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OCCULT SCIENCE—WHAT IS IT? AND WHAT IT PROPOSES TO DO?

It is not the object of this paper to enter into the occult mysteries of Theosophy, pertaining to this life or the next, but to refer more especially to the inner and higher self of man. Is it true that the atom is a miniature Universe? or that the combined atoms of an individual man will progress and unfold through ages to come, until he becomes a being of more power and wisdom and beauty than the mind can now comprehend? This postulate is believed by many of the most learned and spiritually-minded reasoners.

But life in this world interests us as well as the life to come. From experiments in psychology

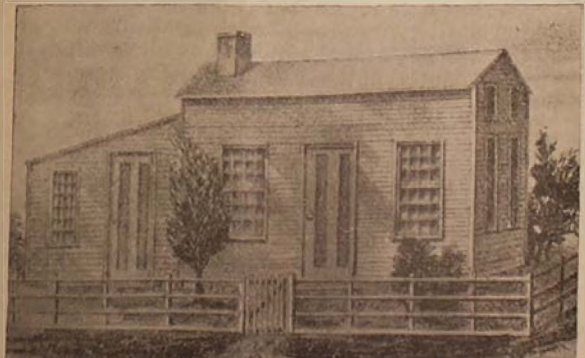
man, with the modern or civilized man, will give us some basis to infer what the future may reveal.

Let us imagine for a moment something of the condition of this first human being. The earth had been struggling up for millions of years, until it was fitted to sustain a higher order of life. The ages of the earth had well prepared—

To swing the door of destiny ajar
And let the humble monarch of the world
Place his crude feet upon the virgin soil.
He comes not in the pride of modern life—
No beating drums announce the great event;
No shouts of welcome ring from hearts of love;
No smile to animate, no voice to cheer,
But sad and lone he rises from his bed
Of russet leaves and half-decaying boughs,
And looks with senseless eyes and vacant stare
Upon a scene of solitude and gloom.
The beasts of prey are prowling round the spot
That he has chosen for a place of rest;
The elements are still as fickle as of yore;
The drenching rains heed not his shivering form,
And solar rays are constant to fulfill
The promises of every coming day.
But Nature, the mysterious architect,
Has put this being in its fitting place.
The beasts may be in eagerness to slay
This late intruder in their very midst.
In vain the heat and cold conspire to drive
Him from his rude abiding-place—his home.
He may be slight in form and weak in strength
And slow in movement, measured by his foes,
But in his upright form and larger brain
He carries the inheritance bequeathed
From the great source of Everlasting Cause,

—which we may reasonably suppose was the condition of primeval man. Every student is more or less familiar with his progress since the beginning of the historic age, and the remarkable progress made in the last half century suggests the idea that man's mission on earth is nearly ended. Step by step the intellect has penetrated the mysteries of nature and revealed to the world the wonderful forces which have so long waited to be brought to light. The power of steam is being supplanted by electricity, and the query arises, what next?

Progress is no less marked in the mental and spiritual realm; miracle is giving way to law and superstition to reason; the apparently impossible has been elucidated and assigned to the domain of



Fox Cottage at Hydesville, N. Y., where the first raps occurred.

and Spiritualism in their innumerable methods of manifestation it is being continually proven that man is a spiritual being, and that all objective manifestations are the proximate creations of the inner life.

From the standpoint of universal Being, this spiritual life exists in all things; is self-existent and eternal and clothes itself in every form of nature. It has assumed an outward garb, through all the stages of the world's progress, from the fiery globe to man. Comparing what we may suppose to be the condition of the lowest or, first

cause and effect. The greatest philosopher, the man of wisdom and the wonderful genius have given their best thoughts and discoveries to the world until we are led to exclaim—can there be any more progression? Notwithstanding the great advancement of material science and the general upheaval of religious thought the social and political condition of the world is unsatisfactory. Our great thinkers are like stars that the common mind cannot reach—the present is pre-eminently a state of transition, and the outlook is ominous, and we look in every direction for relief.

Political theories and moral codes have been advanced; new-named sciences and various isms attract attention, among which is occult science. The latter has been recently given to the public of America, while it is ancient in the Orient. By its forcible presentation and unlimited promise it may be possible that the persistent student may grow into its realities and reap its benefits. It is now conceded by the best minds that the spiritual or inner life is the moving power, or cause of all outward manifestations. This being the case, there must be methods and something to work with—to be used under certain conditions and in a specified manner.

