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ELIZABETH LOWE WATSON.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson was born in Solon, O., Oct. 6, 1843, and at the age of seven came into a knowledge of Spiritualism through mysterious raps coming on her desk at school and afterwards attending her wherever she went.

After she had developed the trance condition and excited the neighborhood with her wonderful trance lectures, she was married, in 1861 to Johnathan Watson, one of the oil kings of Titusville, Pa., and for seyeral years retired from public work, but was never deserted by her guides. To the sanctuary of the home the wise teachers often came, bringing messages of encouragement and counsel when great emergencies arose.

After many years of phenomenal prosperity, during which time Mr. and Mrs. Watson endeared themselves and Mrs. Watson endeared themselves to the community in which they lived by their hospitality, liberal charities and sympathetic interest in all humanitarian efforts, financial reverses and Mrs. Watson's declining health brought them to the Pacific coast, and Mrs. Watson was immediately engaged by the First Spiritual Union of San Francisco, as its regular pastor. After several years ministration for After several years ministration for this society, she became the regular speaker for the Golden Gate Religious and Philosophical Society of San Francisco, and for six years lectured almost constantly in that city, with ever increasing popularity.

Mrs. Watson's sojourn in San Francisco was twice broken—first by a trip to Australia in 1882, and secondly by a tour of the East in 1885. On both occasions her tour was one continued ovation.

About ten years ago Mrs. Watson purchased 26 acres of unimproved land near San Jose. Cal., which she has had cultivated and beautifully adorned. Her lovely home thereupon, with its beautiful surroundings, has been named by her "Sunny Brae;" and it is a charming little paradise. One year she sent to market 100 tons of the best quality of prunes, labeled with her "Sunny Brae" brand, besides

raising apricots and other fruits. Sne superintends the entire business herself, from which is derived an annual

of the lawn, spreading its superb branches, covered with dense foliage, 50 feet in every direction from the



income of four to five thousand dollars.

trunk-have had a wide influence in grand old Temple Oak, in the centre sorts and conditions of men." Here

for a number of years past, on the first Sunday in June, which, says Mrs. Watson, "we call our Memorial Day, on which we dedicate our home to spiritual services and to the memory of our dear unseen," have great crowds gath-ered to listen to an eloquent address from "the little preacher." This year Mrs. R. S. Lillie was present at the gathering and gave an address on "Universal Relig-ion," in addition to Mrs. Watson's address. On this occasion the Congregational Church, (the only church in the neighborhood closed its doors to allow its pastor and peo-ple to attend these services. In 1895 fully 1000 people attended the June meeting under Temple Oak.

In 1894, Mrs. Lydia A. Coonley, president of the Woman's Club of Chicago, visited "Sunny Brae," and upon her return, published a graphic description of its charms. Of Mrs. Watson she says: "Few women have such gift of language and a deeply religious and loving nature continually revealed. She is poet, orator, minister, and above and beyond all, a rare woman."

INSPIRATION OF REFORMERS.

Theodore F. Price, of Philadelphia, in his discourse on

this subject said in part:

We see crossing at intervals the stage of time these inspired spiritual leaders of men, each clasping his book of the law, a ponderous tome containing the revelations of the spirit which his environment and the bias of his mind has clothed with the traditions of his tribe or nation, handed down from father to son and colored by the stained

glass of time.

The founders of religions have always been much in advance of their followers, and if we could receive their teachings at first hand, as given directly through and by them, we would doubtless find in them much to commend as being well calculated for the guidance and counsel of those to whom they were uttered, and adapted to the reg-ulation and conduct of life in its various departments, modified by ancient precedents and peculiar institutions. As time passed on, however, a lazy and indolent priest-hood, using the doctrines of these earnest teachers as a foundation, by perverting and interpolating them to suit their own aims and ends, have builded their own theological oligarchies thereon, and by combining with and influencing their political rulers, these two masters—the one working upon man's superstitious fears to drive him under the yoke of the other-both have combined to impose upon his ignorance and credulity, and between them have robbed him at discretion.

Faint echoes of the voice and broken records of the lives of these grand old agents of the spirit world reach us from the dim vistas of the past, long anterior to the dawn of authentic history, and by the faint light thrown upon their lives by their writings or their contemporaries, we find the source of their inspiration to be the same as that from which the seers and reformers of a later date have

received their spiritual enlightenment.

In giving a cursory review of these spiritual and, as we aver, mediumistic benefactors of their race, we will first briefly refer to Homer, "the blind old man of Scio's rocky isle," the broken records of whose career bear interior evidence that he was a sensitive and inspired by the lyrical spiritual intelligences whose mission was the elevation and refinement of the Grecian race. The "Iliad" of Homer, the most ancient as well as the most perfect work of its kind in existence, may justly be considered as one of the bibles of the ages, wherein the author or his inspirers may be said to have invented a heaven and peopled it with the gods and goddesses that compose the pantheon of the Greeks and Romans.

The speeches and conversations put into their mouths were doubtless whispered into his clairaudient ear by some dominating spirit, as the modern writer, Charles Dickens, testifies were the conversations which he attributes to his

testifies were the conversations which he attributes to the characters.

In the "Iliad" and "Odessy" of Homer, but more clearly in the "Aeneid" of Virgil, the Roman poet, we may trace the first dawn of the idea of hades or hell, or as they term it, the under world, the gloomy abode of the spirits of the dead, which was greatly elaborated and enlarged upon and given geographical dimensions by the consummate genius and gloomy mind of Dante in his "Inferno." This prince of the Italian poets lived in a

cruel and vindictive age when men made the various methods of torturing the "human form divine" a study, and reduced the torture to a fine art; and the results of whose misapplied genius are apparent in the rack, the thumb-screws, the iron maiden and the multitudinous diabolical inventions and infernal machines, the contemplation of which causes the blood to chill at the hardness of the human heart under the influence of fanaticism, and which for long centuries were the instruments in the blood-stained hands of the inquisition for coercing the minds of the advanced thinkers of the age.

Zoroaster, the inspired Persian law-giver and the re-former of his age, and by his followers regarded as their savior, in his writings has left evidences of his communication with spirits, which he speaks of as the Dives, Zends or gods of truth and light; and of evil influences which are under the domination of the prince of darkness, by him spoken of as Ahriman, and from which source our idea of the devil has largely been evolved. In the Zend-Avesta, the book of the law, as written by Zoroaster, is gathered together and "set in order" all the folk lore and time-honored traditions of the Parsees, as his followers are called, and these are recorded in golden letters, on thirty-two skins of vellum, some of which have been destroyed by the Mohammedan invaders, but some of which, or fac similes of which, still exist: and the author has given them a setting of philosophy and governing laws, possibly as well adapted to the conduct of a people with the limited understanding of his age as could then be devised.

