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## ADDIE L. BALLOU.

The life and honored career of Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, artist, orator, writer and notary public, of San Francisco, is a representative type of self-made women of the West. Born on the Western Reserve in Northern Ohio, during the exciting days of Anti-Slavery agitation, of parents devoted to the abolishing of slavery and other humanitarian reforms, her inherent tendencies drifted her into advanced fields of thought and activity, identified with which from her earliest years, she is so well known throughout the United States and the Colonies as a forcible, eloquent and ready speaker and writer of both prose, verse, and as a philanthropist in reforms.

Mrs. Ballou is inordinately fond of young people, and has been identified with the Lyceum movement.

In answer to a call from California, this untiring worker came to this Coast in 1871. She is a superior artist, and her paintings are highly valued. She is just completing for the State, a life-like portrait of Ex-Gov. Markham. Her celebrated paintings of "Morning" and "Night" have quite a history; their perfection has not been questioned by the most severe critics.

Mrs. Ballou has been the champion of many reforms, and is now the honored president of the Woman's State Republican Club. She is a thorough Spiritualist,

and for years has from the platform eloquently expounded its grand philosophy.

When the National Republican

men of the convention, was the presence of two lady delegates; Miss Estelle Reel, who is Superintendent of Public Instruction



Mrs. ADDIE L. BALLOU, San Francisco, Cal.

League convened in Detroit, on July 13, 1897, a noticeable feature which not only evoked the compliments of the press, but the gracious courtesy of the gentle-

men of the State of Wyoming, and Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, of San Francisco, Cal.—and if judging from the respectful bearing of the gentlemen delegates toward

their lady conferees be any criterion of the good effects of their presence, it was eminently satisfactory, and, to use their own words, they "were proud of their lady delegates."

Had not a previous experience of many years in co-laboring among politicians have proven the fact that women with an earnest interest in political affairs may always find attentive consideration for the questions she has at heart, whenever she is endowed with the happy faculty of presenting them in a dignified and convincing manner, the considerate and courteous manner in which the resolution presented by her, and bearing on woman's suffrage, the action of the Detroit Convention would have been a pleasing revelation; and it will no doubt be gratifying to many of our readers to note that portion of the platform which reads "that we again commend to the Republican Clubs of the United States, as a matter of education, the question of granting suffrage to women"—passed by the unanimous consent of the whole and without a word of dissent.

Certain it is that there is much need of a general education on this vital question, and as soon as women can demonstrate that they are in line with all political issues, and ally themselves and remain faithful to the principles of a chosen party, and are factors in their work for a better government, they will be sought for their influence, and will no longer be required or expected to petition and wait for equal recognition.

This can only come through partisan affiliations and in the confidence which untiring zeal may inspire, and thus convince their voting brothers that they are not only to be depended on, but necessary to the party and cause with which they throw their influence, and once convinced that they know how to make judicious use of the ballot, the delay in obtaining it will be but brief.

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**Progress in Spain.**—*La Union Espiritista*, a Spiritualistic journal of Barcelona, Spain, in its July number makes a vigorous protest against the death penalty, reciting some recent horrors under present laws.

### Practical Uses of Spiritualism.

PROF. J. R. BUCHANAN.

The ability to hold communion with the departed has for many centuries been *denied* by colleges which defend their ignorance with more zeal than their real knowledge, and *forbidden* by churches which have abandoned the teachings even of their own scriptures.

It is the impulse of free thought among the people, in defiance of church and college, which has made spiritual communion possible, and if sought in the simplest practical manner, by beginning with the scientific practice of Psychometry, it will be found that there are millions who can hold communion with the departed.

The first effect of the communion will be the elevation of our minds to the calmer and purer sphere of those who are free from the depressing and misleading influences of earth-life, promoting refinement and kindness, bringing us nearer to just conceptions of religion, dismissing the thought of hell and the other pictures of theology, and paralyzing the authority of the priesthood in religion, and the colleges in humanitarian science.

It will be found that every physician who has reached the higher world is far better qualified to give advice to the sick than he was in earth-life. Hence if we can reach them they will emancipate us from the expensive and often erroneous dicta of those who rely solely on the theories of colleges, and show us how to manage the cases in which the gentlemen who rely on diplomas have failed.

It was over 40 years ago that I tested the medical ability of my friends in the better world, and found the superior ability of spiritual physicians.

On one occasion in my absence my wife had called in one of our college graduates and received a prescription for my son. But as our next neighbor was a good medium she was called in, and my brother-in-law in the spirit world, a good physician, gave his advice, which proved correct, and the medicine of the young doctor was discarded.

But this ability is not confined to physicians. A young woman in our kitchen had been disabled by a swelling at the ankle, and we had sent her more than once several miles for treatment at the hospital of our college faculty, with no apparent benefit. Mrs. Buchanan then called upon her spirit mother who had never studied medicine, and received a prescription entirely foreign to collegiate knowledge—an application of angelica—which promptly cured. Her mother also prescribed for my oldest son who had an anomalous pain in the heel, a remedy no physician would ever have thought of—a salve prepared from grapevine roots, which was successful.

Probably spiritual competition in this way will assist our materialistic doctors in outgrowing their college bigotry—but when bigotry is established in a college or a church, it is very long lived.

It will be found that our spirit friends see many things which are beyond our reach, and may be valuable counsellors in all important affairs as well as in health and religion.

There are some very fastidious Spiritualists who think that advice upon important business affairs is a departure from the proper use of Spiritualism. But our friends in the spirit world are guardians who are never indifferent to our welfare, and whose advice should not be neglected.

Of course their advice is, in health, in proportion to their ability; and those who have been wise, sagacious and honorable in their earth lives are still more valuable as friends when they are in a world of clearer vision than the earth life. Yet the tendency of our spirit friends is to look as much as possible on the bright side and give us encouragement. They do not always see the dark side as clearly as we do and they sometimes promise us too much.