Occult science attempts to explain the phenomena of human life. A few extracts from the "Occult Science Library," published in Chicago, by Ernest Loomis & Co., will introduce and in part explain the theory:

"Has not modern science been forced to concede the occult principle that thought goes in waves, and therefore that it generates and controls vibration? Is not vibration the essence of all manifestation and the agent of thought in all creation? Occult science, if truly understood, opens for man the door to almost unlimited power. Thought-control and its occult power must therefore be gained through thought-concentration. Thought-concentration must reach the love-principle with its harmonious vibrations before thought or will can be controlled. When the heart and mind are right, houses, horses, carriages, fine raiment, friends and other desirable exterior surroundings will come as the natural attractions and correspondences of loving thoughts. We little realize the power of our thought. It is tremendous—it is unlimited. All creation is through thought. Man's power to think is infinite and eternal. To him there is nothing unattainable—nothing he cannot in time be, if he sets about it right."

These extracts are sufficient to show the basic principle of occult science. The theory of thought vibration may be true, (and probably is). That is, vibration is the method by which all visible life seeks expression; but, thus far has it not been done without special thought effort of man? if so, is it not reasonable to believe that the persistent education and direction of thought, will lead to infinitely greater results? Nature has an inexhaustible fountain of intelligent energy to draw upon. Its wisdom and power have been indicated in every step of its great work, from molusk to primeval man, and upward still to modern times.

To man's intellect the end may seem near, we may see no possible outlook for a happy escape from the present unrest of the world not even "a rift in the cloud" through which to hail the glorious sunlight of joy. But when we realize the great past, we have no cause for fear of the general results. The material world is now filled with

Nations ruled by selfishness, almost necessarily, and the ruled are driven to the same methods, and death by war and starvation stares the world in the face. Spiritualism will do its part of the coming work, for it embraces all truth, but Occultism may open a door to assist in broadening and brightening many of the dark paths of life and thus bless many weary hearts.

To enter into this light one must banish all unworthy motives? the spirit, the heart must be cleansed. Anger, hatred, revenge and every inclination to lower the standard of growth toward a better life, and a better condition of humanity—must be banished. Don't try to be an Occultist until you become honest, and pure in mind and thought. Let love, the basic principle of all being, dominate your soul, and predominate in you efforts for the good of all. If you succeed in true Occultism, what will be the result? You will be happy; beautiful thoughts will give you a beautiful body; the power of loving thought currents will flow from soul to soul until the commingled and universal ecstasy of joy shall unite the people of the earth in the spirit of love and fraternity.

There is no standing still—man will yet achieve greater triumphs over nature. Messages shall be sent without wires; air-ships will bear upon their light wings the riches of commerce, and travel will be made with speed and safety. The ocean depths will be explored; its treasures revealed. If, as claimed, the power of thought is omnipotent—to be understood and developed, who can estimate its future results? It may be the opening door, into which many will enter; some to advance rapidly—many to follow slowly after, and others to become listless, and discouraged.

The law of evolution is tireless in its march up the ages and will animate and move the mass of mankind until every good wish and pure desire shall be granted, and the undeveloped faculties of the human soul be enlarged and filled with wisdom.

This is no idle dream nor fancy picture of the imagination. One unfoldment has succeeded another. We have been crowded, up to the 20th century. Darkness must be dispelled; ignorance overcome, and unjust methods banished. Progress cannot be overcome. Occultism says, "O, man! know your power; do your part of the work, and you shall become omnipotent, to hasten the glorious time so long foretold by the inspirations of the past."
E. D. FRENCH.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

The kingdom of heaven is within. Those who know peace and harmony live in the kingdom. God is love. Those who love know God. He is ruler in the kingdom and will grant us an answer to prayer, when, out of our need, we make the right condition for fulfillment. "Ask and ye shall have," means an intelligent asking.

The Almighty knows nothing of ignorance, so an ignorant prayer naturally goes unanswered. As thinking beings we are centers of force and can bring to ourselves what we need by the intelligently spoken word.
DEE DOXEY.

OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

Reviewed Monthly by Ernest S. Green.

SPANISH SPIRITUALISTS AND THE WAR.