The germ of the Hebrew story of the garden of Eden can be traced to the Zend Avesta. Here we discover the origin of the tree of life and knowledge, with the first and original version of the account of the temptation of the woman by Ahriman-or, as we have it, Satan, Lucifer or the serpent-the tree in the garden being the soma tree, the juice of which was drank by the priests of the Parsees in the performance of their rites, and which had a sort of clairaudient or clairvoyant effect, as well as a general sharpening of the mental faculties, so that they, doubtless being sensitives or mediums to begin with, as the priests were generally chosen from mediumistic families, as we are justified in inferring was the Jewish tribe of Levi, began to see as gods and to talk with spirits.

The works of the Persian law-giver have had many additions at the hands of the priesthood; and as is the case with all, the real spirit and purity of his inspired teachings has been buried beneath a mass of ecclesiastical trash. But where Zoroaster left off and his imitators and com-

mentators began, can be distinctly seen.

Among these ancient reformers no name stands forth more prominently or shines with greater luster than that of the Athenian medium and philosopher, Socrates, as his life and works are recorded in the graphic pages of his pupils, Plato, the sage of Acchad, and Zenophon, the his-He was a soldier and a man of the people as well as a teacher and thinker, whose teachings were much in advance of his time and eventually subjected him to persecution and death, through the instrumentality of jealous fanatics, who preferred charges against him on the plea that he was teaching the youth of Athens heresies, thereby bringing upon his head the anathemas of the clergy and bringing upon his head the anathemas of the clergy and servers of the temples of the gods. He was clairaudient and always deferred to the voice of his dæmon or spirit guide as to how to proceed about all the most important affairs of his life. He would start to go to a certain place, or to accomplish some certain purpose, and all at once stop still as a post and listen to the monitory voice of his guardian, which would frequently turn him in an opposite direction. During his trial for heresy, when his life was at stake, his accusers, seeing his great influence and popularity, gave him opportunities of escape, but his dæmon told him to stand by his principles and thus prove that he was in earnest and cause his teachings to be better observed by posterity.

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On the day appointed for his execution, at the going down of the sun, about the time he was to drink the cup of poison hemlock juice in the presence of his judges, Plato and others of his pupils, after adjusting what remained of his business affairs, he gave utterance to this beautiful spiritual sentiment: "In another world they do not put a man to death for asking questions; assuredly not. For, besides being happier in that world than this, they will be immortal, if what is said be true. Wherefore, O judges,

be of good cheer about death, and know of a certainty that no evil can happen to a good man either in life or after death. He and his are not neglected by the gods: nor has my own approaching end happened by mere chance. But I see clearly that to die and be released is better for me; and therefore, the oracle gave no sign. For which reason, also, I am not angry with my condemners and accusers; they have done me no harm, although they did not mean to do me good, and for this I gently blame them. The hour of departure has arrived, and we go our ways—I to die and you to live. Which is better, God only knows." What medium or exponent of the truths of modern Spiritualism, if forced to die for his cause, could have found more fitting terms in which to explain his belief and reliance upon the consolations of his sublime philosophy

About six hundred years prior to the Christian era, there was born on the borders of Nepaul, in India, under the shadow of the Himalayas, and near the source of the sacred Ganges, another reformer and savior of mankind, Buddha, the son of a great king, who, when the power of the spirit came upon him and the voices of the immortal sounded in his ear, gave up the allurements of a throne, a sweet wife and babe and all the joys of love and life, to become a teacher of his people and to save them from the misery

and degradation into which they had fallen.

For seven long years he wore the garb of a mendicant and bore the alms-bowl of the beggar, sometimes wandering in the jungle, sometimes living the life of a hermit, seeking for knowledge and spiritual light; travelling from city to city, comparing notes with the wisest men of his age, seeking to evolve by thought and meditation some system of religion that would redound to the amelioration of his people. His life revealed that the road to wisdom is the road of experience, and we must each take every step of the rugged way ourselves. Neither fathers, mothers, or gods, can pull from our feet one thorn, or spare our backs a single blow. And what the young prince learned five and twenty centuries ago we must all learn.

The religion of Buddha, which pertains principally to this life, is the religion of pity, and numbers now about four hundred million, or nearly one-third of the human race; about the same number as Mohammedanism and christianity combined. It is the religion of the yellow race—the dominant faith of Asia. Mohammedans have their mosques, Christians their temples, but the pagodas and temples of Buddha are among the most wonderful works of art which dot the fair face of the globe. His faith is the prevailing doctrine of India, China, Japan and Thibet, where mountains of flowers are piled upon his altar by the grateful children of Asia.

The frequent manifestations to ancient reformers of spirit presence may be inferred from the oft-repeated accounts of the intercourse of favored mortals with celestial beings. Judging from the records of later ages, as well as from the biblical accounts, there must have been considerable foundation for the belief in the communications between gods, or spirits, and men, that we find so much reference to in the Mahabarata, the Iliad of India, and the writings of Homer and Virgil. Reference to the conversations between gods and mortals and the demigods of classic poetry, whose birth was the result of the association of the spirits or gods with the daughters of men, run all through these marvelous old epics. Divers of Homer's personages were the progeny of nymphs and gods. Acneas, the hero of Virgil, was the son of Venus, the goddess of love, by an earthly father; and she frequently presents herself to him, and lends him assistance, and shows grief and sympathy for his misfortunes.

In the grand old Indian poem, the Mahabarata, we learn that the dusky Drupade, the Hindoo Helen, had spirit lovers, who are represented as demoniac in their demeanor, and who broke the bones of their earthly rivals in the mortal maid's affections. Of like character is the passage in the book of Genesis, which says that "the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were fair," and that the result of this association was a race of giants. On this passage, Moore, the Irish poet, has constructed his lyric, "The Loves of the Angels," and Byron his tragedy, or misery, as he calls it, of Cain.

Jesus of Nazareth was a medium in the fullest modern

sense of the word and controlled by a band of spirits who, in order to do their work and get a hearing, fell in with his prejudices and followed the prophecies of the old Hebrew seers. The phenomena which took place in his pres-

ence, his healing the sick and in the character of his visions, many of which were clearly identical with modern clairvoyance; as when his illuminated gaze was enabled to penetrate the waters of the sea and observe the vast school of fish when he directed his disciples where to cast their net when they drew up such a haul that its meshes broke because the material could not stand the strain. His walking on the water was produced by the law of levitation, identical with the experiences of the medium Home. He undoubtedly was establishing a form of Spiritualism, adapted to the environment of the Jewish type of civilization of his day and age; and he met the fate of other mediums and reformers who were slain by their con-temporaries for being in advance of their times, and through exciting the jealousy of priests and political dem-

The speaker took up the career of Mohammed, the reformer and prophet of Arabia; and, after a brief survey of the acts of his life and his conquests, he explained the manner of the production of the Koran, claiming that its author was controlled by spirits while dictating its suras or chapters, in the same way that A. J. Davis was when he dictated "Nature's Divine Revelations." He stated that Mohammed's so-called epileptic fits were trances, and that his experiences while going under control were much

like those of modern mediums.

