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He has been an officer of the Society of Progressive Spiritualists for several years, and in September of last year was elected on the Board of Directors of the California State Spiritualists' Association. He is now treasurer of both the Society of Progressive Spiritualists and the California State Association.

He is a man of sterling business qualities, and is an uncompromising advocate of honest mediumship and true Spiritualism in all that the term implies.

He has had some experience in the investigation of mediumship, which enables him to distinguish between the false and the true, thus making him an efficient and valuable officer on the State Board of Directors.

Mr. Small also advocates a higher education for our plat-

form, believing that inspiration, when aided by education of all it were given through undevel-

advancement of the race, than if



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the faculties latent in the individual, will be of a higher order and far more effective in the

oped organs and unpolished instruments of the voices beyond the shadows.

What is Love!

Is love an attribute of God, or man? or is it the being, the "essence" of God, and basic principle of man? Is love excited by the object loved? or is it the responsive act of the god-nature in us to the call of the god-nature in another? In other words is the love of humanity for humanity from human sources, or is it the result of spiritual power? Question after question springs to the lips. What is love? What is loving God? Who is God? What is the difference between loving God and loving Man? Can I love God as I love my wife or my children? How can I recognize God and love him except through the personality of humanity?

These and many more questions come to the earnest seeker after truth—come to the sincere soul striving to live the spiritual life—come to him who is determined to clear away the obstructions between himself and the "light and liberty of the Sons of God."

Whenever love becomes the subject of thought or discussion there is a general attitude of earnest inquiry that is evidently in obedience to an inward impulse. It appeals to every human soul, and though there are the widest differences of opinion as to its origin, what it is, etc., there is a subtle magic attraction about it that makes it the desire of all. This universal passion or longing must have its origin in some one central source, and while its manifestations vary somewhat, still it is a variation from the individual manifesting it and not from the source from whence it

Searching around among the sophistries and reasonings of men for something to satisfy the unrest so common to humanity, one is discouraged at the emptiness, and disappointed because of the foolishness of the so-called human wisdom. Generalities may suffice for him who has no adequate conception of the conditions and necessities indicated by this wide expression of unrest and dissatisfaction, or for him who has no desire beyond present gratification. To such a soul, Supreme Intelligence and Energy express all that he cares for, but to the earnest man there is something *in* him that responds to the appeal of his fellow man, and that calls loudly for that which *he also* needs.

Thus the averge man, when asked, "What is love?" will respond, "Love is the estimation or regard in which I hold my wife, my children and my mother." And it is the nearest he can come to a definition because his love goes out to a personality, or to those who lie warm and living upon his heart. Those that he loves best abide ever in the atmosphere of his thoughts, live in his acts and are the inspiration of his plans.

You can readily see, then, how Divine Energy, Supreme Intelligence, Wisdom, or Goodness, are abstractions — mere names of qualities—to such a mind, and that the effort to love or concentrate the affections of the soul upon them is inoperative and disappointing.

Man looks at the facts of his own life, his relation to his fellow man, but more especially to the relations of his dependent family to himself, and reasons up to his relations to God and God's relations to himself, and says:-"There is a close relation between the individual man and the personal God. God is not abstract, general, diffused through all nature and the Universe, but is something warm, close, loving and loveable." Now this is not a fancy, a snare, an illusion to draw men away from the truth, but is a truth itself. That is, this desire to love someone, or for love-the exaltation of the one loved above self-and the self-expenditure of life's forces for the benefit of the loved, is but the spontaneous outburst of the "divine spark" in man toward the Infinite Spirit, or, it is the manifestation of the divine life in the human conception of

As human thought advances to the higher planes it partakes of the character of the higher condition, and dropping the human concept enters the realm of the spirit.

Thus this idea of God as some one to be dreaded, mysterious, austere, and governing by inexorable law, also as barren of all that appeals to the heartthis idea is forever consigned to the regions of darkness and forgetfulness.

The spiritual conception of God is that "He is Love." Now it is a truism that "love begets love," which is so evident that it does not need to be proven. God is Love, God is Light, God is Truth, God is Life, are but expressions of the close, living relations between mankind and the Supreme Godhead, or names by which we designate the way in which our responsive life goes out to his.

The Divine Spirit always operates in Love. It ever seeks to do mankind good, and to elevate humanity up to its own state and motive. This it does irrespective of the reception it is given by mankind. It is impossible for it to do otherwise, for it is its nature and it cannot act contrary to the law of its own being. It is the real, true and only way of life for humanity, for "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

The energy of the love of God for mankind is of a wonderful character, for it clings to man, lifts him by its power out of despair, and counts not the cost of struggle, pain, sacrifice and patience, so that it lifts the soul up into the clearer atmosphere of the spiritual life, and its love becomes the real life sustenance of our hungry souls.

But not only is the love of God in the soul of man the only true life, but there can be no true love to man unless it receives its impulse from love to God.

"No man liveth unto himself," has been proven true over and over again in human experience, because the human impulsion of love to God, reaches out beyond God to all mankind, it cannot center upon itself.

As the force of spirit life is to do good to those sought after, so the force of love to God is to seek out men and help them—or, the manifestation of our love for God or Life is in what we do for humanity.

The soul that is unselfish, indulging in self-sacrifice and every labor of love, because in so doing it finds its own growth

and vitality—recognizes that it is the only true and direct way to a realization that we have—LIFE in God.

G. W. BRADFORD.

Magnetic Ether.

One writer, James Belville expresses himself thus: "The electro-magnetic ether is the first-born of the Infinite Spirit. It is the first grade below pure spirit ether, the primal medium of all light, all life, all motion; the medium by which we live and have our being. It is the essence of life, the medium of all motion, of all power and the measure of its possibilities is limited only by our ignorance of its potentialities, etc."