La Union Espiritista (Barcelona, Spain) in its March issue contains a tremendous protest against the war in Cuba, in the shape of an address to the Spiritualists of the country. The entire Spiritualist, Freethought, Socialist and Democratic press of Spain has united, (it is stated in this article) in demanding that *not one soldier more shall be sent to Cuba*; and then adds a fine piece of sarcasm by a proviso—"unless the sons of the rich accompany them to the field of battle." The article also demands the separation of Church and State, and concludes with these ringing words, in capital letters: ¡ABAJO LA GUERRA! ¡VIVA LA PAZ! ("Down with the war! Long live peace!")

CLAIRVOYANCE AT DEATH—SAW THE PARIS FIRE.

Oh the 4th of May [1897], Dr. G. of Vouziers, was called, in his professional capacity, to the bedside of an old lady who was seriously ill.

It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon when the doctor arrived. He at once despaired of the patient's recovery, finding her unconscious and very weak. After giving a few directions, he was about to depart, when the dying woman, arousing from her stupor, cried out with an expression of agony and indefinable terror, in these words:

"O, my God, my God! . . . See the fire—the fire! They do not see the building is on fire! . . . O, the unfortunates, it burns and they do not know it! . . . Poor women—poor youths—so young and so fair. . . Save them, save them! . . . See! their hats take fire. . . What cries! . . . See! the fagots fall upon their bodies! . . . The roof falls in! Too late, too late!"

This scene was witnessed by 15 persons, and lasted five or six minutes, terminating with an almost superhuman cry from the dying woman, as she saw the blaze and fall of the palace, devoured by flames. She remained half an hour longer in a state of absolute prostration, and passed away at 5 o'clock.

It should be mentioned that this old lady was not acquainted in Paris, nor had she any information concerning the "Bazaar of Charity," nor had she any relatives or friends among the victims of the great catastrophe.—*Moniteur de l'Hygiene Publique*, (Paris, France).

[It will be seen that the date of this scene corresponds with that of the great fire in the Paris "Bazaar of Charity," in which so many were burned to death, and the dying woman's clairvoyant description exactly tallied with the details afterwards sent out in the press dispatches, although I have translated but about one-fourth of her description. It was published in the *Moniteur* shortly after the occurrence, and is widely quoted in France.—G.]

LIFE SAVED BY A SPIRIT VOICE.

La Revista de Estudios Psicologicos, of Barcelona, Spain, translates from the Boston *Arena* a very remarkable narrative, which must have appeared

in that magazine several years ago. It is, condensed, as follows:

"In 1886 I was in Cincinnati, making some purchases. Upon returning, I stopped at Louisville to take the steamer "Cartel," which would land me almost at my door.

"I embarked upon the steamer, and while alone upon the deck, contemplating the panorama, I clearly and distinctly heard a voice warning me that before it reached the end of its journey the boiler of the Cartel would explode and wreck it.

"I turned and looked in every direction, but saw no one near me. I wished to doubt but dared not. I went to see the captain to ask him to change my state-room, the one that I occupied being directly over the boiler. He granted the request when my motive was explained.

"Having secured my new apartments, I at once sought my friend Gibson, who occupied the adjoining birth to the one first assigned to me, and so persistently did I insist upon the danger of his remaining that he and others began to doubt my reason and to regard me as insane.

"Shortly after 2 o'clock on the following morning I was suddenly aroused by a horrible explosion, and I found myself enveloped in a dense vapor. I liberated myself from the debris, as best I could, and seeing a life-boat which I found suspended, pulled it towards me. Nineteen others imitated my action, and in this little boat we reached the shore. This occurred near Memphis.

"At my request, four vigorous oarsmen returned with the boat to save others. In the sinister light of the burning wreck I saw my friend in a small boat, drifting upon the water. I threw him a rope and with it brought him to shore. A passing steamer saved others, but despite all efforts 150 persons perished in the wreck.

"But enough—whose was the voice that warned me of the catastrophe?—M. FAROLER."

TABLE LEVITATED WITHOUT HUMAN CONTACT.

There have been many cases of levitation of tables and other furniture in the United States, through private mediums. In one of these instances, I was present at a social gathering of Spiritualists in the parlors of Geo. E. Rogers, in San Diego. Someone suggested a "circle," which was formed around the centre-table in full light. After some preliminary rocking, which five or six strong men could not prevent, the table arose in the air and floated above our heads, free from all visible contact, the medium being a prominent society lady whose mediumship was only known to intimate friends.