Infinite Love.

Oh! fill my bosom with that purer love Than moves the minds and souls of men. That comes Promethean-like on alter-hearts above And knows no selfish race or clan-

Nor may that love grow less by earthly change. Though friends forsake us and grow cold. Exalted to that higher, broader range Thy rays of light shall round me fold.

Around my bark the restless waves of time May torture me with darkling fears But in Thy love, so sweet, so all-sublime. Thou in wisdom numberest all my fears.

What though I faint and agonize All that this selfish world denies Beneath the heavens, beneath the skies, In Thee alone forever lies. BISHOP A. BEALS. Summerland, Cal.

PURSUED BY AN EVIL SPIRIT

"With us this kind of talk can lead up to but one conclusion," resumed Dr. Grace. "Necessarily we attribute these various trances to a variety of obsessions, or, as the mass of people call them, 'possessions,' Possessed by a devil or an angel, perhaps by an intermediate influence, is the condition of all men and women, some of whom are controlled by one class for good, others by another class for evil, and a third division by alternations of good and evil, whence their diverse natures. Mr. A. is invariably amiable; Mr. B. invariably morose; Mr. C. pleasant to-day and unutterably cross to-morrow; Mr. D. good-natured by an effort only too apparent-each exhibiting a disposition not wholly natural. How are we to account logically for this great diversity in beings of the same species? Only through their spiritual environment, I reply, and hypnotic progress is daily confirming this view.

Science has its own theory on the subject, a straightlaced idea that nothing is to be accounted for outside of those rules which it has demonstrated. To this idea science has held through all history, suffering a score of defeats with stolid indifference so long as it could register a single triumph in accord with its own dictum. It has done less to cure insanity than to aggravate its paroxysms, as I am prepared to prove on the demand of any reputable

practitioner in the art of healing.

"An incident relating to double consciousness was related to me since our last conference. A gentleman I will call Mr. Amelee—that being very near his name—awoke one morning within the past year and found himself in a strange bed in an unfamiliar room, the furniture and fixtures of which were quite elegant, but the gentle-man was sure he had never seen any of them before. Where

was he? He hadn't the remotest idea, feeling sure he had gone to bed over night in his accustomed sleeping apartment at home. But now he heard the hum and roar of city traffic and hundreds of strange voices, whereas his residence was in a quiet suburb, far removed from the madding crowd, and there were many puzzling circumstances attendant.

"He arose and looked out upon the street, finding everything as strange as if he had been suddenly transported to

another planet. He saw

NOTHING FAMILIAR,

Nothing to remind him of any place with which he was acquainted. His clothing and valise were there, and he dressed, scanned the premises, concluded he was in a hotel, and descended to the office.

"Good morning, Mr Garland, said the clerk. 'I hope

you are well.

"Good morning,' replied Amelee. 'But you have mis-taken the person. My name is not Garland.'

"'Indeed! What is it, then? You are registered as John G. Garland, and have been more than two weeks under that name. Is it an alias?"

"The question was embarrassing, for Amelee is a gentleman and despises subterfuge. He showed his con-fusion painfully, and this put no better phase upon the

"'I do not know how to explain,' he answered, 'for I am completely at sea. I have been here more than two weeks, you say? Please let me see if there is a mistake in the register, for I think I spent the day yesterday at my business at home."
"The original entry was found, and there it was, plainly

written, 'John G. Garland, Pittsburg, Room 47,' with the

date against it.

"Where am I? In what city?' asked Amelee

"In New Orleans, at the St. A- Hotel. here sick, but our doctor soon bad you all right, and during the past ten days you have seemed to enjoy life with the best of them. Have you been doing this unconsciously?" 'To the best of my knowledge and belief I have, if at

all, but can realize nothing you say. Let me think.'
"He sat apart in deep study for an hour, yet nothing came to him but a faint recollection of the man whose name he had assumed, who was an old man when Amelee was a boy, and appeared to him as a very disagreeable person. Finally he asked the clerk:

"' How have I deported myself while here?

"'Very well, sir; in a gentlemanly style constantly, but, if you will excuse the word, I may add that sometimes you have been a trifle autocratic, insisting upon trifles as if they were matters of tremendous moment.

"This announcement let a ray of light into the puzzled brain of Amelee. 'Autocratic' was the word he had heard his father apply to Garland more than 30 years ago, but why was he. Amelee, now seeking to impersonate the man he and his family once almost hated on account of his overbearing ways? And what interest could be newly awakened in him for this man, who for a quarter of a century had slumbered in death, forgotten by all but his most intimate relatives, and by them never really loved? Many questions arose in the man's mind, all equally unsolvable and embarrassing, and he discovered himself in a painful quandary. He found the current date nearly a month ahead of his calculations-an interim of which he had no remembrance—and he must have incurred a fearful bill at the hotel. This was an impression he did not like, but he acted immediately upon its suggestion. Stepping up to the desk he asked:

What is the amount of my bill?"

"Nothing, sir, unless you wish to pay, as usually you have, a day or two in advance. Your breakfast and dinner

for to-day were covered by yesterday's payment."
"Puzzle upon puzzle! He, James Amelee, had never been in the habit of paying hotel bills in that way. Going back to his room, he counted his cash and found it abundant. Then his mind recurred to his family, his wife and children. Of course, they had no idea as to his whereabouts, and he lost no time in wiring them a message, well repaid by a joyful response. For many days the man had been referred to as another

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE,

And his friends had become convinced that he had been toully dealt with. He was 1,500 miles from home, with-

out the shadow of an excuse for the distance that intervened between himself and his loved ones. How was he to explain the situation to them? He lost no time in starting for home, where he arrived in good health and

met a cordial welcome.