I know a distinguished Spiritualist in New York who became wealthy and claimed that much of his success was due to a spirit guide who had in life been a successful merchant. If I had been seeking wealth through business I would not have failed to profit in that by spiritual advice, but

as my labors have been for the discovery of truth, my spirit friends have brought me much that may be a blessing to the world when I am gone, and I shall be willing in turn to become a helper to earnest truth-seekers when I reach the other side.

Psychometry in its best development is a counsellor, like the spirit world, and good psychometers often receive help from the departed. If Psychometry had been taken up and cultivated as advised in my writings it would have been a guide to individuals and nations in all the most important questions. One who has the true psychometric genius may be a blessing to all who seek wise advice and guidance, as Mrs. Buchanan in her life was to her friends. Since her departure I have been acquainted with none more skillful and wise in this department than Mrs. Mary T. Longley, M. D., of Los Angeles, who was for so many years at Boston, the oracle of the *Banner of Light*. Her perceptions have a wide range, and her counsels I have always found judicious. I doubt not there are or ought to be many others highly endowed, for psychometric and spiritual assistance is destined to assist the world's progress to higher conditions, and I have always found my psychometric students capable of entering into sympathy with the higher world.

San Jose, Cal.

#### What Has Spiritualism Done?

The following from the *Boston Investigator* will be read with interest. It replies to Col. Ingersoll's comments on an article on Spiritualism, from the *New York Sunday Journal*:

In answer to questions of a correspondent he says: "I do not know that any medium has given evidence of another life. Mediums have not added to the useful knowledge of the world; they have told us nothing about astronomy, geology or history; they have made no discoveries, no inventions, and enriched no art."

From these few words it is plain to the reader that the renowned orator is acquainted with but a fraction of the im-

mense volumes of normal and revealed lore which now fill the world of letters Spiritual. A better acquaintance with this fund of fact, of philosophy and of wisdom would have restrained him from making so unguarded a statement as this is.

He says "Spiritualism has told us nothing about astronomy." Not so fast, Colonel. Go slow. Please look in the face of a plethoric fact. Dr. J. W. Draper set forth a new idea in what he calls an inverse method of reasoning; that is, reasoning from effect to cause, instead of from cause to effect. In the year 1846 a young French astronomer, Leverrier, noticed certain unusual motions in the planet Uranus, one of the big outlying orbs of our system. He concluded therefrom that a celestial globe of considerable size must dwell in that neighborhood. It was out of the line of his own telescopic vision. He therefore wrote to Professor Galle in Berlin, requesting him to point his glass in one particular sky direction and to look for a new object. He did so on the very night of the day (Sep. 23) when he got the letter, and at once discovered the planet Neptune, a world several times larger than our earth.

Here were two discoverers. First Leverrier discovered the planet in theory; second, Galle discovered it in fact. But it so happened that there are two other antecedent discoverers of this renowned sphere. One was Prof. Adams of England, who sighted it and made a record of it six weeks prior to the work of Leverrier and Galle, but said nothing about it to the outside world. However, the fourth person to be mentioned, but the first and foremost in the field of scientific inquiry, was Mr. Andrew Jackson Davis, then of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Davis was a clairvoyant, a seer. While in this superior state, in the month of March, 1846, he saw, or was shown what proved to be the planet Neptune, hitherto unknown to astronomers. Here count one for Spiritualism. She captures the laurels over the heads of three scientists, and scores for herself a high-grade contribution to science and to human knowledge.

#### PROOF OF IMMORTALITY.

Our gifted friend asks, "Has Spiritualism offered any proof of the immortality of the soul?" Here the genial attorney treads upon insecure footing. "Immortality" is a term vaguely understood. A person or a soul who should live forever is thought to be immortal. But who has lived forever to come back and report? If not, then is not immortality a fable? Immortality is not a thing accomplished. It is an object forever in the process of being.

At the *Banner of Light* circle, I think, some years ago, my old preceptor of surgery, Professor Alden March of Albany (N. Y.) Medical College, presented himself with a message in which occur these words: "My appearance here at this circle is proof of immortality." He thought so, and this was his idea of it. At any rate his appearance and message were proof positive of continued human life and existence beyond the cold confines of earth.

The first news or knowledge which spirits, or Spiritualism if you will, conferred upon the human intellect was this: "We are your friends, once dwelling in the body like you, we peopled the earth." From this celestial and supreme intelligence this lower world was swift to conclude that there is no known terminus to human life.

Now Colonel, be honest, what do you call this? Is it not knowledge of a fact, or of a state of facts, conveyed from people of the upper world to people of this lower sphere? How else can you answer it in the affirmative? If that be so, then spirits or Spiritualists have really conferred that knowledge upon mankind. Deny this who can.

#### NO ATONEMENT OR SAVIOR.

On the heels of this thrilling report from the spirit world was the astounding announcement that "there is no savior, no atonement for man but in and of himself." Does this not lift a world-wide ecclesiastical incubus or "burden" from the shoulders of humanity? I think that it does, to the eternal credit of Spiritual factors.

Spiritualists may thank friend Ingersoll for one willing and

good-intentioned expression. It is this: "A belief in Spiritualism must be a consolation."

The Colonel has been for so long the successful champion critic of "beliefs" that he overlooks the all-important fact that Spiritualism contains no belief. It accepts none; it tolerates none. It does not deal in beliefs. It is knowledge, my dear sir—scientific knowledge. This knowledge is a consolation.

#### SPIRITUALISM IS A SCIENCE.

It embraces all the predicates of every science. They are—fact, observation and reason.

You must understand that every Spiritualist, in the outset, was a skeptic—a staunch unbeliever; and nothing but the pressure of substantial proof and of overbearing demonstration could change his firm-footed hold-back opposition. Such a mind demands evidence unquestioned. Hence you must see that "belief" is obsolete with Spiritualists.