And now comes Casmiro Motet, a civil engineer, and in a letter to Gabriel Delanne, the noted Spiritualist lecturer, editor and author, of France, (published in *La Revue Scientifique et Morale du Spiritisme*) describes such an occurrence as "the most surprising phenomena I have witnessed in my long experience in Spiritualism," and then continues:

"At the moment we were about to retire from the circle, and our hands were not in contact with the table, to our great surprise, it arose in a vertical direction to a height of more than a metre; balanced several seconds in the air, inclining first

to the right and then to the left, and all this without any of the numerous objects upon it—lamp, books, paper, pencil, etc.—falling from it; after which it returned gradually to its former position, occupying it without even a jolt.”

SPIRITUALISM IN HOLLAND?

Spiritualism is making wonderful progress in Holland, many orthodox ministers and one or two of the leading orthodox periodicals practically endorsing the movement. This is probably due to the fact that investigation is confined to the home circle, where no one has any object, pecuniary or otherwise, in practicing deception.

Het Toekomstig Leven is the title of a semi-monthly 16-page journal, published at Utrecht, which is ably edited in the interests of Occultism, embracing Spiritualism, Theosophy, and psychic research in general. It contains translations of able articles on Spiritualism from English, French and German.

MORE NEW SPIRITUAL JOURNALS.

Italy has another monthly Spiritual magazine, entitled *Il Mondo Secreto* (The Occult World). It is edited by Giuliano Kremmenz, at Viale Principessa Elena, No. 17, Naples. No. 2, (for February) contains 64 pages, is well edited, neatly printed and bound, and is a credit to the cause of occult philosophy. It contains some strange cabalistic pictures, reproduced from the works of Eliphas Levi; articles on Spiritualism, Theosophy, Cabalism, Hermetism, and concludes with, “An Italian School of Magic and Divine Philosophy.” It also contains a magnificent poem in French (covering over four pages) on “The Origin and Destiny of Man,” by Louis Claude de St. Martin.

Paris has also added a new Spiritual review to the 10 or 12 it already has, called *Espiritualisme Moderne* (Modern Spiritualism).

O Fin do Seculo is the title of a new monthly periodical published in San Paulo, Brazil, in both Italian and Portuguese. It advocates Spiritualism, the occult sciences and independent thought. This country supports a good list of Spiritual papers.

THE BRAIN—HOW WE THINK.

In the JOURNAL of March 17, is an article “How we Think,” copied from the San Francisco *Call*. I find statements made to me, many times in the last 30 years, by my spirit guides as to how souls unfold, how the body is formed and the brain cells carefully constructed and operated. True, it is, as said in the article “each brain cell is a storage battery which can perform a certain amount of work and then must be recharged.” How often when I have been mentally and physically overtaxed and exhausted, my guide has come to me and said, “You must rest and sleep, then we can restore the exhausted supply of strength of mind and body.”

Again, I quote, “This likeness to a battery is further emphasized by the fact that the nature of the brain cell’s work consists, like that of any other battery, of the sending out of charges of

energy along fibres that may be likened to wires.” This has been taught to me and through my organism for 30 years, as the Society here can testify. I have often been told by my guides, that in due time they would send in to me, testimony and corroborative statements to everything they were teaching me, and so they do. One thing after another is verified, as also all the visions I have ever been favored with; they have been and are being literally fulfilled. This gives me joy and strength for further work. How often, when in the superior state, I have seen this fibre system in space and that of individuals, how they are linked together and universally active. Truly all move in the Oversoul.

The nerve system is the fibre system of individual centers. The nerves serve as an insulation for soul or vital substance. On these fibres the intelligence flashes to and fro. Often the brain of man has reminded me of a union telegraphic station. Messages come and go over all these fibres which are well-defined lines for such operations. Some of these messages make their indentations and are returned and used; others are lost in the effort of registration. In this way thoughts go out and touch other mind centers, thus there is constant exchange of thought and each one’s stock and store is enhanced.

The bodily mechanism resembles, when seen, as I have often seen it, a regular dynamo; each bodily function performs its part, or is supposed to do so, and rest and labor assist as much as food, etc.

All things work together for the soul’s growth, unfoldment and brilliance, when man is temperate in his habits and upright in all his dealings. To see such a person mentally engrossed, is a lovely sight. The brain cells are studded with these sensitive fibres, that shoot out in different lengths to clasp others put forth from other centers. They form a real halo about the head, that I can liken to nothing but the circle and rays around an electric street light on a dark night. I am delighted that men of science are discovering these grand truths for then will the world at large accept them. So far, they have not met with favor.