"The matter of his aberration troubled his mind, and in a few days after his return he called upon his family physician and told him all the story of which he was cog nizant. The man of medicine was also a man of sense, and he felt very promptly that psychic points of unusual interest were involved in the case. The personation of Garland by Amelee was a curious feature to the physician, he having known the former very intimately; and there were peculiarities in such of Amelee's acts as were reported from his aberrated condition that were prominent characteristics of Garland, deceased, although the two men were as unlike as winter and summer. It was a subject worthy of study. Luckily the physician had become much interested in hypnotism, and he resolved to use this agent in investigation of the case. He found Amelee an easy subject, but several trances became necessary before the man was immersed in a slumber productive of the hoped-for result. At length Amelee became Garland to all intents and purposes, and then he told of his recent journey to New Orleans, prefacing it with an account of how easily he (Garland) took possession of Amelee's body, having driven out the mortal spirit and substituted his Then cash was drawn from the bank on Amelee's check, under the impulse of the obsessing spirit, and the trip made via Atlanta and Mobile, at each of which points a gay time was enjoyed with wine and its poetic accompaniments. The same kind of orgies were continued at New Orleans till Garland tired of the sport, whereupon be deserted the body he had possessed temporarily and allowed the proper spirit to re-enter. Such is the account in brief, but many details were given of vices practiced, of a kind for which John G. Garland was notorious when in earth life, but to James Amelee they were specially repulsive Yet the man in his secondary condition used words like these:

". It was a capital joke on that Puritan, Jim Amelee, to get him drunk, make him familiar with that thing be calls vice, bring him into actual contact with gay women, and witness his antics after a season of tony refreshment. He was always a fool, like his father before him, imagining everything as vicious that gave pleasure to men and women, and everything virtuous that forced self-denial. Old Amelee wouldn't take even a dose of pills on Sunday for fear his internal state would impel them to 'work' but I worked the son through all the days, nights and Sundays he was in my care, and we had a good time, like high-bred, reasonable gentlemen. It did him a world of

good.'
"The physician was astounded to hear such words from the physician was astounded to hear such words from the man so him, who apparently was none other than the man so mercilessly derided, and it occurred to him to propound

some questions. He asked: "'Who are you?

"John G. Garland, of course. Why, Doc B. you know me well. Once I was Young Jack Garland before you were born, but I knew your father then and well remem-bered when he married Nancy Fillmore, one of the nicest bered when he married Nancy Fillmore, one of the nicest and prettiest girls in the place. In your day the boys made a play with my name and called me Old Jack Around-My-Hat—for short, I suppose—but you were never guilty of such rudeness. Your father was a gentleman, but I couldn't help hating old Jim Amelee, and knew I could get even with him by playing a joke on his dear prim boy

"'You come here as the spirit of John Garland then?"
"'I suppose that is the truth, but I feel just as real as

ever."
Why do you occupy Mr. Amelee's body?"
"'So that I may have the use of lungs and a talking machine that will make my words understood by you.
The speaking arrangement they gave me in the other place is not equal to this service, and there is no trouble place in the place at any time. He's a milksop, and in using Jim Amelee at any time. He's a milksop, and

"" What do you mean when you say 'the other place?"
"' I scarcely know. Saints and sinners are all together in a country which seems boundless, where they do about as they please in most things, some having larger liberties and a better light than others for reasons I do not understand."

" Referring to your own situation, do you have all the

light and liberties you want?'

"'No!' in a loud, sharp tone; 'by no means, and not half what I'm entitled to. My light is poor and my freedom hampered in many ways, while old Ed Blake, a low cuss who had to be buried by the city, goes strutting about in a perfect blaze of glory, and has everything just to his notion.

"'I remember Blake. He was an honest man, too true to his principles to become rich at anything within limit of his capacity, and he ought to be rewarded for patient endurance and all its cognate virtues. But you have met others in our circle of acquaintance, and among them, I presume, the elder Amelee. How is he situated?

"'Oh, he's in clover, too, reaping the reward of the righteous man, as the saying is. The same sneaking Puritan all the time, but carrying a headlight that would

dazzle your eyes.

HE NEVER SEES ME.

"'Don't you see! How is that! He wouldn't snub an d friend. You see him readily?"

old friend.

"Too much so; but I must explain. Old Jim, as I am told, can see only those who have a light as fine, or finer, as his. He can see none below his rank, but everybody above him, and the same is true of us poor devils in the gloaming. I see more than I enjoy, but the fellows in old Amelee's rank have a jolly time every moment. The best sport I can get is from mortals.

"Can you visit the earth whenever you please?"

"'Visit! I cannot swear that Iv'e ever left the earth at all, for most of the time I'm in the same places, and see the same people as of old, and I'm compelled to do over and over the same disagreeable things I did when a mortal. The main difference in my case is this: I cannot command any genuine sport unless I am able to surprise some mortal, drive his spirit away and take possession of his organism, and young Amelee is the first I have found who would succumb to my approaches. Iv'e got him sure

"'You think so? Perhaps he will not always yield so

readily.'
"'Will you try to prevent him?' in an angry tone.

"'I will think of it.'
"'I will think of it.'
"'I will that be all. It will be to your advantage to hold out of such a game. It will be to your advantage to

"This was sufficient for one deep trance, and Amelee as recalled to his normal state. When told what had was recalled to his normal state. occurred he was astounded, and needed many assurances to challenge his belief. At length he saw the reasonable-ness of the claim, and promised to be guided in additional investigation through similar means. Many times Gar-land tried to take him captive in the good doctor's ab-sence, but, having been warned against these attempts, sence, but, having been warned against these attempts, he successfully repelled them. False impressions and unworthy suggestions were smuggled into his mind, but he suspected their source in time to escape ensnaring influences. Meanwhile trances were frequent under the physician's charge, and it was always Garland who controlled the secondary condition. He became decidedly unamiable when he learned that he could not approach his alter ego without Dr. B.'s permission, and even threatened personal chastisement of the healer unless the interdiction were appulled. diction were annulled.

"'Why do you seek to make a hell for me?' he asked on one occasion. 'Really this man is mine as much as any invention is the patentee's, for I discovered his uses; and when after years of toil I have found a way to my favorite pastimes, you step in and cause a ruction. I will not submit without a desperate fight, and it may as well begin new Here's for you.'

mit without a desperate fight, and it may as well begin now. Here's for you.'

"He stepped forward with fists poised for assault and defense, but only two steps were taken. By a tremendous exercise of will the doctor held him rigid for a moment, then by the same power threw him upon the floor and there held him captive, howling with rage, till he was exhausted. He begged piteously for release. It was offered him in return for a solemn pledge that never agon would he approach Amelee unless the physician was present. No, he would give no such pledge, and the howlings were resumed. Directly the doctor fancied two voices instead of one proceeded from the prostrate man, and this phenomenon was immediately reduced to a certainty. He heard Amelee's natural voice, requesting the release of

the power that was giving him intense pain, apparently tearing him in pieces. Then the gruff tones of Garland

answered:

"'Not on any terms till you're dead and in hell with me.'
"A horrible wail came from Amelee. 'He's killing me—oh! oh!' was its final clause. The physician saw but one course—to awaken the subject, and this he did, none too soon. The man was in a pitiable state, and complained of agonizing sensations in the head. He was sick for several days, and after recovery was strongly averse to more trances. They were induced, however, as the only apparent means of benefit to him, but never again did the spirit of Garland visit him. Many beneficent spirits occupied his organism from time to time, and they brought healing and peace."

A CLAIRVOYANT VISION.