#### AFFORDS RELIEF.

In answer to the question, What has it done to relieve the burdens of mankind? we offer another living, breathing fact of weight and moment: An old, destitute and crippled couple in Iowa found themselves at the beginning of winter threatened with misery and suffering. They saw no prospect for relief. Under this portentous cloud of gloom they were on the verge of despair. But on one cold morning unexpected light broke in upon their pinched home. A neighbor called and said that he had brought what looked like an autograph letter from the son of these people.

"That can't be," said the man of years and of discomfort; "for my son was killed in the war with Col. Baker at Ball's Bluff."

"Well," answered the neighbor, "here is the letter. You can see what it amounts to. We had a seance at our house last night, and this letter was written through the hand of the medium while he was talking to some friends about other things, and your son's name is signed to it." The letter read something like this:

DEAR FATHER:—As you know, I left this life in the United States Military service and in the war of the rebellion. There is

bounty money and some years of back pay due me. Get Lawyer Benton to look up the business in the proper way and to collect these dues at once for the pressing needs of yourself and mother. A pension can also be secured. Your loving son, who still lives, JOHN G. HOLLAND.

Now here, will our good friend deny this and say it did not happen; that there was no such soldiers; that he was not killed in the United States service; that his poor old parents were not relieved by the timely collection of the son's earnings, etc.? I ask, will he deny the verity of these eventful incidents? If he does, then he sweeps away the basis of the current knowledge of mankind. But he can not.

#### ANOTHER BURDEN LIFTED.

Note another instance of a wordly burden lifted from an anxious man's shoulders. Mr. E. O. of Moline, Ills., lost or mislaid the tax receipt to his home. The tax collector had failed to make the proper entry on the records of the office, and Mr. E. O.'s home was sold for so-called unpaid taxes. In this dilemma the unfortunate citizen consulted a medium, Mrs. Ita. She told him where to look for the needed paper. Mr. E. O. at once recovered the essential piece of evidence, and on the heels of it also recovered his home.

This specimen of hale and welcome piece of spiritual well being among men can be verified and seen in the *Chicago Progressive Thinker* for May 9, 1896. It can not be denied that the genius, the end, the aim of modern Spiritualism is, from first to last, the ever-ready helper in the well-being of man.

#### INVENTIONS.

Colonel Ingersoll says, "Spiritualism has made no invention, enriched no art." These departments of human genius were not overlooked. It has been reported that the Gatling gun is the product of spirit suggestion or inspiration. The author of that invention so expressed it and stated it as a fact. I quote from memory. But such instances abound in countless numbers. Edison is a medium and witness with many others.

#### SPIRITUALISM ENRICHED NO ART.

The trouble with our eminent and genial opponent is, like those of the rest of us, his Spiritualistic knowledge does not reach

quite far enough. There is a medium artist by the name of Streight whose fame, skill and artistic ability have been the theme of comment and of praise of the knowing ones for some years. He paints portraits, I think, under influence, with surpassing beauty and likeness, but in an extremely brief space of time. There are, if I remember correctly, the Bangs sisters, who paint a "finished portrait" in one short sitting. So far as I know no artist ever did this before. These pictures are spoken of as rich and exquisite gems of the fine art.

#### HELPFUL AVENUES.

Lastly, we call your attention to a record of 32 helpful avenues of utility to man through Spiritualism and its varied instrumentalities:

1. It has proven man's continued life beyond the grave.
2. It has shown that man is a member of two worlds—earth and spirit.
3. It gives him converse with two worlds.
4. It has abolished the fear of death.
5. It has overturned superstition.
6. It adds to our sum of knowledge.
7. It gives revised spirit wisdom and second thought.
8. It shows to us the faces of spirit friends.
9. It aids morality.
10. It aids civilization.
11. It detects crime.
12. It lessens crime.
13. It promotes justice.
14. It diagnoses diseases.
15. It heals the sick.
16. It prolongs life.
17. It augments the love of life.
18. It cures drunkenness.
19. It cures the tobacco habit.
20. It cures jealousy.
21. It cures obsession.
22. It has fed the starving in mountain snows.
23. It prevents suicide.
24. It teaches the evil of ill-will and revenge.
25. It has located mines.
26. It has revealed inventions.
27. It foresees and prevents accidents.
28. It finds and recovers lost property.
29. It consoles the afflicted.

30. It has set free 20,000,000 slaves.

31. It cultivates the sixth sense—Intuition.

32. It has discovered the planet Neptune.

A. S. HUDSON.

Stockton, Cal.

### FORTUNE-TELLING.

The subject of mediumship is now agitating the police circles in Milwaukee, Wis., and the authorities are trying to ascertain the difference between it and fortune-telling. The city ordinance under which fortune tellers are prosecuted reads as follows:

"Fortune-telling. Section 37.

Every person who shall keep or permit to be kept within his or her premises, within the limits of the city of Milwaukee, a house of fortune-telling for gain or profit, or who shall be engaged in said city of Milwaukee in fortune-telling for gain or profit, shall be arrested, and shall on conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100 for each and every offense.

"Inmates. Section 38. Each and every person an inmate or being found at a house of fortune-telling in the city of Milwaukee, shall forfeit a penalty of not more than \$25."

This ordinance is certainly very explicit. It does not refer to mediumship in any way, and if a medium should be arrested under it he would surely be acquitted by any intelligent jury. If, however, he had advertised to read the past, present and future, to re-unite husbands and wives, to bring about speedy marriages, and other nonsensical as well as impossible things, he ought to receive the full penalty of the law.

As a class, fortune tellers, with the exception of counterfeit mediums, are the most unprincipled of all the harpies that prey upon the public. They should be dealt with, in every community, and the law-abiding Spiritualists should aid the authorities in bringing them to justice.