On the article by Dr. R. A. Davis on Telepathy, Re-incarnation, etc., I wish to remark: There is much written of late in all the papers about the soul. One writes wise and another otherwise. Perhaps this is necessary to bring clear ideas out of the mixture, but in the article referred to he says, “A new soul is born for each body,” and “A child when born into this life, has no soul in its little body, until a few seconds before it breathes its first breath. The new soul stands ready to enter that body at the proper moment, etc.” I cannot conceive what his idea of a soul may be.

If spirits impart this idea, they perhaps belong to those who believe that women have no souls. At any rate, be it as it may, the time has come for investigation, for man must learn himself.

MRS. M. KLEIN.

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SPIRITUALISM IN THE CHURCHES.

It is a fact, apparent to all observing persons, that during the past 50 years it has leavened the whole of Christendom. This is seen not only in the modified views of priests and preachers concerning heaven and hell, but also in the matter of spirit existence, spirit power, and spirit communion with those who are still in the physical form. We might reasonably expect this from some of the more liberal Churches, but it would not so readily be thought of in connection with the ancient Catholic Church.

But even with this rich and powerful church we find the effects of spirit power and influence, in the modification of the teachings of the older clergy.

In a sermon, published in the Cincinnati *Commercial-Gazette*, preached by Rev. Father McGrady at St. Antony's Church, Bellevue, Ky., we find the following, which is Spiritualism, pure and simple:

Spiritualism, in the broadest significance of the term, is the belief that the world of matter can communicate with the world of spirits. This question is treated both in sacred and profane history. Before entering into a discussion of this subject I wish to make a few observations. A spirit is a being totally disengaged from the trammels of corporeal existence, and, consequently, not circumscribed by space, like material substance. The movements of a spirit are essentially quicker than the flight of thought; in the twinkling of an eye it can sweep through all the boundless realms of space, and visit all the globes, and touch all the constellations, and all the systems, and all the worlds, that wander through those vast, purple fields of light, where no sound has ever broken the ominous silence of pre-mundane existence. It can soar beyond flaming space,

beyond ethereal zones, beyond those dark regions where no dazzling orb has ever cast his golden beams and where night, black and awful, has hung his sable curtains.

Since, in virtue of their nature, the spirits can haunt every world, I fail to see any incongruity in the opinion that they can visit this earth and cross the paths of men. Of course, by the word spirit, I designate not only the souls of the dead, but also angels, both good and evil.

Father McGrady cited from the Bible several incidents tending to establish the fact that both good and evil spirits are permitted to reveal themselves to men in the flesh, and then adds:

Now, since the human soul is akin to angelic nature; since it has the power, in virtue of its essence, to roam through all the worlds—it is not inconsistent to believe that God may commission the spirits of the dead as his delegates to convey messages to the living. But is there an illustration of this nature in the Bible? Yes, for in the 28th chapter of the first book of Kings we learn that Saul communicated with the woman at Endor, to ascertain, from the spirit of Samuel, the issue of the battle which would be fought the next day between the Philistines and the phalanxes of Israel. The Bible states that Samuel responded to the voice of the enchantress, assuming his natural appearance and form, and replied to the queries of the King, and foretold his defeat and death.

This is Spiritualism in all its modern significance and teaching. He then adds:

Profane history corroborates the opinion that the world is filled with the whispers of the grave. Pausanias relates that 400 years after the battle of Marathon, the neighing of horses and the wild and desperate shouts of martial bands could be heard distinctly at nights, on that historic spot. Plutarch says that ghosts were frequently seen in the public baths, where several citizens of Cheronæa had been murdered. He also relates that the shade of Cæsar entered the bed chamber of Brutus, and when accosted by the assassin, the sprite responded: "I am thy evil genius, Brutus; thou shalt see me at Philippi." Brutus boldly answered: "I'll meet thee there," and the spectre immediately vanished. Some time after, he engaged Anthony and Octavius, and the first day was victorious. The night before he was to fight the second battle, the same spectre appeared to him again, but spoke not a word. Brutus understood that his hour was near, and courted danger with all the violence of despair.

Proof is abundant that mediums often speak languages entirely unknown to them. Judge Edmonds publicly testified that his daughter, after becoming a medium, spoke in nine or ten different tongues, though she only knew English and a smattering of French. Mediums have given information that they could not have known personally, and when in a trance they have been impervious to the effects of fire and other kinds of

physical pain. These are facts which defy contradiction. Father McGrady then wisely concludes :

I have proved the possibility of preternatural apparitions from the essence of spiritual substance, and I have shown that this possibility was realized in Biblical history, and, as Christians, we must accept these facts. Now, if the woman at Endor could call up the spirit of Samuel, with divine permission, a medium of the 19th century may communicate with the souls of departed men.