When visiting a sick relative a few days ago I was about to return home when I was strongly impressed to stay a little longer, which I did. I then noticed that my niece was going to sleep, and I saw standing on one side of her bed a tall male spirit who was making, as it were, cuts with both his hands, the thumbs uppermost, and the little fingers turned down towards the sick person's body, the palms of the spirit's hands being opposite each other and a few inches apart.

On the other side of the bed stood a female spirit who directed the palms of her hands towards the body of my niece, and moved them up and down as if fanning something towards her, while the male spirit made passes across her body, from side to side, and then from the head

to the feet.

The two spirits then retired, and I saw a gray mist forming round her head which gathered together at the top of the head and assumed a form in shape and size like an ostrich egg. It then elongated and went away like the ascent of a kite, but I could not see its connection with her sleeping body. As it rose, however, it assumed the form of a child four or five years of age, in a white dress resembling a night dress. I followed the form as far as I could see, and then returned to my normal state.

My niece was still sleeping, but soon awoke, when I asked her if she had slept. She said, "Yes, and I have dreamed I have been somewhere." I said, "Can you describe what you have seen?" She said, "I cannot remem-

ber anything, but I have been somewhere."

She awoke with a deep sigh and seemed better for a time. One peculiar point is, that as the form of what appeared to be a child ascended, I could not discern any features, but the general outline of the form was very distinct .- ALFRED PEACOCK, in Light.

DELUDED MILLIONS.

It may be affirmed the number of those that have been slaughtered by their fellow creatures exceeds the number of all the inhabitants that ever were at one time living upon the face of the earth; yet very few of this infinite number thus untimely slain were ever masters of the grounds of the disputes for which they suffered, or the true reason of their being led to the battle; the truth, with much artifice, being kept from all but what were parties to the design resolved on.

What deluded wretches, then, have a great part of man-kind been, who have either yielded themselves to be slain for causes which, if truly known, their hearts would abhor, or been the bloody executioners of other men's ambition! It is a hard fate to be slain for what a man should never willingly fight; yet few soldiers have laid themselves down in the bed of honor under better circumstances

SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

There is no problem that belongs to our time which we cannot solve.

But we must work on the line of principle, and not of precedent; power does not come through policy and compromise.

We cannot build in the external till we have fashioned the architecture first in mind.



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Only Activity is Feared.

It has been wisely said that "any cause which is being persecuted must be doing something." Of course nobody cares for a sleepy reformer, but when one goes to work to do something, then the screws must be put on, and persecution will instantly commence.

So far, Spiritualists seem to have been asleep. They have accomplished but little. They have been disputing concerning trifles—"disagreeing about nothings," and as a result the world has cared but little for them, because of their little influence.

Now, let all who believe in the higher truths join together for work, sink all their differences of opinion and labor for the good of the Cause. Leave the few who will "wallow in the mire" to do so, until they progress to a higher state; for we must not wait any longer on such, and fritter away our energies on disputations and bickerings.

The ending of a great cycle or era of time, is just about to occur—"the night is far spent; the day is at hand." In the dawning of the day, Spirits have been arresting attention, "by signs and wonders," by phenomena and philosophy given to the world.

The bright sun of the coming day of the New Era will soon arise, in all its glory, dispelling the darkness of the past night and ushering in the day of spirit power, spirit dominion, and eternal progression.

If we are worthy of our "high calling" we must show it by our works, placing our feet solidly upon the step of advancement just before us, and join in the work laid out by the hosts from the other shore, as saviors of the race, bearing the "good tidings" to those in darkness and help to lift them up to the higher life.

While doing this, expect the hinderances which come from those who "hang back," because of being lukewarm and filled with apathy! Expect the "scoffing" of the barnacles who fraudulently wear the livery of the angels in order to deceive the unwary, and to make merchandise of "the counterfeit" of the heavenly gift of mediumship! Expect the persecution of those whose interests are centered in the creedal systems of the world. for they want nothing higher than the sacerdotal robes of priesteraft, with their power of enslaving the people! Expect the martyrdom which comes from the oppressors' power, enforced as "Church and State" discipline, to crush out truth and justice, . and perpetuate inhumanity cruelty.

Reader, are you willing to brave the storm, and bear your part of the work to inaugurate the day of deliverance? Then, be courageous. Recognize the good within your personality and help the angels to rescue the world.

Discord and Contention.

Inharmony is the bane of Spiritualism. Light, of London, England, lately contained a parable which we cordially commend to Spiritualists everywhere. It says: " At a late meeting of the 'Spiritualist Alliance,' the words 'discord' and 'disunion' were heard, not with relation to the Alliance or to its meetings, but as descriptive of the tone and policy of some Spiritualists. We do not comprehend it. There ought to be no possibility of anything of the kind: and there would not be if, in addition to holding spiritual ideas, spiritual ideas held us. Besides, we all mean the same thing, though we tell it and try to work it out in different ways. Here is a parable. 'He that hath ears to hear, let him hear:'"

Four travellers (a Turk, an Arab, a Persian and a Greek) having met together, decided to take their meal in common; and as each had but ten paras, they consulted together as to what should be purchased with the money. The first said "Uzum," the second "Ineb," the third decided in favor of "Inghur," and the fourth insisted upon "Stafilion." On this, a dispute arose between them, and they were about to come to blows, when a traveller, passing by, happened to know all four of their tongues, and brought them a basket of grapes. They now found out, greatly to their astonishment, that each one had what he desired.

Almost all the disputes among us, are as absurd as that about the grapes, and the result of not understanding one another. It is fully time to call a halt, stop all such ridiculous foolishness, and labor together in harmony.

Intercommunication.

Dr. R. Heber Newton, in a sermon delivered from his pulpit April 11, 1897, says that Spiritualism is the ancient Christian faith revived. He said:

It is a fact concerning Spiritualism that through it the conviction of the life to come is taking a new hold of man's mind and heart. Myriads of men are to-day rejoicing in a firm and positive conviction of the reality of the life to come who but for this movement would have been left in the doubt which overshadows vast masses of men to-day. This faith has become so vital that it renews the early Christian joy in the' presence of death. Instead of impugning the sources of this renewed faith, let orthodoxy make more real to those who abide within its folds this ancient, fundamental and vital faith of men. It is not merely that men have become convinced that there is a life beyond the grave, but they have become con-vinced that that life is near to us in the flesh, and that at proper times and under proper conditions it is pos-sible that there should be intercommunication between the two spheres. A deep hunger of the human soul this, which finds manifestation in the most pathetic experiences our earth records.

We Obtain more new subscribers through the kind efforts of our readers than from any other source. The reason is because they know the value of the Journal and its aid in unfolding the truths of Spiritualism, and in preparing the mind to receive them. We therefore request those who do not keep a file of the Journal, to mark articles which seem to be appropriate, and then mail them to friends, to do missionary work.

Events for this Year.