Mrs. Julia Steelman-Mitchell has been interviewed by the Chief of Police of Milwaukee and by the editors of several of the leading dailies in regard to mediumship, and has succeeded in

removing much of the prejudice hitherto extant concerning it. When mediums cease to lay themselves liable to the law by questionable advertisements and practices, Spiritualism will take a long stride forward. We hope that the Milwaukee authorities will succeed in suppressing the fortune-telling business *in toto*, and the counterfeit mediums as well.—*Banner of Light*.

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Fifteen charters granted during the last three months. New York, Texas and Ohio State Associations organized; Rhode Island and Maine soon to join the Progressive Army.

A well attended and harmonious meeting of the Board of Trustees, N. S. A., was held July 6th, at the Headquarters. In the absence of Pres. Barrett, on account of sickness, Vice-Pres. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond ably presided. Charters were granted to eleven local societies, three new State Associations and a society in Nanaimo, B. C. Cash received during the quarter, \$587.88. Washington Spiritualists testified of their appreciation of the work of the N. S. A. by contributing over \$100.00 of that amount. Arrangements were perfected to defend the Babe Wills, and a committee appointed to co-operate with T. J. Mayer, Executor, in this matter. Mass meetings to be held at Nashville arranged for Sep. 23, 24 and 25.

Thousands of copies of literature have been distributed and the good news of spirit return disseminated in many localities where its message of peace and love have never been voiced.

The gain to the N. S. A. during the last three months is the most marked of any three months in the history of the Association, comprising, as it does, three State Associations and some of the most prominent associations in America.

Mass meetings at Syracuse and Providence held during the quarter were a great success.

The work before us increases every minute. The Babe Wills must be defended; Spiritualists must be aroused to the importance of standing by their rights.

Organized Spiritualism will be a success, but to assure it, practical business men and women, who love the truth, must rally to insist that the N. S. A. not only shall be sustained but promulgated, representing no clique or class—an association of the people, for the people, in the interests of all the people and humanity generally

### ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Arrangements for the annual meeting, which will be held in Washington, October 19, 20 and 21, at Masonic Temple, are already perfected. Headquarters will be at Ebbitt House, F street. Annual reunion and reception in Red and Large Parlors, October 18th, at 8 p. m. Certificate rates are expected on all railroads, and many of the most prominent Spiritualists of America will attend. This will be a most important session, as the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary is near at hand.

### APPEAL TO SPIRITUALISTS.

By a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees of the N. S. A. I am authorized to earnestly appeal to every Spiritualist in America to assist the National Association to defend the Wills of Mr. and Mrs. Babe of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Babe several years ago willed all his property to Mrs. Babe, saying at the time that this was only just as she had assisted to earn it. Mrs. Babe was a mother in our Spiritual Israel; all Washington Spiritualists loved and respected her, and she was known far and wide as "Mother Babe."

She was a faithful, earnest, conscientious Spiritualist and desired her property to go for the promulgation of the truths she loved. She therefore made a will bequeathing to the N. S. A. the major part of her property.

The two wills are to be contested and I now appeal in the Name of Justice and Right in behalf of all of the Trustees of the N. S. A. to the Spiritualists of America to assist the N. S. A. to defend these wills. Will you help us at once? If you love TRUTH and JUSTICE, now is the time to testify of it by your contributions.

Please forward cash contributions to this office immediately.

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### Experience With Planchette.

Of Miss Kate Field's early experience with Planchette, Miss Lillian Whiting, in her Boston correspondence for the Chicago *Inter-Ocean*, says:

In the early days of speculative experiment with the curious little instrument known as Planchette, Kate Field, always keenly interested in every phase of scientific or spiritual progress, made a course of experiments ranging over several months, with the little mechanism, with a series of increasingly remarkable results which she embodied in a book called "Planchette's Diary." In this book the reader finds her saying: "I have no prejudice whatever against a belief in spiritual communion. If we are endowed with immortal souls and preserve our individuality in another existence, it seems to me natural, judging by my own feelings of what I should be impelled to do, that spirits should desire to communicate with their friends on earth. The Bible teems with supernatural visitations, and if they are possible at one time, who shall say they are impossible at another? From our cradles we are taught to believe in the ministering angels, and literature abounds in allusions to this belief."

The volume is now entirely out of print, and it is interesting both on account of registering the degree to which psychic science had advanced a quarter of a century ago, and for its intrinsic quality. Miss Field's initial experiments with Planchette were undertaken more in the nature of pastime than with any definite expectation of important results, but after a few trials, communications, whose value is not lost by time, began to be given. One of the first of these was from her father, Joseph Field, the well-known actor and journalist. To Miss Field's question: "If this is really my father, why have you never before man-

ifested yourself?" Planchette wrote:

"Because you have never made the attempt. I have been ready time and time again to manifest myself, but you have never shown any disposition to bring yourself *en rapport* with me. I am not prone to interfere where the spiritual influence is not fully established. If you care to investigate this matter, you can have as much proof as will satisfy you of the truth of much-abused Spiritualism."

On another occasion Planchette wrote, under Miss Field's touch the communicant still being her father:

"Do you suppose that I am ignorant of the laws whereby man is brought into relation with what are called 'spirits,' but which are no more spirits than they were in the flesh, saving that departure from the business of earth necessitates a change of body as well as of base, for what is good for the planet called 'earth' is not good for the sphere called 'heaven.' 'Heaven' is simply the name —"

At this point an interruption occurred and the meeting could not be resumed.

On another occasion Planchette (under Miss Field's touch) thus replied to the mental question of a gentleman present:

"I am impelled to say that if you will persevere in these investigations you may be placed *en rapport* with your wife, who would undoubtedly communicate with you. If you have any faith in the immortality of the soul you can have no doubt of the possibility of spiritual influences being brought to bear upon mortals. It is no new thing. Ever since the world began this power has been exerted in one way and another; and if you put any faith in the Bible you surely must credit this subtle connection between man and so-called angels."