Certainly, what could be more natural? Spiritualism is getting in its work everywhere, permeating the churches and liberalizing the world.

TWO JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

This year there are to be two grand Jubilee Celebrations—one in America and one in England. On May 25 to June 1, at Rochester, N. Y., (notice the change in date). The other will be held in London, Eng., June 19 to 24. These will mark an epoch in the history of Modern Spiritualism, and will no doubt be attended by Spiritualists from all over the world. The American celebration is under the management of Mr. Frank Walker of Hamburg, N. Y., and the London Jubilee by Mr. E. Dawson Rogers, editor of *Light*.

Let the Spiritualists of the world rejoice and celebrate. Let them awake to their duties and privileges, and work together for the elevation of mankind. Their mission is to enlighten and elevate the world.

THE EARTHQUAKE—PROPHECY VERIFIED.

On page 198 of the JOURNAL appeared a number of prophecies written by Dr. Muehlenbruch on March 17, from which the following is an extract :

"... A destruction of one city by earthquake. Two cities will suffer, but one in this country will only suffer, while one across the ocean will be destroyed."

Before these prophecies were put in type a dispatch to the daily press showed the literal fulfillment of the first of the above two, by the destruction of the town of Amboyna, on the island of that name—one of the Molucca group—this verification being given with the prophecies.

The night after the JOURNAL containing these prophecies was delivered to its San Francisco subscribers, the second prophecy above quoted had also been fulfilled in the tremendous shaking up which San Francisco and suburban towns suffered. One building in San Francisco was completely wrecked, and much other damage done, while the wrecks at the Mare Island Navy Yards, (near the city) are estimated at \$500,000 damage.

It will also be remembered that Dr. Muehlenbruch predicted the "Maine" disaster 12 days before it occurred.

These are a few of the many facts we have to prove that the voice of prophecy is no more silent now than it was in the days of Daniel and Moses.

☞ Catholics are much incensed at the New York priest who advised American Catholics to side with Spain, if a conflict should occur between it and this country. At a late gathering of Irish-Americans in Denver, Colo., Father Malone, gave an address which was a critical and historical review of the movement of the United Irishmen. Incidentally he alluded to the recent speech of Father Weber of New York. "As Irishmen and Irish-Americans," said Father Malone, "our cordial sympathy goes out to all people struggling for freedom. As Irish Catholics we can not too severely condemn the words of that misguided priest in New York who said it was the duty of Catholics to support Spain in a conflict with this country. We stand for America against every country on earth, and the prompt disclaimer of the Archbishop of New York for responsibility for his priest's utterance meets a sincere response from the Catholics of the West." These sentiments were loudly cheered.

☞ Kansas has some peculiar judges. Here is a decision which will provoke a smile. It was published in the Columbus, O., *Dispatch* :

Out in Kansas, the Attorney-General has decided that "Divine Healers" cannot be held subject to the State laws governing the practice of medicine and surgery. He holds that Jehovah is over and above all man-made law and so he reasons that persons claiming to be his agents are not amenable. This seem to be a regular Kansas-brand leap into the dark.

☞ Don't think you will spoil the editor by giving him an occasional word of cheer, any more than you will spoil your child by complimenting her upon a piece of patchwork she has finished. Of course you could beat the job yourself, but that doesn't deter you from heaping words of encouragement on the child. It has done its best. So you could doubtless beat the average editor in running a paper. The editor is willing to acknowledge that you can. He only does this because you have not the time to, but this fact need not deter you from giving him a word of encouragement occasionally.—Exch.

☞ The year of Jubilee is come—let all rejoice.

The Jubilee Wedding.

Great interest is always taken in a Spiritualist wedding, but when it is a public affair, and on such an occasion as a Jubilee Celebration, amid flowers and banners—then there is an intense interest. The large audience (about 2000) was therefore maintained at the Metropolitan Temple last Sunday until 10 p. m., when the wedding ceremonies took place.

The beautiful floral decorations, consisted of flags and palms, interspersed with flowers of all descriptions, and a wedding bell, the outside covered with white carnations, sweet peas, flag lillies and pansies—the inside being yellow, and the clapper was beautifully formed of violets and pansies.