While we concede that it is pure vibratory life or soul force, we do not agree with some of the statements of Mr. Belville. We hold that energy is a primeval factor in a trinity of primeval cosmic forces, but it is variously manifested, supplementing and being supplemented; known as law, as cosmical electricity in all its grades from the crude to the pure Deific quality thereof. Electricity, ether, energy are not the same, yet so perfectly inter-active that no one of them can be counted the superior of the others, but all equals. So it is with matter, motion and vibration; they are such inseparable necessities one to the other, that they are rated as equals.

Thus it is with the numerous trinities that are all active and interactive throughout the Universe. The trinity that evolves and sustains an organism by relative exertions which make the induction of soul supplies possible, is superior to that organism, because the latter is its production, created by it for its use.

There is much useful study afforded to students by these relative and inter-relative activities. Transformation from crude to refined states, by active thought and labor, starts from the premise that thought is a force which moves in vibrations through the all-pervading ether, or more properly the universal soul.

It is the dynamic force distinguished from the brain; it is that force which builds up the indwelling I Am; that force which builds character. There are fine and superfine force pulsations which penetrate molecular interstices and there are also pulsations able to penetrate the bones of the skull. Thus energy is inducted into and abstracted and transmitted from the brain by this constant vibration and its reciprocal interchanges.

Now all transmission of energy depends on the density and quality thereof, of the object through which it passes. That thought is energy, is proved, if the dynamic and vibratory theories are accepted-and they cannot be denied. Then of course thought is transferable, but only certain kinds of thought can find ingress into the brains of men and women which are closed to other grades of thought. The old rule applies always, namely, like attracts like. Thoughts are transmitted and nourished by the brain which is nourished by the organism. Thought is sent in vibrations, supplemented, returned, until ideas have birth and the process goes on until great schemes are perfected and the world teems with intelligent improvements.

MRS. M. KLEIN.

Defaming a Benefactor.

The paragrapher who terms the great philanthrophist, Stephen Girard, an "infidel" is evidently of that belated kind of a theologian whose conception of religion was illustrated by the bigoted malignants who hung Quakers, burned witches and by "holy" wars, hangings, torture by rack-screw, caused the destruction of twenty-five millions of people. What a contrast with that "heathen" religion Buddhism, which, although 700 years older than Christianity, and far outnumbering it in adherents. has never persecuted. But the pretended followers of Christ have perverted his teachings. He declared he came "to call the sinners, not the righteous to repentance,—the whole need no physcian." The pure in heart and the charitable were the accepted ones-"In as much as ye did it to the least of these ye did it unto me" was the great essen-

Stephen Girard was a magnificent illustration of the good Samaritan and the teachings of the Nazarine. Girard bequeathed \$8,000,000 to found a college for the education of orphans, and when the vellow fever depopulated Philadelphia he volunteered his services and took care of the plague-stricken people of that city. This is the grand and noble soul that some miscreant in the service of the devil, applies the term "infidel" to. Girard was an atheist of the school of Henry Ward Beecher, and of his scholarly successor, Dr. Lyman Abbott; of Dr. Watson, the eminent Scotch divine, Prof. Drummond, and all the high and noble souls who illustrate the highest conception of the Eternal Spirit, and strive to make mankind wiser, happier, better.

J. H. S.

Is there a Connecting Link?

The theory has been advanced and accepted, that man has arrived at the present state, both physical and mental, through evolution, and there is a connection between the existing species of the chimpanza (Troglodytes Niger) family with man. If man has come through such an evolution, why, if the chimpanza is of a lower order of animals, should we look to him more than the ox or elephant for a connecting link? For the difference of physical form is no greater than the difference observed in the mental attainments.

The order of intelligence does not vary in the lower order of animals in the same degree as they vary in physical development, for as the chimpanza comes the nearest to the physical form of man, yet their mental attainments are no greater than that of the dog or elephant.

The means of sustenance and locomotion is largely responsible for the physical form of all animals, but the similarity of tissue is well marked in many species to that of man. Yet the animals nearest approaching the tissue of man, form no analogy with the mental developments of the human race. Each specie is no doubt developed and is the result of all the environments, such as

climate, food and enemies that in any way effect his being.

Is the lower order of animals any more advanced as a natural result of evolution than when history first began? It would seem not, except where man has affected the animals that have been domesticated. Yet man, of all creation, has been and is being continually lifted up in a perceptible degree since the beginning of the historical period. Would it not be reasonable to suppose that the separate species began when the conditions were suitable, started on separate lines of growth and arrived at their present developments, and were not in any way connected with that specie that in its highest development is the animal man of to-day?

The physical development of species changed as the earth in its evolution has changed. For the separate and distinct epochs of time in planetary growth have been marked by its special developments of physical species and no two distinct epochs of time have produced the same specie, except as there is no definite line where one epoch left off and another began, one race of animals overlaps the epoch that is assigned to them by the divisions of man's geological con-

ception. If one form of existing specie becomes in time some other of a higher, could we conceive the ox in time to become the horse, or do they in the course of time become extinct, leaving a break in the line of evolution? could not be, for each specie could and does propagate and evolve except where there is a cataclysm in nature that ends a race and in this way breaks the line of evolution.

It is evident to my mind that each specie is as perfect in the possibility of its attainments as any other specie of its particular When the conditions age. that brought about their growth and development passed away, they too became extinct. we see that no life can exist of a higher order than the evolution of planetary existence.

If the conditions of life and all that affect man have reached their perfection in this life of our planet, then the race is at its

highest state, but that may not be so, and man will continue to develop and expand both physical and mental faculties.

If the lower order of animal existence has the same soul force as man, the conditions of life, so far as our earth is concerned, have been accorded them as well as man, but there is evidently a difference, for there must be a law, the result of which is the difference of species.

That law may run on through the aeons of time, and where that law is not abrogated, the same results will follow. No matter how grand the attainments of one form, there will be other forms of a lower order. there is but one nature and a specific number of natural elements.

There are three grand divisions of nature, and great is the barrier between them. The form of matter that is called inorganic never rises to the plane of the organic by its own volition, but there is a reaching down by organic form and the material of the inorganic world becomes a part of organic life; and again how far the law of life extends on its way toward the spiritual can only be judged by that form of life that has been touched by the hand of spiritual existence. All forms of material, from the lowest to the highest, are but an evolution and are subject to the same natural law of existence. If man has come by evolution through the existing species of the apes, why would it not be reasonable to suppose that all life at the far-reaches of time attain to that form and development of mind and body to which man has attained?