The limits of space forbids further transcription here from communications that fully support the theory of direct and intelligent communication between those in the seen and the unseen, given under conditions of unquestionable reliance. A very scholarly and accomplished young woman, independent, fair-minded, and unprejudiced, in-

clined to repudiate the name "Spiritualist," she yet candidly avowed her faith in the possibility of this intercourse and was willing to test it by fair methods. As the years passed on she grew more earnest in the problems of psychical research, and more than once she remarked, "I look to see science prove immortality."

This is but one instance out of a great and increasing mass of evidence that indicates the pervading presence of a finer ether, subtle and magnetic in its nature, forming a medium that transmits thought currents between the minds of those in the ethereal world and those in the physical world. The conditions are faith convictions on both sides. But this is a condition of intercourse in this part of life as well, in any near and sympathetic intimacy of thought.

It is curious to hear any affirmation of belief in the intercommunication of the two spheres praised as being "brave," or derided as being an avowal of weakness, when we consider that we are, pre-eminently, a religious people, holding true our faith in the Divine Ruler of the Universe and the God of the nations. As well might man proclaim his belief in the existence of the stars, but add that it was a brave man who would dare avow his belief that they could be weighed, measured, and even their chemical nature discovered.

The belief in intercommunication between the ethereal and the physical world is simply a larger recognition of the spiritual laws, as the belief in the truth of learning the nature of distant stars is a recognition of the physical laws of the Universe. The marvelously intimate relation of spirit to spirit, under conditions of love and of faith, transcends the power of language to express.

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.

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## Organize for Work.

On page 457 we noted the fact that the Christian Endeavor people gave to Spiritualists "an object lesson," which by its thorough organization has grown to three millions in the past 16 years.

In making this statement, we had no idea of endorsing the methods of the Endeavor people, nor the natural results of their operations. Some of our readers, it seems, rather thought that we were unguarded in the remark that: "The Spiritualists could, in the past 50 years, have had a larger following if it had as good an organization."

The reader should observe that we had reference only to *work* to be done—not to doctrines taught or dogmas to be enforced. We have no confidence in the work mapped out by the Christian Endeavors, but admire the thorough organization of that body, and attempted to secure attention to it, in order to try to enlist the Spiritualists of America in propaganda work—nothing more.

We are glad to know that some few persons, under the inspiration of Mrs. Drew, of this city, are trying to form

a Young People's Society, so that when we are gone from this material plane, others will grow up and take our places—being fully aware of their spiritual rights and privileges, and also of their opportunities to commune with the angel world, and receive their inspiration direct from above. This looks the right way and should receive every encouragement.

## Benefit Entertainment.

It was evidently the unanimous opinion of all present that the benefit entertainment to the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, at Scottish Hall, San Francisco, last Thursday evening, was a benefit to everyone who attended.

The entertainment opened with a piano solo, "Rigoletto Fantasia," by Prof. Carlyle Petersilea, which was rendered in his usual artistic style. Miss Edna Adler followed with the beautiful song entitled "Leonora," which was well rendered. In response to an encore Miss Adler sang an original song, composed for the occasion by Mrs. Julia Schlesinger, to the air of "Auld Lang Syne," after which came part one of the illustrated lecture, "Old and New San Francisco," by Mrs. Julia Schlesinger, optical projection by E. W. Jensen. This was followed by a recitation from "Hamlet," by Dr. Thos. Hill, a brilliant elocutionist. He gave as an encore a humorous description of a country meeting for the suppression of the press, introducing several quaint characters. Then part two of the illustrated lecture was given, followed by the original descriptive violin solo, "The Fireman's Last Call," by Prof. Richard Young, (which does great credit to the young composer) who was accompanied on the piano by Prof. Petersilea. A beautiful solo was also given as an encore. Next Schubert's grand tenor solo, "The Earl King," was sung by Prof. Petersilea, who sang as an encore "The Two Grenadiers." The character impersonations by Clarence Sutherland were superb, showing rare genius, and the humorous recitations by Master Louis Schlesinger fittingly "capped the climax."

The lecture, aided by the splendid stereopticon views, is the next thing to having lived in the region of San Francisco for over a hundred years, and clearly remembering all important incidents in that time; while it vividly shows the lights and shadows of the San Francisco of to-day.

Mrs. Schlesinger will next give an

illustrated lecture on Spiritualism at the same hall, 105 Larkin street, on Sunday evening, August 8th, in which stereopticon views will be given of the spirit leaving the body at death, celestial scenery, etc., as seen by clairvoyants. Doubtless this will be the treat of a lifetime. Admission 10 cts.

**An International Organization.**—*Il Vessillo Spiritista*, an Italian Spiritualists' periodical, gives the proceedings of the "committee" of the "International Kardecian Union," so named after Allen Kardec, the A. J. Davis of France, (though differing from Davis in that he taught re-incarnation) who passed to the beyond nearly 80 years ago. This Association has branches in most of the Latin countries, being particularly strong in Spain, France and Italy. It also has branches in Spanish-America. Kardec is to the Spiritualists of these countries what Madam Blavatsky is to the Theosophists.

In the report of this "committee," or Board, is a suggestion to affiliated societies to establish libraries where Spiritual books and periodicals can be had and read by investigators."

**Harrison D. Barrett**, president of the National Association, is very ill, and is unable to attend to his many duties. It is unfortunate that his physical system is so much impaired as to hinder his usefulness. Such zealous and efficient workers as he is, are very seldom found, and are too often not sufficiently appreciated.

**Camp Meetings** this year are announced as follows:

Lake Brady, O., June 27 to Aug. 29.  
Peoria, Ill., July 15 to Sept. 1.  
Mantua, O., July 18 to Aug. 22.  
Chesterfield, Ind., July 22 to Aug. 5.  
Sylvan Beach, N. Y., July 25 to Aug. 8.  
Grand Ledge, Mich., July 25 to Aug. 8.  
Clinton, Iowa, Aug. 1 to Aug. 29.  
Gilbert Lake, Minn., Aug. 1 to 16.  
Vicksburg, Mich., Aug. 6 to 29.  
Summerland, Cal., July 18 to Aug. 8.  
Marshalltown, Iowa, Aug. 21.  
Topeka, Kans., Sep. 4.  
Upper Swampscott, Mass., June to Sept.  
Island Lake, Mich., July 29 to Aug. 31.  
Ashley, O., Aug. 15.