The bride, Mrs. Sadie Slocum, and the groom, Mr. Carl Eberhardt, are both mediums, engaged in the work, and conducting classes for psychical development. Mrs. Slocum was the presiding officer for last year in a spiritual benevolent society—"The Ladies' Aid," and Mr. Eberhardt is an adept in the Order of the Magi and other Occult bodies. Their marriage was planned by their "guides" who also selected the time and the occasion.

When the time arrived, the bride and groom preceded by the mother of the bride and the bridesmaid and best man, walked up the middle aisle and were conducted to a position under the floral bell, the ceremony was performed by Mrs. R. S. Lillie in a very interesting and impressive manner.

The bride wore an Empire gown, of grey silk, made in a style dictated by her Quaker guides. The flowers being La France roses. In fact it was a spiritual affair all the way through.

The bridesmaid, Miss Mabel Witts, wore a gown of white Swiss, with white trimmings, and carried pink-bridesmaid flowers.

Mrs. Lillie then said that a Spiritualist wedding was the holiest of all ceremonies, the divinest of all institutions. The bride's mother gave her parental sanction, and Mrs. Lillie seeing the spirit father, heard him say, "We both sanction this union," and so reported it to the audience.

The wedding ring being produced Mrs. Lillie said it was a symbol of eternal, unending love, and pronounced them husband and wife, and called for a Spiritualist salute, when the whole audience waved their handkerchiefs to salute the bridal pair.

Jubilee Celebration.

The Semi-Centennial Spiritual Jubilee, under the auspices of the California State Spiritualists' Association, was held at the Metropolitan Temple, San Francisco, on Sunday, April 3,

The Committee of Arrangements, M. S. Norton (chairman), B. F. Small, John Koch and Prof. R. Young, had prepared a *feast* which will long be remembered, in an all-day meeting from 10, a. m., to 11 p. m., with a varied array of talent.

At 10 o'clock, Mr. Norton called the meeting to order, and stated that this was a Jubilee celebration, free to all; that he wanted everyone to first talk of the things in which all agreed, and leave the disagreement for some future time, or never, and then asked the audience to look at the decorations, in which "old glory" was very prominent. The audience then arose and sang "America," after which Mrs. Hendee-Rogers, one of the oldest mediums on the Pacific Coast, gave a soul-inspiring invocation, asking the guidance of the spirit-world in our battle for the right and work for the uplifting of humanity.

The audience then sang, "Nearer my God to Thee," and the chairman called attention to the floral bell suspended over the platform, saying that it was a Jubilee bell until 10 p. m., after which it would be a marriage bell, when a wedding ceremony would be performed under it.

Mr. C. H. Wadsworth, president of the State Association, then said that the whole world has reason to be thankful for the progress made in the last 50 years, but great as has been the progress of the arts, sciences and inventions, the most wonderful of all has been the intellectual and spiritual emancipation of man, and for that we are mainly indebted to Modern Spiritualism. He then added:

"In 1848 facts were revealed to children that these-called wise men of past ages could not or would not understand.

"The little Fox girls of Hydesville, N. Y., had found the key that unlocked the mystery of the past and telegraphic communication was opened between the dwellers of the spiritual and physical world.

"Many of the brightest minds of the age at once began to investigate, and with the result that they became firm believers in the new religion, and again did history repeat itself and the effort was made to crush out the new one, but as usual, the more it was persecuted the faster it grew until now, at its 50th anniversary, it has a firm foothold in every civilized country on the face of the globe, and here in our own country, thanks to the efforts of State and National organizations, we have equal rights

under the law with other religious bodies, and I think the same can be said of Great Britain.

"Spiritual societies and circles are now to be found in every State in the Union, and many a sorrowing heart has been comforted by receiving unmistakable messages (through mediums) from their loved ones, and that also in many cases at a less cost than the letter of 50 years ago or the telegram of to-day.

"All Spiritualists who are willing to live so that they can respect themselves, can command the respect of their acquaintances, either out of or in any of the churches, and the time is coming, and not very far distant, when the church members will be glad to join us in celebrating the Spiritual Jubilee.

"Well may we rejoice and celebrate this Spiritual Jubilee, for we believe that Spiritualism has done more in 50 years than all churches in the last eighteen hundred, towards making man happy. We have solved the great question, 'If a man die shall he live again?'"