Of the conception of infinite mind we can but leave the subject where we began, unknown and unsolved.

That the language of the Universe is onward and toward infinity we can not doubt.

I am loth to claim that man has attained a mental condition at the present time that no other physical form could attain to, but when they shall have reached man's present state the gulf will be as wide and hard to cross as ever. At all times there will be that difference of form and attainments that mark man

separate and distinct in all of his stages of development. can say but there is the ethereal forms that had their beginning in the physical world separate and distinct from all, subject to the law that gave them existence, that have been touched by the hand of spiritual existence, and have passed on and on, until they are a oneness with that principle that is law unto self, and the ruler of all matter.

The soul force, eminating from infinity, passing through great sea of the material Universe until it has gained a mastery of all matter from the lowest to the highest, at all time passes along the separate and distinct lines of evolution, in obeyance to that law of intelligence that gave it existence.

C. J. STAFFORD.

San Diego, Cal.

Mental vs. Physical Phenomena.

There has recently been much discussion regarding spiritual phenomena, in which some seem to limit all phenomena to the various physical phases. When the suspicion in which the general public (including many Spiritualists) hold these phenomena is considered, may not telepathy, clairvoyance and psychometry be considered the more important phases for communion with the Unseen, and for the solution of life's mysteries both here and hereafter?

"But," say some, "we must recognize all these gifts—they are from the Infinite."

Not so, as I shall prove. The physical manifestations that are not produced by frauds are-in my experience and observations at least—the work of either unwise or unprincipled spirits. I have been in private circles (in full light) where fraud was out of the question-or through my own mediumship when alone -and spirits have, by raps and other methods of communication. claimed to be near kindred or friends of persons present. They would also give messages to those whom they claimed as friends in the flesh advising them in business transactions. The advice would be followed to the letter, and disaster would ensue in many cases. I have conversed with many representative Spiritualists on this subject and find that nearly all can testify to similar experiences, showing that it is the lower, earth-bound spirits that usually communicate in this manner.

If we are ever to advance beyond where we were 49 years ago, it will be through the mental phase, for by that phase only can we arrive at an explanation of all the others. Telepathic communion with those in the higher realms of the Unseen, aided by clairvoyance and psychometry, are the powers that in the future are to unravel the mysteries of spirit communion and the realm of souls.

We may sit and watch the moving of tables or listen to the sound of spirit raps for the next 50 years, as we have during the past, yet be no wiser.

The physical phases were the means to an end but not the end itself. Phenomena is the base but not the structure.

How would a student like an hour's drill on the alphabet every day of his collegiate life?

There is a time and a place for the phenomena and a time and place for the philosophy.

Again, there is one great objection even to "tests" with philosophy. There are many business men who say: "Oh, yes, so-and-so is a fine speaker, and I would like to hear the discourse, but I understand there are to be "tests," and I don't want my business affairs to be given to a public audience by the medium—so will stay at home rather than take chances."

THE FUTURE OF SPIRITUALISM.

Spiritual societies will ultimately be divided into two branches - one for psychical research, where those may go who wish to investigate, and the other will be devoted to the philosophy of life here and hereafter, as revealed by our seers and inspired writers and speakers. Music will be an important factor in the latter branch. It is music that attracts the audiences at the churches. We must have salaried organists to drill our choirs, and must use our own music instead of orthodox music. Then will there be plenty of volunteers among the young people

to sing. We should also have a young people's auxiliary society.

If one wishes to investigate the phenomena they should go to a medium in private, for if a public test is of any value it will divulge private affairs that the recipient may not wish to acknowledge. This is why so few well-defined tests are given from the public rostrum.

ERNEST S. GREEN.

Foolish Jealousy.

I find a great deal of foolish jealousy among Spiritualists, and especially among those having but one of the simplest phases of mediumship at their command.

I once was conducting a circle, and chose a lady of some mediumistic power as my opposite to assist me. Her guide started the work, but mine being the strongest, took the work from her, and kept it.

She became very angry and broke up the circle by saying that the spirits did not want to communicate any longer. I did not say a word, but of course knew better. I never become angry at anything that happens at a circle, nor would I be jealous of any one that could do better than I.

There are a good many in the rank and file, having no mediumistic power who do not want to accept the teachings of the mediums. Now as the mediums can see things that others do not, and cannot see, is it not more reasonable from a philosophical standpoint to accept their teachings, than to accept theories of those that cannot see inner workings of spiritual life, and of no mediumistic power?

This is the main point that is causing so much dissension among Spiritualists, and Theosophists. My advice to all would be not to think they know all about Spiritualism, because, there is something new, constantly unfolding in the phenomena of spirit life, and also the soul of the living, that reaches out for knowledge, by actual investigation on these lines.

Now I will mention a phenomenon that accompanies me. No matter how dark the night, I can see objects, no matter how small. In the room in which I now sit

there is a light which envelopes and surrounds me, that enables me to see the turnings on the legs of the table on which I write this. I can see chairs, etc., and never stumble over them, no matter how many are in my way. This light seems to me to be phosphoric, or as an electric arc-light at a distance would shed its rays on any object.

DR. R. A. DAVIS.

Some Suggestions,

Here in San Jose, Cal., we have two societies; the combined attendance would make a very respectful showing, but being divided, and with the lack of interest in many of the old standbys, gives the impression of decay. This brings up the question, Why? If we take a retrospective view of the last three or four years-could we expect any thing else? A large number of honest, moral and philosophical Spiritualists, are giving no aid to the Cause. Why? Because a class of immoral frauds and fakirs have attached themselves to the body politic of Spiritualism-as psychical, phenomenal and dark-seance mediums-too many of whom are neither mediums or Spiritualists, but confidence operators and shrewd charlatans who, having discovered a new field, work upon the sympathies and credulity of a large number of people who take everything on faith (many of whom get deceived and robbed) and then the Cause has to suffer for these tricksters and so-called mediums.