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## 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.

Readers 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.

Mme. Young's Hall was well filled with earnest investigators on Sunday. The tests and music were excellent.

Edward Earle's slate-writing seance on Sunday evening at 330 Ellis street, San Francisco, was full of interest to those present.

Mrs. Kate Heussmann held another free meeting at 111 Larkin street, on Sunday. It was made interesting with clear-cut tests.

Prof. Fred Evans is at Onset Camp, and will remain there for a few weeks. It is expected that he will spend a few weeks in Boston during the coming Fall.

Mrs. M. A. Ellis' meeting on July 25 was full of interest. We learn that Mrs. Ellis intends soon to go East, to the regret of her many friends.

The "call" is out for the National Convention to convene in Washington Oct. 19. The railroads "return" the delegates for  $\frac{1}{2}$  fare. Further particulars next week.

The regular monthly social of the C. P. Lyceum will be given Saturday evening, Aug. 7, instead of the first Friday—the usual time, at 909 Market street, San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Petersilea's Grand Musical and Psychical Soirees are at Oriental Hall, 605 McAllister street, San Francisco, every Saturday at 8 p. m. sharp. Admission, 10 cts.

Amie Wheeler, materializing, trumpet and independent slate-writing medium, is now at Brainerd, Minn., at the Camp, and will be open for engagements at the close of this camp.

Chas. Anderson, the "boy orator," will occupy the rostrum of the First Spiritual Society at San Diego, during the month of August. His address will be in care of the president, H. W. Wilcox.

The Ladies' Aid Society had a pleasant social last Friday evening—the regular monthly one—at Mme. Young's Hall, 605 McAllister street, San Francisco. These should be better attended.

Dr. J. L. York, the noted Liberal lecturer, and his wife, who is an automatic writing medium, are going to Seattle, Wash. His lecture on education last Sunday was very eloquent and timely.

The First Society of State Spiritualists and Liberals, will hold their Eighteenth Annual Camp-Meeting, at Delphos, Kansas, Aug. 6 to 23, 1897. For particulars address I. N. Richardson, Sec., Delphos, Kansas.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum (the only Spiritual Sunday school in this City) meets every Sunday morn-

ing at 10:30 at 909 Market street. Strangers welcome. A fine spiritual library free to all. Teachers needed.

Over \$20.00 have been handed to the sick sister, (Mrs. Peck), as the result of the "Benefit Seance," given at Mme. Young's Hall on July 17, under the auspices of the Medium's Protective Association. This Society deserves great credit for the good they are doing in their quiet way.

The Oakland Psychical Society gave a reception on July 24, to Madame Florence Montague at Fraternal Hall. The program of the evening was opened by the President of the Society Judge Brown, who spoke very highly of Madame Montague, who has been speaker of the Society during the last two years. It concluded with dancing and refreshments.

Dr. Harry St. Clair occupied the rostrum of the First Spiritual Union of San Jose, Cal., on Sunday evening, July 25, and read questions giving answers through astrology and clairvoyance also clairaudience. There was a good attendance and he gave general satisfaction. Miss Birchler presided at the piano and sang. The Ladies' Aid Society gave a supper on Friday, July 30, followed by a meeting in the evening at which tests were given.

Among the spirits who have recently presented themselves at Mme. Young's meetings, is Teodora, the woman who was dragged to death at the heels of the horses of two Mexicans a short time ago, as related in the JOURNAL. She states that she was a medium and that the superstitious and ignorant Catholics could not understand her powers and blamed her for all their ills—hence her terrible death. She gives promise of becoming a good control.

Carlyle Petersilea, Boston's greatest pianist, will give a grand piano recital Friday evening, Aug. 13, at Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, San Francisco. The program consists of Beethoven's Grand Sonata, Op. 109; Mendelssohn's Hunting Song without words, Prelude and Fugue, Op. 35, Spinning Song without words; Chopin's Etude, Op. 25, Grand Polonaise, Op. 53, Nocturne, No. 5, Ballade, Op. 47; Liszt's Schubert's "Earl King," Etude, "Forest Murmurs," Faust Waltz. Admission \$1.

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The State Convention will convene in San Francisco on Sept. 3. Every Society in California should elect delegates and be represented. Blank credentials can be had of John Koch, 1607 Fillmore St., San Francisco.

Dr. A. S. Hudson, Stockton, Cal., resigned his position on the State Board, and Judge H. L. Brown of Oakland was elected to fill the vacancy.

Certificates of endorsement have been issued to Mrs. J. Mullen, National City, and Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, San Francisco.

Scottish Hall has been engaged for the State Convention to be held on Sep. 3, 4 and 5, 1897.

The Committee of Arrangements for the State Convention are, Thos. G. Newman, John Koch, B. F. Small, C. H. Wadsworth, M. S. Norton and Judge Brown.

Sub-Committees are as follows: Transportation—Judge Brown and B. F. Small. Printing and advertising—T. G. Newman and B. F. Small. Program and Talent—M. S. Norton and C. H. Wadsworth. Finance—John Koch. Reception and Decoration—Local Spiritualists, but not yet ready for announcement.

Friday and Saturday mornings and afternoons will be devoted to business, and the evenings to lectures and tests.

Sunday morning's conference will be devoted to the mediums and workers, and probably the afternoon will be the same. In the evening Mme. Montague will deliver a lecture, answer questions, etc.

Any questions or requests for information, should be sent to the president or secretary.

