. And heaven's rest is not
illeness; the soul's activities are intensified by
the transition. The future life is a social life, a
progressive life, a heavenly life of growth, of
love and of truth. Involutions and evolutions are
universal laws spanning all ages and all worlds.
The future is abreast with hope and all time with
progress.

All thinking, reading and really intelligent per-
sons know that there are now over 25,000,000 of
people in England and her colonies, in America
and other enlightened countries, noted for their
intelligence, conspicuous for their honesty, famous
for their scientific attainments, distinguished for
their good moral character and scholarly adept-
ship in psychic research, who solemnly testify
that on scientific principles they have critically
investigated and demonstrated the fact of a future
life through spirit manifestations. Their testimony
is as direct and overwhelming as it is unimpeach-
able! And Spiritualism—this gospel of life, light
and truth—is sustained by the higher intuitions of
all races. It is in harmony with the great law of
evolution; it is in agreement with pure reason;
it is in accordance with the heart's sweetest hopes;
and in consonance with the soul's divinest aspira-
tions. It is found in the inspired teachings of all
sacred books. It is God's living witness of a
future conscious existence, and those who war
against it, war against God and immortality. Oh!
that Atheists and Agnostics could be induced to
drink from this ever-flowing fountain of spiritual
truth, and that Sectarians could be induced to
renounce such "seducing spirits" as fashion,
power and worldliness; and such "doctrines of
devils"(using Paul's language) as "total deprav-
ity," the "fall of man in Adam," "election and
reprobation," and "endless hell torments." These
"doctrines of devils," mentioned by Paul; or,
when rightly translated, these devillish doctri-nes,
have been so fruitful of Agnosticism and scoffing
Atheism that the true Spiritualist feels to exclaim
with the old Hebrew prophet: "Oh, priests, ye
have been a snare on Mizpah."

Spiritualism is most opposed by Roman Catholic
Popes, Protestant priesthood and vulgar prejudice.
It is unpopular only, in dens of ignorance, in insti-
tutions for weak-minded, in lunatic asylums, State
penitentiaries and sectarian creed-cursed churches.
It is popular with thinkers, artists, poets, scholars,
authors, and the world's literati. It is the only
religion of Heaven.

OLD CREEDS ARE PASSING AWAY.
(Automatic Writing through Mrs. Dr. Yorke).

Here I will give a leaf from my experience, a
lesson it took me long to learn, but which has impressed
itself upon my mind as an incontrovertible fact
that to produce minds capable of grasping the
grandest truths here—minds which could reflect the
brilliance of great truths, it was necessary, as
in the formation of a beautiful picture, that the
background should be in the dark.

Friends, shrink not, for it is one of Nature's
laws. I am not upholding crime as you see it, but
merely stating a fact in the lives of many. Be-

cause a man or woman has lived a life of sin and
crime in earth life—has left earth perhaps from
the gallows, does not prove they were necessarily
beyond reform or progression—for some of the
grandest characters I have known here have left
earthly scenes in disgrace, and have been con-
signed by the church to lives of endless misery
and woe. Many such I know to-day who chose
for their life-work to again return to earth as
white-robed ministers of mercy, carrying blessings
and helpfulness to those who are walking in the
paths they once trod.

Conditions produce results—look at your soil—
some places are capable of producing one species
of tree, plant or shrub. The soil is incapable of
producing other of the innumerable growths which
adorn and beautify the earth. The soil lacks the
fertilizing conditions requisite to produce other
than that one species. So in the mental, the soil
requires conditions for development. Pure sur-
rroundings and liberal educational facilities will in
most instances produce a high and noble type of
manhood, while a soul springing into existence
surrounded by vice and crime must, according to
the laws of nature, partake of what nourishes it.

Thus have I answered a question which in earth
life was a burthen upon my mind—who or what
makes men so different. I could not then see the
answer I have given here. It is not found in the
Bible, but the knowledge has existed through ages
past and men have sought a remedy, and they
have immortalized a medium who once lived and
was controlled by spirits wiser than himself, and
claimed that through his death and sufferings all
could be saved. It was, on the part of those in
power, an effort to obtain power; but for the
masses, a step to enable them to rise higher in the
scale of humanity. Thus has Jesus been a step-
ing-stone and a help to many minds. The human
mind has always felt the need of a support—hence
have arisen the many forms of religion which
have both blst and cursed the world—blst where
it has supported and sustained, and cursed where
it has striven for power and arrogandizement.