In a vision, Mrs. N. M. Smith saw great activities at work with accompanying spirit power, for 1897. It being not the normal spirit work, but that of "special endeavor." In an exchange she says:

Strong and determined spirits are panoplied for the work. In distant places, in isolated homes, the light will burst out where no mortal has been to tell of its coming. Lips will sing that never sang before; cures will be performed with no human agency; music will be heard with no instrument in sight. The spirit of truth will walk abroad as never before since the morning stars sang together. The gods of olden times have fitted themselves for this great work. Spirits who have spoken the sacred language of the spheres till they have forgotten their mother tongue, have been learning a modern one to aid their work. They tarry not nor waste their energy. If one instrument fails, quickly they test another. They themselves have found the key to untold mysteries, and the treasurers they gather are for those who watch and wait.

Spiritualist Until the End.

The Spiritual Medium makes some suggestions which we believe are "good and timely," and we here present them to our readers. It says:

We do not know how a better and more effective work can be done in the interests of Spiritualism than for each Spiritualist Society to organize a band of workers from among the progressive Spiritualists in their ranks—a committee whose duty it shall be to prevent members of the main society and Spiritualists generally from falling into the hands of the preachers at the hour of dissolution.

Too often Spiritualists give way to the persuasions of their friends and members of the family who are not in the light, follow the old nonsensical form of "mourning" and wind up the proceedings by calling in an orthodox minister to preach a funeral discourse over the remains of their loved one gone before. If there is any place in all the world where an orthodox sermon is out of place it is at a funeral service. Think of a discourse on death at a time when the freed spirit has entered into a higher life!

While Spiritualists know that death is but a birth and that a funeral service is an occasion for music instead of mourning, flowers instead of gloom, they are unable to carry out their desires by reason of the tremendous opposition that is brought to bear in favor of established customs. Let each society have a committee whose duty it shall be to step to the front at these times and conduct the services as the arisen one would desire that it should be done.

Flesh Eating; the testimony of science against it, and the Coming Revolution in Diet, etc., are pamphlets issued by Sidney H. Beard, (The Beacon) Ilfracombe, England, copies of which are on our desk. They advocate vegetarianism, and show quite conclusively that meat eating is not only unnecessary for man, but that it is injurious.

Secretaries of societies are requested to order copies of the Journal to place on sale at their meetings, with other Spiritualist papers, and are authorized to receive subscriptions for the Journal. Brief reports of anything of interest are solicited in every locality.

A sample copy sent to anyone, is an invitation to become a subscriber for the JOURNAL, which only costs two cents a week—one dollar a year.

Sign your name to every communication intended for publication in the Journal. We have lately received several communications, not signed. Such are only fit for the waste-basket. If called in question, we should have no one to hold responsible for the opinions expressed. It is not necessary to publish the name, if not desired, but we must have it for reference.

The Babe Will must be defended. It means the saving of an estate to Spiritualism, and establishes a precedent before the courts of the land. Surely every Spiritualist wishes to see justice done. Will they not give at least one dollar each to fight for its legal rights? Let every one send a donation to the National Secretary for that purpose. Address Francis B. Woodbury, 600 Penn. Ave. S. E. Washington, D. C.

The Savants, philosophers and psychical researchers of Europe and America have for many years found much fault with Spiritualists because of their lack of perspicacity or exactitude in the investigation of occult and spiritual phenomena. This criticism is best answered in the words of John Page Hopps, who said: "If we poor Spiritualists have been so careless, foolish and blind, we at any rate have stumbled across the truth." A very wise observation truly, when it is considered that these same criticare constantly confirming these facts

which Spiritualists have in the main long gone over.—The Medium.

Hundreds of subscribers are now in arrears. Will they please remember that the JOURNAL needs every dollar due to it, and send on the dollars at once?

Hypnotizing by telephone appears to be the latest fad. Douglas M.Reese was hypnotized by Prof. S. A. Lee at Chillicothe, O., and buried for 48 hours. At the end of that time he was awakened in the presence of thousands of people. Lee then came to Columbus and successfully hypnotized Samuel Story, of Chillicothe, by telephone.—Light of Truth.

State the address from which it is desired to change, as well as the one to which the JOURNAL is in future to be sent. We can find it in no other way, as there are often several persons on our list of the same name. It is a good plan to enclose the old wrapper label, to make sure of correctness.

Mr. W. T. Jones, a well-known Spiritualist and worker in the Cause, is now engaged as a general agent for the Journal, and hopes to augment its subscription and advertising patronage. Let Spiritualists give him all the encouragement they can, by preparing a list of their friends who should take the Journal, and either give it to him or send it to this office. He will call upon them, if within range; or if not, we will send them sample copies.

Efforts are being made by the Spiritualists to purchase the property at Hydesville, N. Y., where the original rappings were heard, and preserve it for the use of the oncoming era.

The Temple is the title of a new monthly magazine, published by the Temple Publishing Co., Denver, Colo. It is devoted to the fuller unfoldment of the divinity of humanity—is artistically printed, and each number makes a neat little brochure in itself. A lecture by Paul Tyner on "Bodily Immortality," comprises the contents of the first number. The motto of this magazine is, "Ye are the temple of the living God." Sample copy, 10c.

Pestage Stamps may be sent to this office for fractions of a dollar.

Spiritualist News.

In this department may be found the cream of the current Spiritualist news of the day, culled from every available source.

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

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

Mrs. Maude Lord Drake is in the City and gave tests at 909 Market street, last Sunday.

The State Camp-Meeting Association of Kansas will hold the annual Camp in Island Park, Winfield, Kansas, from July 10th to 26th.

The Illinois Spiritualist Convention which was to be held in Chicago this week is postponed until a later timedate not yet fixed.

Mrs. Maude L. von Freitag gave another of her ballot-test seances at Scottish Hall, San Francisco, last Sunday. She will only give two more seances in San Francisco: her engagement closing on June 27.

Mrs. Clara Watson sailed for England, June 2. Friends wishing to write to her will address as follows:
Mrs. Clara Watson, 8 Ashburnam
Terrace, Southwood Road, S. Lawrence, Ramsgate, Kent County, Eng.

The Board of Directors of the Society of Progressive Spiritualists of San Francisco made Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson, an honorary member that Society, in consideration of the valuable services rendered by her to the Cause of Spiritualism.

Dr. Wm. P. Haworth writes: "I am permanently settled in Santa Cruz county, and hope to be able to do something for the cause of truth in these mountains. I have a beautiful fruit-ranch home, and feel very much as though I was settling down for life among the naturally pleasant surroundings of sea and mountains, fruits and flowers."

The Children's Progressive Lyceum had a "Poverty Party" on Friday of last week, and the variety and style of the old clothes worn were decidedly funny. One of the interesting features of the entertainment was the re-marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. I. Drew. On July 2nd, the Lyceum will give a patriotic entertainment and dance at 909 Market St. These socials are held regularly on the first Friday of each month, and are very enjoyable.