The proof of the above statement is the growing sentiment for a discontinuance of public phenomena of all kinds upon the platform for a given period, that the immoral vampires may be relegated to where they can do no further harm to an unguarded public.

To further emphasize the above I will quote from an article copied from the Banner of Light into the Philosophical Journal of July 29, 1897: "The next step upward for those who accept the demonstrated facts of Spiritualism is to do all in their power to identify it more with spirituality and the spiritual. It cannot live long, even as Spiritualism, on

its phenomena alone, [and much of that is impure and deceptive]. Phenomena are worth little unless they lead us to spirit and to truth."

Can the fraud, impurity, dishonesty and immorality, as practiced by many so-called mediums before the public, as spirit phenomena and Spiritualism lead to "spirit and to truth?" No, a thousand times, NO!

In the same JOURNAL Dr. G. Fuller's article, entitled "Honor," should be memorized by every true Spiritualist and acted upon all occasions: "If a man or woman stands before the world as a medium, that man or woman should be honorable and upright and I would add with emphasis, morally virtuous, and the time has come when we as Spiritualists should demand that our mediums and the exponents of our spiritual philosophy should be clean representative men and women. I believe the time has come when Spiritualists can take that stand and demand of its teachers and exponents at least as much as the Christian church demands of its exponents. When we show to the world that we are in earnest, that we are reformers, that we mean reform of the individual, then I claim that Spiritualism will take its place among the great religions of the world. Not only that, but it will in due time be the religion of the world." Such sentiments show that thinkers begin to sense the evil influence of this tribe of Ishmaelites who are after money and neglect no means to get that root of all misery in this material sphere.

Now let us rid our camp of all traitors, all who throw distrust upon us—down all frauds—let a few innocent suffer for a while, if need be. If true, moral and honest they will come out of the fire purified and the better fortified.

Begin in the State Convention by a rigid and careful examination of credentials; allow nobody in the least tainted to be a representative. And above all things, we appeal to the delegates to sacrifice personal ambition, the advancement of friends, or the claims of unqualified or financially-interested aspirants for membership on the State Board. Stand by the adherents to true philosophical Spiritualism—men and women of stamina, of experience, and business ability, "who have no axe to grind, no friends to reward or enemies to punish." Then will our Cause grow, and our labors be rewarded.

San Jose, Cal. AMIGO.

The Modern Christ—An Impersonation.

Modern spiritual teachers and writers are leading the advanced thinkers of our land to understand the term "Christ" as meaning a principle possible of unfoldment in humanity, or a higher order of consciousness; as well as a term to designate one who has not only attained to that unfoldment ahead of the average mind, but is made use of as a special instrument for its manifestation in the will of the spirit.

This view, while it does away with the idea of Jesus as God in the church, still shows that power which we term God to be the active force in personifying such a character as his to the world.

Mediumship gives the key, in a general sense, to what constitutes a Christ; but ordinary mediumship does not go far enough to really solve the mystery of such a character. It is a state or condition of life and spiritual unfoldment where the will and emotional nature are sacrificed upon the altar of truth, and the individual made entirely one with the power controlling him; it is a state where the mortal man is entirely crushed out in order to develop spiritual seership and make him specially one with God; it is a state where the man is a medium all the time rather than at stated intervals, where his will seems lost in a Nirvanic union with another will, so that he walks through life a negative impersonation of that positive mind and will which entirely dominates his every thought, word and act.

Such a one is a special or begotten "Son of God" for the dawn of the age in which he appears, and, because he has left no will of his own from which to act of himself and so can act only in God's will, he becomes

of a truth God's will and word to mankind.

Mrs. Cora Richmond once said, under her high inspiration, that "no matter what truth may have been yours in advance, a living impersonation shall yet walk in your midst to show to what heights man can attain;" and in the year 1850, an old man just at the verge of death and with that clear sight which often comes at such a time thus spoke: "Here must be one raised up who shall be so instructed in the ways of God, and so imbued with his spirit, as for the sake of the love of God, and man, and truth he shall sacrifice all therefor-life itself if need be. He shall be the herald of the dawn of the reconstruction of society-and the establishment of celestial government on earth.

"He shall become gifted with the power of speech to thrill the nation and yet be so meek and humble that there shall be none like unto him in all the land, and shall paint man's glorious destiny in colors beautiful to behold. He shall be like a woman in tenderness, sympathy and love and yet the strongest and proudest in the land shall not have strength like unto him.

"He shall become known as the divine messenger through whom cometh heaven's mandates unto the people. The age demands such a one and in due time such a one will come." He shall feel that of himself he is nothing and that God is all in all."

So we can see the difference between a normal man, having a full complement of the higher moral and spiritual faculties, going ahead from the dominance of those higher powers in him and their susceptibility to inspiration, and an abnormal one the servant of a mind so wise, so stern of purpose, so all knowing, that one can but term it the mind of God.

With this thought associate the idea of the personal second coming of Christ and the remarkable signs of the times we are living in, and you will realize the rational and spiritual manner of that much-looked-for event in the religious world.

W. J. Cushing. Brooklyn, N. Y.



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Rally for Defense.

Last May, on page 325 we gave a "Warning" from our spirit guides, in the following language:

The coming months of this year, will decide the fate of TRUE Spiritualism, and either the Spirit World will draw very near indeed to man, or all good and wise spirits will for a time absent themselves from the earth plane. Spiritualists must awaken or they will find themselves drenched in the foul waters of the on-coming flood of petty-spite, fraud and deception.

We then tried to enforce the "Warning"—pleading with the Spiritualists of the present day to lay aside their jealousy and hatred, their bickerings and quarrels over "nothings," and work together, and with the angel world to let the "spiritual" develop in each one, and drive out the "animal" of hatred, revenge and all the catalogue of the impurities of the flesh, so as to bring to this age the glorious result of the philosophy of Spiritualism, in the enlightenment of the world, and the uplifting of humanity.