The Christian religion is fast losing its hold
upon the minds of its followers. The object of its
leaders is power, and with the masses an ambition
to appear fashionable, hence the saving spiritual-
ity, which was once its life, is departed and it is dead.

The church of to-day is a whitened sepulcher; its
glory has departed. Upon its walls are written:
"Thou are weighed in the balance and found want-
ing!" and it must go its way in the march of the
long line of religions which have marked the pro-
gression of the ages. They have done their work
and been laid aside, like old garments no longer
of service to mankind.

Does man need a religion? In the light of the
centuries past, we reply Yes; in the light of the
centuries to come, we say, No.

The light of a new era is dawning upon the
world. Man, as in the feebleness of childhood,
has needed to be rocked in the arms of a nurse,
cradled in the church and soothed with its lullabies,
but the childhood of the world is passing away,
and the strength of young manhood is now begin-
nings to be felt, and those in the van are delving
into science determined to solve the mysteries which have held them in bondage through the past ages.

As we read the records of the past, we see that with each generation new rays of light have been discovered gradually developing the mind to the fact that there were truths in nature which were not disclosed in the so-called sacred works. Evolution has been slow in the past, and her course has been marked with opposition and blood. The priest has stood in the way and has thundered from the pulpit: "Thus far, but no further!" and to-day the Church, as she has dogmatically styled herself, is making herculean efforts to still keep her hold upon the minds of the people. Her great hope is America, and in her secret councils are being discussed plans, which, could they reach the ears of the masses, would shake the continent as no mental upheaval has ever done, but it is in the course of events.

Evolution, the march of progress, has never been stayed, although the love of truth has burned brighter in the hearts of the martyrs than did the flames which encircled them, and to-day Bruno looks down from his pedestal built in the hearts of the lovers of truth and calmly defies the Vatican. Who can deny the great truths which evolution is giving to the world? Look at the rapid strides she has taken since the discovery of America! Was it chance that led the storm-tossed mariners to her shores? Nay, it was evolution in her grand march, leading away from the bondage and superstition of the old world!

Was it chance or accident which led to the discovery of the printing press, making it possible to diffuse knowledge among the masses? Was it accident which led to the discovery of steam as a motor power, dotting old ocean with mighty palaces and mingling all nations as one? Has there not been one succession of evolution, from the dug-out evolved from the brain of primitive man, and fashioned from the tree of the forest by fire and the stone hatchet to enable him to float upon the water to more easily capture his daily supplies of food? Has all this been chance? No, no! The age of the earth has made it possible.

The world is not going backward, as many suppose, but conditions govern—all these must pass away and mankind will arrive at a higher, nobler age of the earth has made it possible.

The arts and sciences which are opening up new fields for development, all tend to lead away from the superstitions of the past. Nature has always used the best she had for the benefit of her children, and the cry that the people will not attend church is answered, in the fact that other trains of thought are now in the ascendency with the masses. Many of the occupations of life are either sedentary or in close confinement, hence the need of Sunday recreation. It is a demand of nature, and the easy facilities which science is now offering for moving the masses rapidly from wide, diverging points, is popularising the muscular games and out door exercises which will help to lead away from the saloon and the gaming table.

Onward and upward has been the watchword of nature through all ages. But in the dim past progression was of necessity slow, but nature was using the best she had; so to-day nothing can check her progress.

Let us retrospect—we find man to-day an intelligent being, endowed with powers capable of searching out and analyzing the secrets of nature.

Her vast store houses which for ages have been a sealed mystery which no man could know, for has it not been thus declared from the pulpit? But time passes, and lo! the key is found, and one by one these mighty secrets are being revealed to the gaze of man, and every one is to benefit and uplift humanity. The lightnings which were supposed to be the thunderbolts of high heaven have now been harnessed to the car of science and is propelling it forward to still greater discoveries.

And is this all? No, tis but the beginning. Vast and mighty secrets of which man has never conceived, lay just beyond the threshold in this vast storehouse of knowledge, through whose labyrinths, unborn nations will wander discovering untold treasures, for the benefit of humanity.