Prof. J. Madison Allen, Pres. Mis-Prof. J. Madison Allen, Pres. Missouri Camp Association, Sec. Missouri State Association, State Agent N. S. A., will speak at Ottawa, Kas. Camp in July and visit other Kansas points while in the State. Address during July, Ottawa, Kas., care Etta Sample. Mr. and Mrs. Allen will visit the Atlantic or Pacific coast, or Gulf States, the coming Autumn, and they States, the coming Autumn, and they invite correspondence with societies for engagements as inspirational trance speakers, and test mediums. The Prof. is author of several valuable

works, is a fine musical improviser and composer, and his wife gives superior poetical improvisations from subjects offered. General addre 1004 Chase street, Springfield, Mo. address.

California Camp-Meeting.

The attendance has been fair during the afternoons of the past week. On Sundays the audiences were large.

Last Sunday, Dr. Savartha gave an interesting lecture in the morning. Mrs. R. S. Lillie gave grand inspirational lectures in the afternoon and evening, and Mrs. Maude L. Freitag and Mrs. D. N. Place gave excellent tests.

The program for the week includes lectures in each afternoon, and tests in the evening, with conferences each morning. Next Sunday's program is not yet announced.

Mrs. F. A. Logan writes thus about Saturday's meetings:

"We had an enjoyable time last Saturday-being the old workers day, to relate some experiences. J. S. Loveland the President of the Camp, who is now in his 80th year, stepped from the ministry onto the first Spiritual platform in America, and was carried by his inspirations and an enthusiastic liberal-minded people, who sustained him for several years in the same place, rendering his pathway smooth compared with some others.

"Some had been persecuted because of their enlarged views and spiritual perceptions until forbearance ceased to be a virtue, (a refining process to purify the gold from the dross) and they started unaided and alone, some by heavenly powers, and traversed thousands of miles (and much farther in their sympathies) to alleviate the sufferings of mind and body of the oppressed. How well or how imperfectly they accomplished their mission will be known only in the illimitable realm of the home to which these standard bearers are hastening.

Suffice it to say that all who participated in these conferences enough to talk about in the time allotted, without alluding to the foibles and failings of others.

"In conclusion I would, in behalf of our cause and the Camp Association living the control of the con

tion, invite all my friends, and the people generally to Trestle Glen, between this and the 27th, or at the close of the camp-meeting to come and have a feast of reason and flow of soul."

Illinois Camp-Meeting.

The Illinois Camp and Summer Resort Association hold their first annual meeting at the Fair and Driving Park, Peoria, Ill., July 15 to Sep. 1st, 1897, under the auspices of the First Spiritualist Church of Peoria, Ill.

Ten of the best speakers and recommended.

Spiritualist Church of Peoria, III.

Ten of the best speakers and mediums in the United States have been engaged for this meeting.

Railroad certificates for 1½ fare can be obtained. Write for particulars to the Secretary, Rev. C. T. H. Benton, 312 Fayette street, Peoria, III.

Mass Meeting in Maine.

Its object is to form a better protection to mediums and a healthier development of the Cause. Mrs. Viola A. B. Rand special, agent of the National Association, writes:

The time is ripe and we urge every Spiritualist in Maine to help in this good work by being present at Augusta, Maine, on June 26-27, 1897. Assure us of sympathy and support in this work for our beloved Cause

Pres. H. D. Barrett has promised to be there to preside. Dr. George A. Fuller and Mrs. Nettie Holt Hardinge, of Boston, Mass., with our own speakers and test mediums will give a splendid array of talent.

We know not how long before the enemy will attack our mediums and must prepare to act now. That iniquitous "Doctor's Bill" is only resting for a new onslaugh, and we must be ready to meet it.

All Spiritualists are earnestly requested and cordially invited to be present and all Societies are requested

to send delegates.

Northern Camp.

A new Spiritualist camp-meeting will be held at Brainerd, Minn., beginning Aug. 1st and closing Aug. 16th. lasting over three Sundays. The Camp is under the direction and supervision of able Northern workers, and will be held at the Supervision. and will be held at the Summer resort of James Wilmer Holmes, on the banks of the beautiful Gilbert Lake. Prominent talent has been employed, and all good mediums are invited.

Come to the Northern Cassadaga Camp and enjoy the cool, refreshing breezes from the lake, spend a pleasant and profitable season of recreation, study the truths of Spiritualism, and meet the co-workers along lines for the uplifting of humanity.

Brainerd is a city of about 15,000 inhabitants, situated in the heart of a Jack pine forest, on the Northern Pacific, midway between Duluth and Fargo. The location of the Camp and the lake are accessable by street cars.
The meetings will be held in the pine grove or in a spacious boat house on the banks of the beautiful lake. Ad-

Persons visiting the Camp can be accommodated in the city at almost any price they wish to pay. The mediums can have their locations in the city, which will be daily bulletined from the meetings at the lake.

Those who desire to bring tents will have ground rent feet. Lunch and confectionary stands on the grounds.

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Everything will be done for the comfort and enjoyment of those attending. Committees will meet all incoming trains. Everybody invited. Persons contemplating attending the Camp should address for particulars.

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The Reviewer.

The Library of Health, edited by Charles Brodie Patterson, is published monthly, at 19 West 31st St., New York, at \$1.00 a year, and is devoted to the practical application of Metaphysical Principles to mental and physical harmony. The subjects of the first six numbers are:

The Spiritual Science of Life, Self-Control, Power of the Will, Faith and Works, Mental Causes of Physical Disease, The Giving of Mental Treatments.

Ethical Addresses, published monthly by S. Burns Weston, 1305 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. Yearly, S1.

The March number contains an address by Felix Adler on "How far does the Ethical Society take the place of the Church?" The April number is, "What to believe? An Ethical Creed," by W. N. Sheldon.

The frontispiece of Intelligence for June, 1897, is an excellent portrait of Mr. Whipple, founder of the Metaphysical Magazine, editor of Intelligence, and president of the Metaphysical Publishing Company. This number contains 80 pages, including Essays, Poetry, Fiction, Psychic experiences and scientific information. 10 cents. \$1 a year. Metaphysical Publishing Co., 503 Fifth avenue, N. Y.

"The Queen's Empire—A Retrospect of Sixty Years," by W. T. Stead, in the June Review of Reviews, throws many side-lights on the remarkable growth of the British Empire since Victoria ascended the throne.—13 Astor Place, New York.

The June number of The Monthly Homiletic Review contains articles from Dean Farrar, of Canterbury, Jesse B. Thomas, of Newton Theological Seminary, Prof. T. W. Hunt, of Princeton University, Archdeacon Sinclair, of London, and others. 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$3.00 a year.