For the last time we repeat and emphasize the appeal, for every reader is tremendously interested, and must answer this question—" which shall it be?" The fate of the ages is in the balance! Shall we welcome the New Era offered to us by the ministers of the Spheres? Or, will we allow the angelic ambassadors to withdraw their presence and proffered help and depart, leaving the world in darkness and despair, until at another time, they may again make overtures, when our children's children shall have the decision of the momentous question which is now before us?

Plots are already being formed from without to annihilate us as a body, as will be seen in another editorial this week. This would be impossible if we were united and harmonious—if we were all good and true! But there is our weakness. We are vulnerable and cannot meet them with united hearts and spiritual lives.

They Join to Crush Spiritualism.

A special telegram from Anderson, Ind., to the St. Louis Globe Democrat, of Aug. 2, 1897, says:

Rev. H. H. Beeker, of Dayton, O.; Rev. E. E. Gaylor, of Columbus, O.; Prof. J. D. Hagaman, of Adrian, Mich.; W. R. Covert, of St. Louis, and other prominent anti-Spiritualists, to-day issued a call for a national meeting of anti-Spiritualist associations in this city, Sept. 1, to organize a national association. Catholics, Methodists and Christians are particularly antagonistic to Spiritualism, and they will join in the movement. There are at present several State associations, but as yet nothing national for a concentrated fight.

These anti-Spiritualists are well known. Unless Bishop Becker knows more about other things than he does about Spiritualism or his Bible, then must his store of knowledge be small indeed. Elder Covert, D. D., it is said, has not always been out of the lunatic asylum, but is now out-raving, as usual. E. E. Taylor, D. D., has met Moses Hull on various occasions, and if he has any great amount of knowledge, he has thus far failed to display it, while "Prof." Hagaman is well known as a fraud who professed to be a medium and edited an alleged Spiritualist paper to advertise himself and his spurious "manifestations," until Moses Hull and others exposed him at a Spiritualists' camp-meeting. Spiritualists, generally, took no stock in his mediumship from the first, and he is now seeking revenge upon honest mediums.

This union of Methodists and Catholics for the purpose of crushing out Spiritualism is THE FULFILLMENT OF A PROPHECY

made in 1860 to C. H. Green, now of Fall River, Wis. It is mentioned by him in a letter to his nephew, Ernest S. Green, of San Francisco, Cal., which was published in the JOURNAL dated July 29, 1897. Following is the remarkable prophecies given at that seance, this religious combine against Spiritualists leaving but one of those prophecies (a very important one) yet to be fulfilled:

In Sept., 1860, in the village of Elysian, Minn., at the home of a Mr. Hughes, I met with some Spiritual-We were "in the spirit," ists. Paul describes it) and saw a living map of the Southern States-its mountain ranges, its rivers, and blood on the ground where every battle was I saw that afterwards fought slavery would be abolished forever; that peace would be restored, the union of the States preserved, its power for good vastly increased and its prosperity in all that makes a nation great unparalleled in the history of the world: that other people and nations, seeing this, would struggle for liberty-prelates and kings would tremble; that Rome would instigate war between France and the Germans which would result in a republic for France.

I saw Methodists join with Catholics to check liberal thought—to crush out Spiritualism—and other churches joined to keep up old theology; that this struggle would continue until 1905, when universal freedom of thought and the new flood of spiritual light would become the light of the world.

I have beheld many things long before they happened and never made a mistake in the least detail.

HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.

According to Dr. Buchanan, Spiritualism, as revealed to-day, was taught and demonstrated by Jesus and his apostles, but the Pagan church at Rome entered into a compact with all other religious bodies of the countries where the new religion had spread and crushed it out by destroying or revising its literature to suit Pagan priests, and by murdering all its followers, thus plunging the world in darkness and establishing a reign of terror for fifteen centuries, opposing all knowledge, science and progress.

To-day this same Pagan church (re-named Catholic, but still retaining nearly all the ceremonies and rites of ancient Paganism) is attempting to repeat history, and to again crush out Spiritualism, but truth, though crushed to earth, will ever rise again, and this time it has arisen in an enlightened age where racks, thumb-screws, dungeons and flames for liberal thinkers can never flourish, though at least two Catholic papers still advocate the return of the Inquisition.

But the Catholics are not alone—they are repeating their tactics of some 1800 years ago—making allies of all other religious bodies. But in the last battle, when the smoke had cleared away it was discovered that the Romish church had swallowed all of its allies, and so it would be again. But bigotry is doomed and now struggles in its death-throes—"Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

The dispatch says that Methodists and other religious bodies are already being brought into line. Hence we repeat the warning of Thos. Paine to Washington at Valley Forge: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty!"

Grand Piano Recital.

Last Friday evening Carlyle Petersilea gave the first of a series of piano recitals at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, San Francisco, to a large audience, every seat being taken—though some failed to occupy them, thereby missing the greatest treat ever enjoyed by San Francisco musicians, judging from the enthusiasm of all and the later expressions of those competent to judge.

The program was a varied one, giving the extreme styles of expression of Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Chopin, and Lizst, covering all the sounds in nature's harmonies—imitating the gurgling brooklet, the sighing breeze, the rustling of forest leaves, the breaking of waves, the roar and thunder of the storm, the calm following, the twittering of winged warblers, and so on throughout the gamut of nature.

A writer in the San Francisco Examiner, who knew Mr. Petersilea and his masters in the Leipsig Conservatory, in Germany, says that after those famous masters heard him play, they "wondered why he came over." Nevertheless he took the three years course and graduated with high honors, having now in his possession costly medals presented him by crowned heads of Europe before whom he has played.

Mr. Petersilea's music school at 803 Golden Gate avenue, affords as good an opportunity for a musical education as that offered at Leipsig or elsewhere.