How does all this comport with the teachings of the past—that God had made man, had lost his power over him, and had to send his only son born of a woman, to suffer death upon the cross to appease his own anger? Who can listen to such doctrines in the light of the nineteenth century?

In the past, when nature gave but a feeble light it was a support and staff to the suffering and downtrodden. But the darkness is fleeing away, and the broad clear light of science is diffusing her beams broadcast over the world and reason is asserting herself in the minds of the masses. People are learning to think, and thought is the leveler of creeds and dogmas.

Look, for example, at the dry and musty creeds of the church founded by John Knox. Thought has broken through the barricade and some of the devotees see the absurdities of the doctrines so long held by that church, and in their synods are demanding the expunging of certain articles of faith from their creed. It is only the work of time when the whole creed shall be relegated to the tombs, wherein are stored the relics of the past; and though their churches rear their tall spires towards their supposed heaven, they shall yet be re-dedicated to humanity—for mythical as the dream of Edward Bellamy may appear, the U. S. government is tending in that direction.

Not only will the Presbyterian doctrine be modified so as to embrace all mankind but all other creeds and dogmas, which have in the past been so earnestly insisted upon, shall in like manner be laid aside—and love towards man shall be taught, for man is the only representation of God, that we know anything about, if we take the Bible for
authority; for in that it is plainly taught that he
made man in his own image. And in the light of
reason he is the one who should receive the richest
stores of love enshrined in the human heart, for
as saith the scriptures: "If ye love not him whom
ye have seen, how can ye love him whom ye have
not seen?" We claim this to be carrying out
literally the plain commands of Jesus. If Jesus
was God, which the church to-day holds, he in his
humanity should be loved and adored—that brings
us into the sphere of this world—love to man.
If there is in some far-off sphere, a being called
God, and he is the actual maker of the Universe
he is perfectly independent of the creatures he has
made—he neither requires or needs our love or
adoration—he has purposely secluded himself
beyond the ken or knowledge of man—hence, as
we are not cognizant of him, our duty is to our
fellow creatures here and now, and instead of
building costly churches—build homes for the
destitute—build factories to give employment to
those who are in need.
Charity is not the proper way to alleviate the
poor—it does so only temporarily—but work helps
every one to be self-sustaining and consequently
independent. Provide labor for all and see that
justice is meted out to them. Instead of grinding
down labor to a miserable pittance, allow each one
a sufficient amount to live comfortable. In that
way will peace reign on earth.
The government of the United States owes a
debt to her people which she is slow in paying.
The vast plains which only need the reviving
influence of water to enable millions of families
who now inhabit miserable attics and underground
cellars, in squalid poverty—by the help which the
Government might give them, could find comfortable
homes—becoming respectable and honored citizens.
The United States government was founded by
honest, earnest men, who had bared their breast
to the storm and stood at last upon free-soil from
which the usurpers tread had been driven. The
women did their full share and how have they
been repaid? Has justice been meted out to them?
If so, what means this wail which is constantly
arising, demanding equal rights with their brother
man? Why is this? It is because women are
thinking for themselves. They are not the
puppets the Bible represents them to be. They
see the injustice done, not only to themselves but
to man and the rising generations. If they are
fitted to be the help-meet and counsellor of man in
the home, why not in the government? Bring
the earnest, thoughtful women into the govern­
ment counsels and give them the ballot, and many
wrong, now so heavy to bear, will be lifted.
Equality is only justice; usurpation is crime,
whether in private individuals or in governments,
and the government of the United States is guilty
of the crime of usurping and denying to one of its subjects their rights bestowed upon
them by nature, equally with man. But 'tis coming.
Woman shall yet enjoy equal rights and privileges,
under the laws of the United States Government,
with man. By the laws of progress it must come,
and thus shall come one of the greatest blessings
to the people of this nation.
The Father Nature alone is inadequate to pro-
duce a high order of government; the Mother
Nature is required to bring order out of chaos, to
more evenly balance the scales, that justice may
more surely be meted out to all. Thought is the
lever which is moving the world, and right think-
ing comes from a well developed brain—brain
power develops conditions—hence how neces-
sary that right conditions should be furnished
surrounding motherhood. When the world awakes
to the importance of true manhood and woman-
hood more care will be taken in the selection of
life partners in the marriage relation. The idea
of selection has gained a foothold in the minds of
those interested in the culture of animals, because
a high order of horse or other domestical animal
brings financial profit.
The world is moving, and greater or more rapid
development than the world now sees could not
have been accomplished in the past, but in the
near future great and mighty results are in store.
The age of the world is making it possible, and
with the growth of thought, reason will become
enthroned in the minds of the masses; then will
superstition, like the mists of the morning, flee
away before the rising sun.