A portrait of Pythagoras, reproduced from an ancient cameo, forms the frontispiece of the June number of the Chicago Open Court. The main article is on "The Life of Pythagoras," by Prof. Moritz Cantor, of Heidelberg, Germany, the great mathematical historian.

A thought wave is desired to be sent to all patriots on June 27, from noon to 1 p. m., and on the 27th of every succeeding month—that wars may cease and freedom prevail everywhere; that suffering millions may be employed and suffering and want known no more.



Skeptics and the Spirit World.

TO THE EDITOR:

It is written that "the apprehension of man is exceedingly small." Many of the persons at this day, to whom the interiors are closed, know nothing of those things which exist in the spiritual world: they say indeed from the Word and from doctrine, that there is a spiritual world, and that spirits who are there are in joy and glory, but they know nothing besides. They wish indeed to know more, but when told, they still believe nothing, by reason that in their hearts they deny the existence of things; when they wish to know, it is only through curiosity: they are not in faith, denying also in heart.

The Great Dawn is breaking, and that dawn is Modern Spiritualism, the divine benefactor of the race of man.

G. Diurun Young.

At Saticoy.

TO THE EDITOR:

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, I had an errand away from home in connection with a local paper. Being detained over night, I had my third opportunity to witness my nightly spirit visitor, amid strange surroundings.

Having been assigned my room before 8 p. m., I sat writing till near the hour of 9. Upon retiring, soon after the light was extinguished, and as I cast my eye in the same direction from my pillow that I had always done at home, to my great joy the spirit light appeared very promptly and quite normal. This was to me a promise that conditions may be carried with me, so to speak, in all my wanderings. That night the light slowly rose, almost to the ceiling, varying just enough to the left as it ascended, to reach a point directly opposite my head and above my feet. There it stopped and lingered at least 20 seconds, giving me time to reflect as to what it would like to say. This particular motion was just a little different from any that had ever preceded it—one more demonstration of the absolute fact of intelligence and voluntary action upon the part of the presence.

My joy at this vivid exhibition of the presence of angel friends to cheer me, could only be expressed in whispered exclamations of blessing, and calmed by tears of sweet relief. I mingle with the busy world during the day: I meet with no companionship except at night.

After the light had thus lingered in that high position, it moved very slowly in a straight line toward my pillow, the motion being slower and slower, and the light growing brighter till it came to my left shoulder, when

the motion became barely discernable, the light being still more intense and apparently more dense in substance, when it became so slow that only the closest watching could detect any motion whatever. It kept proceeding thus till it rested fairly on my left shoulder. I had actually raised the cover (very gently) for its accommodation. Here, resting on my shoulder, as it had done many times before, it gradually vanished. The whole time occupied must have been five minutes or more—certainly longer than ever before.

Thos. H. B. Cotton. Ventura, Cal.

National City News.

TO THE EDITOR:

This being memorial day, May 30, we met not to mourn for, but to commune with our fallen heroes. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers and the attendance unusually large. Miss Dimic, Vice-President, presided. Miss Smith furnished instrumental music which harmonized and pleased the audience.

Mrs. Mullen, Dr. Longshore, Mrs. Morrill and a number of other mediums were present to voice the sentiments of the spirit world and bear messages to the many veterans that were in attendance. There seems to be a growing interest in our work here, and we hope soon to join the National Association. XRAY.

Henry Altemus, of Philadelphia, Pa., will inaugurate, July 1, a new departure in book publishing. He will issue under the title of "Altemus' American Series," a line of books by American authors at the unprecedentedly low retail price of 30 cents each. These books will equal those ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

The initial volume will be John Habberton's latest and best book, "Trif and Trixy: A Story of a Dreadfully Delightful Little Girl and Her Adoring but tormented Parents, Relations and Friends." This is the most delightful story John Habberton has yet written, and its appearance will create the same furore that followed the publication of "Helen's Babies"—which made him famous.

Additional volumes, by talented and popular American writers, now in preparation, will be issued as early as practicable.

The JOURNAL desires to secure a good agent in every Spiritualist Society in California.

** "The Philosophy of Spirit," by Hudson Tuttle is a fine explanation of life in the spirit world. For sale at this office for \$1.00.

Spiritualism Common Sense.

Bro. J. J. Morse, in a late lecture at Blackpool, England, on the above subject, remarked as follows, as reported in the Blackpool Echo:

He said that Spiritualism was preeminently a gospel of common sense for common-sense people; although sometimes men were supposed to have lost their mental balance through coming into contact with Spiritual-ism. They were charged with being irreligious, but if a man left off going to church and chapel, and attended Spiritualist meetings instead, it was a matter of common sense that he found more religion there. On lines of common sense they argued that if man was immortal, he continued to exist as a living, growing soul, and consequently they were asked for evidence, even by religious people.

But what about the apparitions, which, according to the Bible, have appeared at various periods to men? But of course, that was Sacred Writ and was all right. But if a Spiritualist claimed to have seen a spirit, he was all wrong. Yet if it was impossible to see spirits to-day, how could they be sure that spirits were seen

two thousand years ago?

If a man dies shall he live again?

Skeptics deny it, and endeavor from nature and science to prove it. The ology affirms it, but makes no attempt to demonstrate it. But Spiritualists possessed the only present-day demonstrations of the continuity of individual existence. If they had been able to prove the continued existence of one human soul, they had done more for the hope of immortality than all the theologies that ever existed. And they had not only one fact but millions.

Spiritualists believe in worshipping God by obeying and living in harmony with his laws. Their preachers were the spirits. As there were seers and prophets in olden times, so in this; and as the source of ancient inspira-tion was the spiritual world, so the source of our modern inspiration is in that world. And who were so likely to best teach the people in this world how to live and prepare for the next life as those who are already living it? Theology could only regain its ascendency over man by adopting Spiritualism, and proving the foundation on which itself rests. They had knocked the bottom out of hell, and given the devil a perpetual holiday.

When you are convinced that a paper is dishonest and deceitful, says the Springfield, Mass., Republican, stop it. When convinced that it is unclean, stop it. When it lacks enterprise and fails to give you the news, stop it. But don't stop a paper that you believe to be honest, courageous, enterprising and clean, simply because you believe to be honest, courageous, enterprising and clean, simply because its editor has written his own sincere views instead of yours or somebody else's; for if you do, you are putting a premium on insincere journalism and serving notice on an editor that the way to succeed is to write what he thinks will best please his readers instead of what he honestly believes to be the truth.

There is more Catarrh in this section of There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proved catarrh to be a constitutreatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proved catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore, requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co, Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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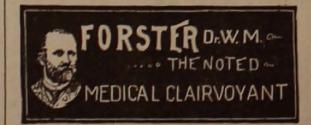
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