To Poets.—We have more poetry on hand than we can use in six months; and we request that no more be sent to us this year, so as to allow us to use what has accumulated. Good Times are returning after so long an absence. Our crops are large, and find ready sale at good prices, on account of shortage in foreign lands. Let us hope that the worst is past, and relief may now come all around. Please remember, dear reader, if you are one of the many who are in arrears, that we need help more than almost any one, and are relying on you for the means to carry on our work for man and angels.

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Propaganda Clubs. — Twenty subscribers for six weeks for \$1.50. Workers can collect a dime each from 20 persons, and keep 50 cents for their trouble. Anyone will give you a dime for the Journal for six weeks. Rush the propaganda work, and watch the converts.

Psychic Phenomena, Spirit Photography and Materialization; an illustrated lecture by Mrs. Julia Schlesinger, was the second of the series to be given at Scottish Hall, 105 Larkin street, this city. hall was full, as on the first occasion, and it seems impossible that any one present could doubt the reality of these phases after hearing and seeing the mass of evidence presented from the world's greatest scientists, including Prof. Wm. Crookes, Prof. J. Trail Taylor and others. Mrs. J. J. Whitney, the celebrated medium, followed with full-name tests.

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.

Furnished Rooms to rent at 701 McAllister St., San Francisco.

Spiritualist News.

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

The Editor must not be held responsible for the opinions expressed, nor for the estimated talest 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

Mrs. Sloper's mother is very ill at her residence, 543 Jersey street, San Francisco. Call with your sympathy and good offices.

Dr.L. Schlesinger has been doing a great work in Baker City, Oregon, by enlightening the people in reference to the future life.

Prof. Lockwood, the inspirational speaker, has next October, April and May, open for engagements. Address 98 Ogden avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Moses and Mattie Hull conducted meetings in Topeka, Kans., in July, and the result has been a genuine revival among the Spiritualists of that city.

Willard J. Hull lectured at Odd Fellows' Temple for the First Spiritual Church at Columbus, O., last Sunday on "The Outline of the Coming Civilization."

Dr. J. M. Peebles has reached his home in San Diego, having made a successful tour of the world for the third time. We are glad to know that he returned safely to his old home.

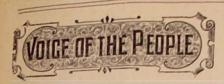
The opening of the Psychic and Spiritual Institute, at 1423 Market street, San Francisco, occured last Sunday evening, and continued Monday and Tuesday afternoons and evenings.

G. W. Kates and wife are engaged as follows: September, at Buffalo, N. Y.; October, at Rochester, N. Y.; November, at Titusville, Pa. Address them at 55 Comfort street, Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. Martha E. Ayers, 558 Twentieth street, Oakland, Cal., is a psychometric practitioner, and gives successful treatments, by the use of magnetized paper, etc.,—either by letter or otherwise.

The "boy orator," Chas. J. Anderson, is now 16 years old, and is acceptably occupying the platform of the First Society at San Diego, Cal. Two years ago, he excited the attention of the people in the State of Washington, by manifesting a phenomenal gift of speech, without previous preparation or even a knowledge of the subject upon which he was to deliver an address.

Willard J. Hull was granted a divorce from Eliza J. Hull, by Judge Badger, in Ohio, on August 5, so says the State Journal of August 6. Mrs. H. was insanely jealous of him, and fought desperately against the granting of a divorce. Her actions proved to the court that her jealousy in pursuing him constantly with hatred, after he had deeded her all his property, was "extreme cruelty," and refused alimony. Mr. Hull was formerly editor of the Light of Truth.



Cured of a Fever.

TO THE EDITOR:

To the Editor:

I want to publicly acknowledge my gratitude to spirit friends for their timely aid in curing me recently of a fever. I was prostrated, and unable to help myself. My brain had ceased to be an instrument for me, and was acting sort of "on its own hook," as persons do when they are delirious. persons do when they are delirious.
The fever was rising. It was quite inconvenient to call a doctor, and my wife was somewhat bewildered. Suddenly I saw very clearly an Indian standing in the centre of the room. I saw him point to me, and heard him distinctly say: "Give him a tea cup full of hot water." I was concup full of hot water." I was controlled to repeat his words, and then I became unconscious. My wife followed directions, and immediately the fever fell, my body broke out in a heavy perspiration, and I sank into a deep sleep. The next morning I was purged and rapidly recovered. I am impressed that it was Big Eagle, a former Sioux medicine man, who spoke, although it may have been South Wind, an Arapahoe, a hypnotist and healer, but they are modest, else I would get their names. I am else I would get their names. I am so thankful for their watchful care, and as the old song goes-

"We will meet the red man there, In the happy hunting grounds: He will take us to his wigwam there," etc.

B. A. STEPHENS. San Diego, Cal., Aug. 3, 1897.

Lyceum Visited.

TO THE EDITOR:

The Spiritual Union Society of Oakland, Cal., was visited by the Children's Progressive Lyceum of San Francisco, on Sunday, Aug. 8, for the purpose of becoming acquainted, and giving an exhibition of their method of procedure.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p. m., and after singing by the audience, and an invocation by Mrs. Drew, the president made a short address of welcome to the Lyceum; then invited Mrs. Wadsworth, the conductor of the San Francisco Lyceum, to the rostrum to take charge of her pupils. The exercises consisted of music and recitations, and a short lesson showing the methods of procedure of both leader and follower. Everything was done in a systematic manner and without any inharmony, clearly demonstrating that the leaders are fully competent to perform their labor of love! The children are bright and thoughtful, and full of life. Such conditions are evidence that the teachings and treatment of the children is calculated to increase the activity of the mind, and as a result, the activity of the physical in

order that barmony shall exist in the constitution of the individual. All present were well pleased.

The Union Society has invited the Lyceum to come again on Sunday evening, some time in September. The Lyceum is to have the proceeds

of the evening.

The Union Society elected new Officers two weeks ago, as follows:
President, B. K. Love; Vice-President,
Mrs. L. Martell; Secretary, W. N.
Brown; Treasurer, Sol Palinbaum,
and the directors. And now we hope
to grow in numbers Vox. to grow in numbers.