THRONGING TO HYDESVILLE.

BY MRS. E. P. THORNDYKE.

AIR:—"Marching Through Georgia."

Bring your aspiration, friends;
We'll sing another song,
With a ringing chorus that
Will move the world along:
Sing it as the angels sang it, fifty years ago,
While they were thronging to Hydesville.

CHORUS:
Hurrah! hurrah! we'll bring the Jubilee!
Hurrah! hurrah! the TRUTH will make us free!
So we sang the chorus from the mountains to the sea
While we were thronging to Hydesville.

"Philosophy and science will
Never lead the way;"
So old superstition said,
And heed well what we say:
They strove to block our progress
With error old and gray,
While we were thronging to Hydesville.—Cho.

Then bring your aspiration, friends;
We'll sing a grander song,
Commensurate with the glowing years
That move our cause along;
Sing it as the angels sang it, fifty years ago,
While they were thronging to Hydesville.

LAST CHORUS:
Hurrah! hurrah! we'll bring the Jubilee!
Hurrah! hurrah! the TRUTH will make us free,
And so we'll sing the chorus from the mountains
to the sea.
As when we were thronging to Hydesville.

Hydesville, N. Y., was the first place where any systematic
method of communication was established between the seen and
the unseen world.
will science explain this?

last week, mr. lynn r. cody, bookkeeper for, and a member of a large mining company at guanajuato, mex., was in san francisco, on business, and called at the journal office to purchase some books to take back to mexico.

while in the office, mr. cody incidentally told of his conversion to spiritualism two years ago at fresno, cal., his former home.

at that time, mr. earle was holding meetings in fresno. mr. cody, who is a bright young man of superior intelligence and education, had heard so much concerning mr. earle’s wonderful slate-writing, that he decided to test him. accordingly, mr. cody secretly purchased a pair of slates, fastened them together and went to one of the meetings. upon arrival at the door, he noticed that no one else had slates, and so kept his concealed under his coat until his return home.

during the meeting, mr. earle gave some of his startling verbal tests, but no public slate-writings on that occasion, nor did he come near mr. cody.

however, upon his return home, mr. cody was impressed by the messages he found written full of messages, signed by relatives whom he supposed to be dead.

the next day, he hastened to tell mr. earle what had occurred, and found that gentleman as much surprised as himself when informed of the circumstance.

we defy science to explain this on the hypothesis of “cerebral excitement,” “muscular impulse,” “auto-suggestion,” or anything else but spirit presence and power.

mr. cody’s standing and reputation for veracity in fresno society was such that the local daily press gave an account of the affair, copying the messages from the slates.

thousands of equally unexplainable tests are given through, earle, evans, dr. schlesinger, mrs. freitag and many other mediums; yet the know-its—all the “dr. parissot”—who fear to investigate lest they should be converted, will sneer and try to look wise, though in their hearts they know themselves to be playing the role of assumption fools.

truth, crushed to earth, will rise again.

pres. lincoln’s presentiment.

the following account of a presentiment felt by president lincoln a few hours before his assassination, is given in sir m. e. grant duff’s recently published book, “notes from a diary.” it was told to the author by charles dickens, who had it from staunton. dean stanley, who had also heard dickens-tell the story, corroborated the accuracy of the present version. staunton had been called to a council at the president’s, but arrived somewhat late:

after the council was over, i walked away with the attorney-general, and said to him, “well, if all councils were like this, the war would soon be at an end. the president, instead of sitting half a dozen different chairs and telling interesting stories, has applied himself to business, and we’ve got through a great deal of work.”

“Yes,” said the attorney-general, “but you were late. you don’t know what happened.”