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**Mrs. Kate Hoskins**, one of our best-known and most highly-appreciated mediums and workers, is lying quite sick at her home, 701 McAllister street, San Francisco. Her many friends will be pained to learn of her illness, which is acute inflammatory rheumatism, and will doubtless be quick to call and offer their sympathy.

Mrs. Maude Freitag is at the Camp at Summerland, Cal.



## Dr. Peebles in London.

On Sunday July 4, Dr. J. M. Peebles gave a lecture in London, England, and the following is a report of it from *Light*, one of our valued exchanges:

Dr. Peebles said that man is a compound being, composed of a physical body, a spiritual body (as the Apostle Paul called it), and a conscious immortal spirit—a potential portion of God, because God breathed into man the breath of life—spirit. Spirit was the great moving power in nature. Wherever they saw motion there was a spiritual force or power behind it. In fact, all power was spiritual power, all force was spiritual force, although invisible to the human eye. He remembered once, while in this country, meeting a skeptic—an atheist follower of Mr. Bradlaugh. He (Dr. Peebles) was reading a spiritualistic journal at the time, observing which, the atheist remarked: "You are not a Spiritualist, are you? I hope you do not believe in spirits." Dr. Peebles replied, "I do not believe in them: I know they exist. I know that those you call dead live and are with us still." The skeptic observed that he was so organized that he could not believe in anything he could not cognize by his senses.

"Whatever I cannot see, hear, smell, taste, or handle, I cannot believe in," he said, adding, "If you have any spirits about, trot them out! I would like to look at them. I have an idea—" "Stop," said Dr. Peebles, "you say you have an idea. I deny it. Prove it to me. Let me see your ideas. 'Trot them out,' so that I may know if they can be seen, heard, smelt, tasted, or handled!"

How absurd it was for man to deny the existence of forces which were not cognizable by his bodily senses; hope, desire, aspiration, gravitation—all these were powers unseen by the physical eye. The growth of the soul in the physical organism might be well typified by the process involved in the hatching of an egg. Within the shell a little bird was gradually evolved. By-and-bye the shell became too small for its occupant, and finally burst, and the bird came forth.

How many human souls were similarly compressed and cramped by their mortal bodies. They were growing all the while more spiritual and longing to soar away to higher spheres, where they would have freer scope for their unfolding powers.

Sometimes he was asked, "What have you seen to prove these things to you?" What had he seen all these 45 years? Rather, what had he not seen! In all civilized lands, and, in fact, in so-called savage lands, he had witnessed countless marvels of spirit power. Travel was a wonderful educator: it expanded the mind, broadened the conceptions, enlarged human nature, and took away from a man all possible conceit. He had travelled the wide world over and seen many races and countries, but he had never seen a nation, race, or tribe so degraded that it had not some conception of a Supreme Power or powers governing the Universe; he had never seen a nation or race so low that it had not some notion of, or belief in, a future life. Such ideas sprang up spontaneously in the soul because it was made in the image of God. It was just as Jesus said, "God is a spirit," and man, being made in this image, was a spirit also; spirit responded to spirit, mind to mind, and soul to soul.

Humanity being spiritual beings, the history of the race was full of examples of spirit power. Zoroaster told Cyrus, King of Persia, that he and the other wise men would go into a retreat where the gods would hold converse with them. Pythagoras had intercourse with unseen beings; Socrates had his *daimon*, or spirit guide; Joan of Arc had visions and heard voices. All the great teachers, leaders and prophets, whose words and deeds had moved the world were impressed from the angel-realms of the higher life. How trivial a thing seemed the spirit rap! as small a thing as Benjamin Franklin's kite and string, or Richard Arkwright's cog in the wheel! From a manger in a Palestine stable came the power that shook the whole Roman world. And in that tiny rap there lay concealed the forces that had opened up new realms of being and

revealed mighty truths to the world. Did some one say, "What on earth is the use of all this?" When he was asked that question—"What is the use of these marvels?"—he hardly knew how to reply, he was so taken aback at the impudence of the question. It was like going out on a starry night, looking up at the radiant heavens, fixing the eye on some brilliant star excelling the rest in beauty, and then asking, "What is the use of it?" For forty-five years he had witnessed the marvels of spirit agency in all the civilized countries of the world, and he stood there that night no mere *believer* in these things, but as one having positive, absolute knowledge.

He admired the Apostle Paul, who had visions and trances, and who was able to say: "We know that if this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." How grand was the thought that our departed still lived, and that they loved us still! In his enthusiasm he had sometimes wished he had lungs immortal and a frame of iron, that he could proclaim these truths from East to West, from North to South: that he could tell them to every living soul. These truths were above all price, and he sometimes wondered that Spiritualists had not more enthusiasm. He longed for Spiritualists who were filled with a fiery, burning enthusiasm, who would labor and toil to make known throughout the world this blessed gospel of immortality for all. He abhorred the narrow sectarianism that crushed and cramped the human soul. All creeds were the work of human hands. Jesus had no creed, the Apostles had no creed, Socrates had no creed. The greatest souls who lived in all the ages had no creeds. Well had Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples: that ye have love one for another."

Dr. Peebles then dwelt upon the spiritual power and beauty of affection and sympathy, illustrating his theme by various anecdotes, including the well-known story of Wm. Penn and the Indians.

In conclusion he said: "Take

from me, if you will, my good name, load me with chains, put me away in some prison cell beyond the light of day; but, oh, tear not from my soul this glorious knowledge of the ministry of spirits to earth—that our dear ones love us still, and abide with us as guides and guardians, so that when we pass across the river they reach down their hands to aid and welcome us to their own immortal home, where all tears are wiped away and where all rejoice in the beauties of the higher and happier world."