National Convention.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists' Associa-tion, of the United States of America and Canada, will be held at the Masonic Temple, Ninth and F streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., on Oct. 19, 20, 21, 1897. Business session each day at 10:00 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Important business of interest to every Spiritualist will be presented for action before these gatherings.

At 7:30 each evening grand public meetings with addresses, spirit communications, music, etc. A large number of the most gifted lecturers and mediums will be present and participate in these exercises.

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All Delegates' Credentials should be

forwarded to headquarters by Oct. 1,

All Societies not chartered are invited to do so at once, that they may have a voting representative at the

Convention.

Delegates' Headquarters will be at the Ebbitt House, 14th and F streets,

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The Reviewer.

Dr. J. H. Dewey has just issued two more pamphlets of the "Inner Light" series, entitled "Walking With God; the Secret of Divine Communion and Fellowship." "The Signs Which Follow; or Power from on High." 15 cents each. This series is in response to the special need of the hour. In the spiritual awakening now stirring the heart of humanity and presaging the dawn of a new era, many have attained a height where a return to the valley is not to be considered; and yet the voices pointing the way onward are so diverse and confusing that an unmistakable word of assurance is needed. To such this series of booklets will bring a decisive message of light, courage and strength. For sale at this office.

New Discoveries in Astronomythe Sun and Stars Inhabited. Wm. Baker Fahnestock, M. D., 144 pp., with 16 full page colored illustrations. Price 50 cents. For sale at this office.

The illustrations are the result of clairvoyance, and gives over 30 views of the planets, which are fully described by the author.

Intelligence for August is especially attractive. A special feature of general interest to all who have the welfare of our country at heart is an astrological prediction on President McKinley's administration, made at the time of his inauguration, and a copy of which was deposited in the copyright office at Washington, D. C., March 8th, 1897, making it an absolute prediction to be judged by events as they take place during the next four years. *Intelligence* is published in New York, at 503 Fifth avenue, at 10 cents a number.

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The Second Annual Convention of the California State Spiritualists' Association, will be held in Scottish Hall, 105 Larkin St., San Francisco, Sept. 3, 4 and 5, 1897. Business sessions. sions at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. Saturday. Important business of interest to every Spiritualist will be presented for action before these gatherings.

At 8, each evening, grand public meetings with addresses, spirit com-munications, music, etc. Gifted lecmunications, music, etc. turers and mediums will be present and participate in these exercises.

All delegates' credentials should be

forwarded to headquarters not later than August 27, 1897. All societies not chartered are invited to do so at once, that they may have a voting representative at the Convention.

All delegates are requested to report at Scottish Hall on Sept. 3, at 9 a. m. Thos. G. Newman, Pres. John Koch, Sec., 1607 Fillmore St., San Francisco, Cal.

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

answer questions, etc.

Prof. Richard Young will be the musical director of the State Conven-

tion

Mrs. J. J. Whitney and Madame Young will give spirit messages on Saturday evening, and Dr. Geo. W. Carpender will lecture.

Full program will be published in the next Journal giving list of committees on reception and decoration.

Ten cents admission will be charged for all evening meetings and Sunday

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

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Los Angeles Notes.

The usual quiet prevails among the piritualists of Los Angeles. Mrs. Spiritualists of Los Angeles. Mrs. Maude L. Freitag has been the leading platform medium here for a month past, and the meetings of the Harmonial Society have been well at-tended. Unfortunately Mrs. Freitag has been compelled, on account of ill health, to disappoint many who desired private sittings. For the same reason she failed to go to the Summerland Camp-meeting, but by taking good care of herself she has been able to appear on the Harmonial platform, Music Hall, and has given good satisfaction. Her address is 316% South Spring street.

Tuesday evening, August 17 entertainment will be given at Music Hall for the benefit of Mrs. Freitag. In view of the disability occasioned by her ill health, many friends desire

to give her a testimonial of good will.

Mrs. Ada H. Foye, the pioneer in
"ballot test" mediumship, is also in
Los Angeles—has been here several weeks, endeavoring to recuperate after her work in Chicago, which city, at this season of the year, is too warm for comfort. Mrs. Foye does not expect to return to the platform soon, but after regaining her health, she will probably be prevailed upon to

break such a resolution.

Mr. Ben M. Barney gave a seance at Illinois Hall, Sunday evening, Aug. 8th. In opening he said Spiritualism is flourishing in San Diego, where there are now about 3,000 Spiritualists. Recently a man confined in the San Diego jail for safe keeping prior to being sent to the insane asylum, he being "a raving maniac," was restored to the full possession of his senses by Mr. Barney in five minutes time. It was a case of obsession, and the "casting-out of devils" took place in the presence of 20 witnesses. patient in the insane asylum at Highlands has also been restored by Mr. Barney, as acknowledged by the resident physician, Dr. Campbell. Yet the question is asked, "What good does Spiritualism do?"

On Sunday evening most of the sealed letters sent to the platform for Mr. Barney to read psychometrically (or by spirit aid) were left untouched, but the few taken in hand by the medium were easily read and the ques-tions successfully answered, after which verbal questions, asked by persons in the audience, were answered by raps on the sounding board. Among the answers were the following: Cuba will be free within a year; the Hawaiian Islands will eventually the Hawaiian Islands will eventually be annexed to the United States; the coal miners' strike will be a success for the coal owners, not the coal miners; Bryan will be nominated and elected President in 1900; the San Pedro breakwater will be constructed without much delay from Secretary Alger: the Debs movement, the Russeller. without much delay from Secretary
Alger; the Debs movement, the Ruskin colony in Tennessee, the Texas
co-operative enterprise, etc., will all
be aids in the solution of the social
problem—teaching people the proper
course to pursue in the coming crisis.
Many personal questions were answered; among others, a lady who

belived her father to be dead, was told that he is living 15 miles from told that he is living 15 miles from Albuquerque, N. M., and that a letter sent to that postoffice would reach him. Ex-Rev. G. W. Savory, an entire stranger to Mr. Barney, was told that he was going to Texas to join a colony there. "Can I sell my property here?" asked Savory. "Yes." "Soon?" "Yes." "Yes." "Yes." Mr. Savory, who sat next to me, whispered, "If that proves true I'll turn Spiritualist." The next morning I saw him, and he said it was true; he sold his property that day, and was thereby enabled to purchase tickets for his family at the reduced rate, which he could not have done one day later, the Christian Endeavor privilege expiring on Monday evening, whereby he saved a large sum on the transportation of several persons. He laughingly added: "I suppose I'll have to keep my promise now, and become a Spiritualist."