“You answered, ‘What did happen?’ “’All the rest of us,” rejoined he, “were pretty punctual, and when we came in we found the president sitting with his head on his hands, and looking very unlike himself.” at length he lifted his head, and looking around us, said, “gentlemen, in a few hours we shall receive some very strange intelligence.” very much surprised, i said to him, “sir, you have got some very bad news.” “No,” he answered, “i have got no news, but in a few hours we shall receive some very strange intelligence.” still more astonished, i said, “may we ask, sir, what leads you to suppose we shall receive this intelligence?” he replied, “i’ve had a dream. i had it the night before bull’s run. i had it on some other occasion!” (which mr. dickens had forgotten), “yes, i had it last night.) this was stranger than ever, and i said, “may we ask, sir, the nature of your dream?” he replied, “i’m in a boat, and i’m out on the bosom of a great rushing river, and i drift, and i drift, and i drift.” at this moment came your knock at the door. the president said, “but this is not business, gentlemen. here is mr. staunton.” five hours afterwards lincoln was assassinated—light.

moody’s falsehood.

at a public meeting in boston, mass., recently evangelist dwight l. moody stated that the prince of wales had withdrawn from the masonic fraternity because the free-masons did not believe in the bible. a mason, believing that such statement was not true, addressed a letter of enquiry to his royal highness, the prince of wales. a reply has just been received from edward letterworth, grand secretary of the united grand lodge of england, in which he denies this statement in every particular.

he says:

your letter addressed to his royal highness, the prince of wales, has in due course been forwarded to me, and i am desired to state in reply that any report that his royal highness has withdrawn, or contemplates withdrawing, from his position of grand master, is a pure fabrication. the statement made by the religious teacher to whom you refer is utterly untrue.

“utterly untrue,” and yet stated in public by a religious teacher, relying upon idle rumors! every mason would know that it was a falsehood—for nothing in the lodge is more conspicuous than the bible and its teachings. what can we think of the morality of the times, which will allow a prominent minister to make such false—such unreasonable—such unnecessary statements, “utterly untrue,” and without the slightest foundation in fact?

they live.—there are many instances given in the records of psychical research societies of spirits appearing to their friends immediately after death and announcing their own demise. this would indicate that some spirits, at least, are alive enough for that purpose.—ex.
Spiritualism and Mormonism.

The New World for March contains an article on "Mormonism To-Day," by David Uter, in which the author shows that Mormons have much in their creed in common with Spiritualism. Article 7 reads:

We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.

In commenting on this article, Mr. Uter says:

Every Eider can tell of the miracles that have been wrought in attestation of his ministry; every Mormon has seen the signs and wonders that have continually confirmed the faith of those who were willing to "do the will of God that they might know of his individual being." The miracle of the sonsNotes however, had for their raison d'être the confirmation of the faith or of faith; many were wrought simply in answer to prayer, or for the good of individuals. God was somehow willing to show especial favor.

Why do you doubt?" they ask; "is it any harder for God to heal this child than for him to create a world?" In the early days, doctors were not much consulted, and there lingered even yet a prejudice against those who seek not unto the Lord but to the physicians.

Revelation is, of course, held to be continuous. Not only was the "fullness of the gospel" given to the world through Joseph Smith, but the history of the church has been ever since a mouthpiece of the Lord, through whom the divine will is communicated to the church of the saints on earth. While this is really believed by all good Mormons, there is also the opinion widely prevailing, or perhaps universally held, that there is room for human mistakes to creep in among the utterances of even the most effective high priest, even the head of the church. Always there is the principle that, if a "revelator" or seer should become corrupt in his life, his prophecies may be tainted with error and untruth.

Besides these revelations given in public, and for public purposes, through the seer or "revelator," each individual is privileged to the purity of his life, to receive revelations, for his own comfort, instruction or benefit.

The gift of tongues seems to be unused or held in abeyance, at the present time. A number of years ago it was rather a popular gift, indulged in, or exercised, rather more by women than men. To the unbeliever it always seemed, as the exercise of the same gift among the Irvingites seemed to Carlyle, a mere senseless "la-la-ing," but to those who believed, it was divine inspiration. It is not improbable that the exercise of this gift was discouraged by the authorities on the common-sense principle enunciated by Paul, that five words with the understanding were better than ten thousand in an unknown tongue. There was, moreover, a certain danger from the interpreter who was apt to arise after the delivery of the tongues, to speak in the unknown tongue, and who might give an explanation even less edifying than the communication in its original form. Speaking in tongues is firmly believed in as a phenomenon and a sign by all good Mormons, but not as a generally useful or profitable gift.