#### Spiritualism in Russia.

Alexander Nikolajewitsch Aksakow was born in Repiofka, Russia, in 1832. He was educated for civil duty at the Royal Lyceum, St. Petersburg. While in service he read Swedenborg's "Heaven and Hell," which turned his thoughts in that direction of spiritual investigation, and, like all thinkers, he drifted from thence into Spiritualism. But being unable to advocate it as a new revelation in his own country, he went into Germany, and there translated Robert Hare's "Experimental Investigations" into the Russian language, and later Andrew Jackson Davis' works into German. This was followed by translations from Crookes, Edmunds, Wallace and R. D. Owen.

But his soul was not yet stilled, and in 1874, he started a German monthly, *Psychische Studien* (Psychic Studies) at Leipzig, which is still running—during all this time, however, going to and fro and introducing Spiritualism into Russia as a science. Through the aid of converts he introduced mediums into the land of the czars, and many others were led to the light.

In all, Mr. Aksakow translated and wrote over 30 books pertaining to Spiritualism—the last being a 500-page volume, which appeared in Russia two years ago, entitled "The Forerunners of Spiritualism During the Last Two Hundred and Fifty Years."

Miss Ida Eggert, daughter of Mrs. Aitken, of this City, has been very ill for some time, but is now convalescing slowly.

#### Harmony Grove Camp.

It closed on Sunday, July 18, with a large audience. Our hopes, prayers and aspirations were realized in the success of our united endeavor. No one received anything for their labor, for, it is here we are learning to labor unselfishly for one another. All were co-workers in the field of true Spiritualism standing upon a foundation of equality and were a unity in the pursuit of this one aspiration; the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man. Under these circumstances, what would cause inharmony, jealousy, or dissension? Under the guidance of the angel world, what could reign but peace, love and wisdom?

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres. Mrs. C. Fierman, San Diego; Vice-Pres. E. B. Lowman, Escondido; Sec. S. D. Nulton; Corr. Sec. Miss Mary Nulton; Treas. Frank Harding. Board of Directors; Mrs. Fierman, Mrs. E. B. Lowman, Mrs. James McPheters, San Diego, Mr. J. S. Borden, Valley Center, all of San Diego County, Cal.

Those who may wish to join us in this work as laid out by the angel world may receive full particulars by addressing, MISS MARY NULTON, Escondido, Cal.

Mr. Ridpath, the new editor of the *Arena*, is evidently a Spiritualist. At a late "Fourth of July" celebration, he said:

Our brave dead, who went from us in the fiery ordeal of war, either exist or they have ceased to exist. There is no middle ground. The broken equation of hope and affection indicates their existence beyond that dividing curtain which the poetical language of mankind has called "the veil." We choose to believe, or at least to think, that our heroes are living somewhere in a happy fruition of patriotic joys, unclouded with sorrow, unacquainted with further pain and anguish. We say of them, "They sleep"—Rather let us say of them, "They wake."

Little are we disposed to yield to enthusiasm or to chase shadows, but somehow we think that our heroes of the Union war are not dead, that they are not sleeping, but that they are both living and free; that they go forth and know and rest and love and aspire. Happy were we to be sure that they are able to clasp the brazen volume of the Backward Look and to see in ourselves and our work the happy results and beautiful hopes and joys which they so unselfishly procured and consecrated by their life and death.

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#### Illinois Camp.

Please inform your readers that the Spiritualist camp-meeting held by the Illinois Camp and Summer Resort Association, under the auspices of the First Spiritualist Church of Peoria, at the Peoria Fair and Driving Park, has closed for the season of 1897. By order of Management. C. T. H. Benton, Camp Sec'y, 312 Fayette St., Peoria, Ill. N. B.—All railroad certificates will receive prompt attention at the above address. CAMP SEC.

Papers please copy.

#### Space at the Fair.

The Spiritual and Free Thought people should reserve a place at the Mechanic's Pavilion during the Fair this Fall for the exhibition of their literature, photographs of spirits, etc.

Also a day should be set apart for those people to celebrate at the Mechanic's Pavilion, and secure good speakers to give five or ten-minute speeches each. For this enterprise we can easily obtain sufficient means, if we work with sincerity.

Let us be wise and watch for opportunities. If this is not attended to, we are not doing our duty.

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**Man the Master.**—Man as a mere physical being is on the negative plane and hence but the creature of circumstances, but in his higher mental and spiritual development he will become positive to his surroundings, and hence master of circumstances. The entire question of human elevation, is a question of mental and spiritual development. Physical conditions are always subordinate to the trained intellect and cultured soul, and hence it has passed into an adage that some people always rise superior to circumstances. But when the leading minds in a community are so cultivated the whole mass can be lifted up as if by magic, and pass from the negative to the positive pole of human progress.—*The New Woman*.

**Mrs. Lois Walsbroker** is very ill and confined to her bed—from internal troubles. Her many friends, who would feel it a privilege to help her along now in her present affliction, can do so by purchasing some of her many books. Her address is 1512 Howard street, San Francisco.

☞ The new battle-ship Iowa, "The Queen of the Navy," is beautifully pictured and well described in the August *Midland Monthly*, Des Moines, Iowa. To many, not the least interesting reading will be the announcement that, first of all the magazines, the *Midland* will, in September, profusely illustrate the Yukon Valley Gold Fields of Alaska.

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Out at the home of Brotherhood and Love,  
 Gave welcome to each and all alike,  
 For soul unto soul and light from above  
 Gave the master of wisdom his eternal light.

Then unto the intuition of thy soul impart  
 The sacred truths of the good within man  
 And weld within this chain heart to heart  
 And work for one brotherhood all you can.

For out of a masterpiece of art comes wealth,  
 Cherished and prized beyond all found;  
 Then unto thee with gifts of the art work well  
 That the foundation of knowledge is built above ground.

For like the air castles that are built in a day  
 On the old dogma foundation laid into night,  
 Drift with your thought of reason without delay  
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**To Narcissus.**

Dear little flower of my fancy,  
 My love, my thought and my care—  
 My heart sends its message to you,  
 Narcissus, its blossom so rare.

And over the hills and the valleys,  
 And into your home it must speed,  
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