Mr. Barney has returned to San Diego, so I could not tell him of his

convert.

Mr. Albert F. Dicking, formerly of Los Angeles, and a member of the Harmonial Spiritualists' Society died suddenly in this city on Wednesday night last from affection of the heart. He arrived here with Mrs. Dicking Wednesday noon, on a visit to relatives, and was stricken at the depot. but soon recovered, and went to the house of Mrs. D.'s sister, Mrs. E. E. Bowles, and took tea with the family, but died suddenly at one o'clock that night. The funeral on Friday, was conducted by Mrs. Maude L. Freitag. Mr. Dicking, 62 years of age, was an old-time Spiritualist, most loved by those who knew him best. Great sympathy is felt for the widow, who, though sustained by the most consoling of all religions, deeply feels her great loss, being bereaved at a late period in life—a time when the companionship of one long loved is more than ever prized. W. N. SLOCUM. than ever prized.

Charity. — Irving, in his life of Mahomet, says: "Mahomet in his definition of charity, embraced the wide circle of all possible kindness. Every good act, he would say, is charity. Your smilling in your brother's face is charity; an exhortation of your fellow men to virtuous deeds is equal to alms giving; your putting a wanderer in the right way is charity; your assisting the blind is charity; your removing stones and thorns and other obstructions from the road is other obstructions from the road is charity; your giving water to the thirsty is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good he does in the world to his fellow man. When he dies the people would say 'What property has he left behind him?' But the angels will ask: 'What good deeds has he sent before him?'''

If our readers (who are in our debt) could but realize how much good the small amounts they owe us. would do good to us and the Cause they claim to have at heart-there is not one but would send that amount to us at the earliest opportunity.

The River.

[The following poem was written by me after a day's hard work in August, 1889. I had been helping a neighbor of my father's in threshing, and had pitched wheat on wagons all day in the field, and the air of Longfellow's beautiful poem entitled "The Bridge," ran through my mind all day to regard home in the evening I teld "The Bridge," ran through my mind all day. On going home in the evening I told my mother of it, and said I thought perhaps I could write something, and taking pencil and paper, I wrote the following lines in exactly 18 minutes, just as they are. They were given inspirationally, and when I was writing one line I had no idea what the next line would be till I came to it. Reading Ernest S. Green's lines of same meter in the Journal for June 26th, recalled the circumstances under which recalled the circumstances under which mine were written. I showed them to Mrs. Mattie E. Hull a few days after they were written and she requested that I let her have them published in Moses Hull's New Thought, and they appeared shortly afterwards. Yours for the good of the Cause.—U. G. Figley.]

I stood by the side of a river Whose white waves lapped the shore, And the sun from the land eternal Shines bright to-day as of yore.

I see in the course of the river The tide of life ebb and flow, While the shadows of sorrow and heart-On its waters come and go.

The drama of life is passing As this river flows on its way, From the fountain of life eternal To the land of endless day.

I see the infancy of mankind And his youth as a silver reed, While his manhood glows with lustre, And his old age passes with speed.

I see the days of my childhood, When all was good to me, Then I see the day of awaking To the good that is to be.

The days of my youth flow by me, And I see wherein I erred, And the balance of life flows swiftly Till the farewell call is heard.

I see the sombre cortege That bears me to the tomb, But the farewell words are spoken— And my life's a broken loom.

But hold! I see a cortege That comes down through the air, And I join it with thanksgiving That I'm known as I am up there!

I see the land of shadows And pass from school to school, And learn what I thought as a mortal— That law is the Golden Rule.

The river of life is passing, And each stands on its shore, And each one crosses over To the land of Evermore.

The sun still shines on its waters That slowly glide along In ripples of sorrow and laughter And each sings his own old song.

And go the unknown way That leads to the land immortal, You every one will say:

"I enter the valley of shadows
With the tho't that I've done my best,
And now I've done with all sorrow— I've gone away to rest;

"To rest now from life's trials In the mortal land below, And work in the vineyard of spirits Whose garments are as the snow." And the river still flows onward Till time shall be no more, And I see that life is a shadow, With death standing guard at the door.

Like a dream it passes outward, Grim death bears the shadow away; And is naught left of the mortal For the dawn of another day

Yes, the shadow is gone to the river And crossed its waters grey, And I see that the glory immortal Of life is in passing away.

Camp Meetings this year are announced as follows:

Lake Brady. O., June 27 to Aug. 29. Mantua, O., July 18 to Aug. 22. Clinton, Iowa, Aug. 1 to Aug. 29. Gilbert Lake, Minn., Aug. 1 to 16. Vicksburg, Mich., Aug. 6 to 29. Marshaltown, Iowa, Aug. 21. Toneka, Kans. Sen. 4. Topeka, Kans., Sep. 4. Upper Swampscott, Mass., June to Sept. Island Lake, Mich., July 2# to Aug. 31. Ashley, O., Aug. 15.

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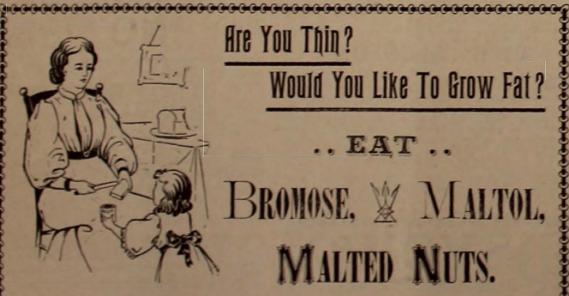


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