Article 9 expresses a belief in a continuous and unending revelation.

Fear is not the right element for thinking man, said Dr. Wendt, recently at Oakland, Cal. He gave two "word pictures" of Jesus, compiled from the New Testament—one the avenging spirit in the book of Revelation, and the other the loving spirit of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. He contended, quite reasonably, that the two were not reconcilable. Dr. Wendt is a learned Unitarian divine, and of course does not believe in the divinity of Jesus. He said:

Unquestionably, the notion of Jesus as an angry and implacable judge of the world is foreign to the real spirit of the gospel. Yet this religion of fear is preached daily in our midst. The Salvation Army makes its main profession of fear. "A word is cheap enough," is the sign by all good Mormons, but not as a generally useful or profitable gift.

Spanish Liberalism has scored a victory in the courts of that country. Doña Belén Sarraga de Ferrero, the lady who publishes La Conciencia Libre (The Free Conscience) was arrested, imprisoned, tried, acquitted and awarded 3000 pesetas for false imprisonment. She has applied the 3000 pesetas in the establishment of an anti-ecclesiastical library in Valencia, and in awarding a prize for the best drama of a socialist character. So says La Union Espiritista, of Barcelona, Spain.

Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of phonography, has passed away in the 85th year of his age. His great fame came almost exclusively from the very general adoption of his method of rapid writing, so as to secure every word from the speaker. Few of us realize until we stop to consider it, how much we are individually his debtor. The Queen of England recognized it and a few years ago conferred on him the distinguished title of Sir, as she also did later upon the distinguished hygienist, Dr. B. B. Richardson.—Journal of Hygiene.

A Prophetic Dream.

The following circumstantial story has been quoted by Il Vissiito Spiritista from a book on Pathology by Dr. Catalani, a distinguished physician of Fermo:

On March 25th, 1825, Countess Vinci, related to her friend, Countess Montani, a dream which she had had on the previous night. A murderer had poured upon her during her sleep, and seizing her by the hair, had plunged a dagger in her throat. She only caught sight of the assailant, but was enabled to identify him as a valet de chambre who had been serving her for years with much faithfulness and devotion.

No importance was attached to this occurrence until six months afterwards, when, on September 25th, the papers related the murder of Countess Vinci by an unknown assassin. Countess Montani applied at once to Dr. Catalani and told him the story of the dream. The doctor communicated with the police, who proceeded to arrest the valet de chambre. The latter had remained in his situation as if nothing had happened, but a large quantity of jewels which had disappeared from his mistress's safe, were found in his lodgings. He collapsed under the weight of the evidence and made a full confession of his crime, admitting that he had been comparatively safe on the night of her tragic death were found in his lodgings. He collapsed under the weight of the evidence and made a full confession of his crime, admitting that he had been comparatively safe on the night of her tragic death.

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Willard J. Hull has resigned from the editorial staff of the Light of Truth, on account of "legal complications of a domestic nature."

The Journal is a grand publication. I have read it ever since it was edited by S. S. Jones, and it is now the very best it has ever been.—Mrs. A. C. Stanton, Blackhawk, Col.
The Reviewer.


The author says that it has largely exceeded the number of pages originally allotted to it, on account of the ever-increasing available matter, which the spirit world provided for the work.

Professor Buchanan remarks thus concerning his labors in getting up this book: "The world has always first called for the attention of the truth, that would save it. Socrates and Hypatia, Galileo, Harvey, Galvani and even the pioneers of railroads and steam navigation, have suffered as the world, first to call the author's attention to the necessity of doing it, and he says that the work when in the earth-life." He moves among you, unseen and unnoticed, he lays his hand on the side of the dead. How you no stir of his trailing garments? Mark you are sound of his grand tread! He moves among you, unseen and unnoticed. He lays his hand on the side of the dead. You never read a book in which we were more absorbed. The messages from the spirit world, are intensely interesting, as is the whole volume. We never read a book in which we were more absorbed. The messages come in such grandeur and eloquence from the high spirit spheres that they not only command attention but engross the entire thought.

The widespread interest in public affairs in this country is well illustrated by the large sale of the March issue of the Atlantic, which contains John E. Bray's discussion of the Arbitration Treaty and Woodrow Wilson on President Cleveland. The third edition is now ready.

The Open Portal.

In the dim draped hall an image is seen. A beautiful image, seen and unseen—folded in silence—a mystic palpee. Left ten thousand in the hush of night.

This is not here—a house of marble. That you pass, you pass your tears upon. That you deck with palms and palpitating life—The noble prince whom you loved is gone.

"Gone," did I say? Mistletoe's quiet footsteps, those slow peds on the side of the dead. How you no stir of his trailing garments? Mark you are sound of his grand tread! He moves among you, unseen and unnoticed, he lays his hand on the side of the dead. How you no stir of his trailing garments? Mark you are sound of his grand tread!

He speaks, but no soul is turned to listen. He whispers into his loved one's ear. "My love, my love, why did you weep?" Know you not that I am here?

"Here by your side? Dear eyes behold me; Dear heart lean to me. What still do you weep? Have you not seen? Have you not heard?"

"I fell asleep one night, and dreamed, dear, that I snapped the limits of earthly clay; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; That I crossed the heights to the golden day; Then you drop, as you pass, your tears upon, I live! I live! I know not death."

Mrs. Freitag's New Development.

The First Spiritual Society is on the upward road to prosperity, due to Mrs. Maude L. Freitag, a medium, and has made automatic drawings of the palaces in Jupiter occupied by Mozart, Zoroaster and Bernard Palissy, one of which was published in Revue Spiritique, in 1858. He still has the original drawings.

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Mr. Norton, 1203 Market St., at once. An elaborate program will be printed and circulated at all the meetings previous to the Anniversary Celebration.
Mrs. A. E. Kibby is located at 1616 Rush avenue, Cincinnati, O.

Geo. H. Brooks is in St. Joseph, Mo., at 417 S. Ninth street.

J. C. F. Grumbine is at 309 Green avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Rozilla Elliot is now at 51 10th street, San Francisco, Cal.

Julius Steelman Mitchell is in Milwaukee, Wis., for March and April.

Frank T. Ripley can be addressed at 715 Huron street, Port Huron, Mich.

Moses Hull speaks every Sunday in April and May, with the exception of the first Sunday in April, in Lima, O.

Theodore F. Price will be in Grand Rapids, Mich., during March and April. Address 62 N. Ominia street.

Mrs. Kate Hoskins, test, medium and healer holds a test circle at 136 Oak street, every Tuesday evening.

Cora M. Carpenter, speaker and test medium, is permanently located at 718 Broadway, Hannibal, Mo.

Mrs. M. J. Roberts, slate-writing medium, is permanently located at Elendale, St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Evaline Goodman, a well-known medium in Saginaw, Michigan, passed to spirit life on Feb. 22, 1897.

Mrs. Maxwell-Colby holds a circle next Saturday evening, at 1221 Oak street, San Francisco.

Clara H. Scott of 1351 Lexington avenue, Chicago, issued a new hymnal entitled "Truth In Song."

The annual midwinter meeting of the Northwestern Spiritualists Association was held at Minneapolis, Minn., last month.

Willard J. Hull is engaged by the First Spiritual Church of Columbus, O., to lecture during March. Maggie Gaule will give tests.

Anniversary Celebration will be held at Decoto, Cal., on March 31st. Mrs. Thorne has been invited quite a number from San Francisco to attend, and the event will be duly celebrated.

Mrs. Lillie's appeal in behalf of Ferdinand Fox Jencken, led Minnie M. Soule, of Boston, to suggest that an independent penny collection be made on anniversary day for him.

Next Sunday, March 28th, Prof. Fred Evans will give a slate-writing and test medium test at Golden Gate Temple, on Sutter street. Seats may be reserved at Prof. Evans' office 124-42 McAllister street.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie, at Scottish Hall, San Francisco, has received a test medium, and will give tests. Mrs. Lillie is very thankful for the little we can do. We know that suffering humanity is entitled to all the comfort and help we can give.

Our semi-annual election of officers took place on Friday last, with the following result: President, Mrs. E. P. Anderson; vice-president, Mrs. M. J. Rutland; treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Bigelow; auditor, Mrs. C. Phipps, the latter being re-elected.

Sister Seal will be with us whenever she can, but business often detains her. The ladies of the Aid Society gave her a surprise party at the close of the last meeting. As many as could, slipped away and prepared her rooms, decorating them with smilax, and when she returned they were done. All brought a substantial repast, which was served by the ladies. In the evening the gentlemen came and a very enjoyable time was spent.

The First Spiritual Union will have their annual election of officers on the last Sunday in this month, and the anniversary exercises and all-day meeting on the first Sunday in April, in which all can participate in the good time we are assured of enjoying.

Mrs. H. L. Bigelow, Sec.

E. E. Ingram, of Robinson, Ill., is a Spiritualist, convinced by the philosophy alone. He writes thus: "I do not see how I could possibly get along without the JOURNAL. I must confess that it is one of my greatest comforts. I am one of those believers who has never attended a seance, never seen a spiritual manifestation of any kind, never even seen a medium controlled in any way whatever, and yet I am a believer."

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Theosophical Temple.

To the Editor:

As the Journal gave a very interesting account of the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Temple at Point Loma, Cal., I have prepared the following horoscope of the face of the sky at the time—Feb. 24, at 2:30 p.m. (local time):

Then, the celestial sign Cancer with the Sun, Moon and the eight planets placed in the degree and minute of the signs they occupied, were in technical language, a harrowing figure for the event, and this is supposed to prefigure the outcome of their work.

By an examination of the map of the sky, in accordance with the rules laid down and verified in thousands of instances in the past, I find it very unfavorable.

It is true that the ceremony was begun with a trumpet blast and blaze of glory, as indicated by the radiant planet, Venus, shining in splendor in the heavens, though unseen,—but another phase is altogether unfavorable, indicating delay, disappointment, financial losses, endless annoyances, vexations and ultimate failure.

One thing noticeable as favorable, is that the Sun and Moon are in some degree in work; they possess a large amount of intellectual energy, and at the time Jupiter, lord of the finances, appears sufficiently to open the way to the enthusiast, but as enthusiasts are not noted for wisdom, they may run against a stone-wall illusion, when they least expect it.

I could give a reason for the unfavorable appearance, which does not spring from prejudice, but the general reader would not be interested in the technical terms it would be necessary to use.

JOS. TILLEY

Los Angeles, Cal.

New Society in Oakland, Cal.

To the Editor:

Since "all things come to those who wait" the Spiritualists of Oakland have embraced a long-delayed opportunity to build a genuine spiritual organization named the "Union Spiritual Society." The "corner stone" of which was laid by T. G. Newman, President State Association; Mrs. Drynan, missionary of the N. S. A.; Mrs. S. Martell, local medium of note, on Sunday, March 14, 1897. Each of whom did their work with much credit to themselves and with general satisfaction to the audience present.

This society was organized at Mr. S. Palinnbaum's residence on March 10, with 19 members, and the promise of many more in the near future. Officers were elected as follows: Prof. B. K. Lowe, president; Mr. L. M. Martell, vice-president; Mr. S. Palinnbaum, treasurer; Mrs. L. W. Knott, organist; Mrs. M. E. Van Luyk, vice-president; Mr. B. W. Dunham, Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. H. B. DeMoo; Board of Directors Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, By-Laws and Charter will soon be adopted.

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The angel world has waited long and patiently for this united effort to be made and the parents of the coming generation of Spiritualists have anxiously waited for the right opportunity to establish a Progressive Lyceum in which to teach the children ethical culture and a knowledge of the living truth, therefore we believe that the spirit of Oakland desire more than all else to have one good liberal society where all can have a voice in its management, and in which all will feel the liberty which the religion demands. The hour is fully ripe for this movement and none too soon to prove a grand success.

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Among the sons of men.
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When he has come again.
As morning stars in primal time
Sang at Creation’s birth,
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To Thos. G. Newman, Editor of the Journal.

Welcome to our golden land,
Land of flowers and deep blue skies,
Valleys green and mountains grand,
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Brighter here the sunlight smiles,
And angels from their homes above
All the cares of life beguile,
And to teach the laws of love.
Welcome, welcome, to our State,
To proclaim the glad news of love,
And to open wide the gate—
Light the way to worlds above—
And to teach the laws of life—
That the garments we shall wear
We must in the world of strife
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