The new Jubilee song was then sung by the audience, and Mrs. R. S. Lillie delivered an eloquent inspirational address in which she said: This is the day of Jubilee—the great event of modern times, in a spiritual sense. Amid the great strides of science and inventive genius, the angels came and knocked at the door of the century, were recognized and admitted. With five great religious systems in the world, there was no positive knowledge of life beyond the tomb. After an intelligent method of communication had been arranged, the "raps" went on to demonstrate that our departed ones lived and could make their presence known. This touches all hearts, for who has not lost their jewels. All denominations are touched. The old ideas are gone, and Spiritualism now illuminates all religions. Spiritualists, like Jesus who is said to have preached to the spirits in prison, are willing to go to the hells of distress, poverty and degradation to help those who are there to reach a higher plane of life. No hell is too deep for them to enter or to do good. We do not say with the church at Easter, "He is risen," but "They are risen." Not only was one stone rolled away from a sepulchre, but all stones are gone, and the angels bear our loved ones away to homes in the world of spirit.

Prof. Loveland being next on the programme, a letter was read by the chairman announcing that he was run over by a wagon, on Saturday evening, and three ribs broken, making it impossible for him to be present. A resolution of sympathy and condolence was passed unanimously.

Dr. G. W. Carpender was called to the platform and gave a very fine address on the human mind—which is unending, eternal. We clasp hands, he said, with those who have gone before, and talk with them, for the self-conscious mind is the same in all spheres.

A letter was read from Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader with Jubilee congratu-

lations from the oldest Society of Spiritualists in America—the First Association of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hill, who lately visited San Francisco.

The quartette then sang with spirit, "Life, Beautiful Life."

Charles Anderson, the "Boy Orator," spoke entertainingly of "Spiritualism as the light of the century," and called upon Spiritualists to take an advanced position and formulate a declaration of principles in order to be classed in a proper manner among the religions of the world.

Mrs. F. A. Logan, the oldest medium in California, read an original poem, which will be published next week.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum then marched, with their banners, down the central aisle, to the platform, completely filling it, and then gave the following exhibition of their exercises: Silver Chain Reading, by the Lyceum; Recitation, "Poor Little Joe," by Miss Myrtle Bunn; Recitation, "Jim Bloodsoe," by Mabel Pfifer; Recitation, "The War Ship," by Tryphena Pritchard. Songs by the Lyceum, "Anniversary Greeting," "We are trying to follow the Angels," "Strive for the Right," and "Take this Letter to my Mother."

A duet "Farewell to Friends and Home," by Mr. Reid and Mr. Ely was finely rendered.

Thomas G. Newman, ex-President of the State Association, said that by placing the ear to the railroad track the train can be heard approaching although miles away. So the Spiritualist, by connecting himself with the Occult forces of the Universe, can hear from the other shore, and knows that the coming era of progress and spiritual development will soon be here. The spiritual philosophy permeates the churches and has driven away the old theological ideas of heaven and hell. All modern thoughtful sermons are filled with spiritual philosophy.

Mr. Lillie then sang "The Faithful Engineer," with fine effect.

Mrs. R. A. Robinson's address was full of thought-awakeners and sound advice. She said there can be no forgiveness of sins—we shall reap what we have sown. Every act brings its effect. We must answer for all we do. Spiritualism embraces every principle that appertains to life—moral and spiritual. While we want no creed we need a code of principles. Our phenomena can be proven scientifically. We want to apply the searchlight of science and if we find anything which will not bear this light, abandon it. Let us all be honest, with no thought of policy—for honesty is not the best policy!

Prof. Richard Young then rendered another instrumental piece on the violin, after which Mme. Young gave many spirit messages, which were recognized by those present.

At the request of Captain J. E. Burns Mme. Young obtained a message from his departed friend, Captain Holmes. When you get through, said Captain Burns, interrupting her, I wish you would tell me when my vessel will arrive in port?

On or about the 15th of April your ship will come in, she replied, you are to meet a party and they have something important to communicate to you. It is a business matter and the decision will be favorable to you.

Mr. Pottinger of Chicago, representing the Order of the Magi, argued that man is a mathematical problem, and that each and everyone must solve his own problem; each one must save his own soul, and when that is accomplished we shall have universal brotherhood.

"Spiritualism is now being taken in small quantities, but after a while it will be administered in larger doses," said Mrs. Rebecca I. Johnson, who urged everybody to make as many converts as possible during this year. People want some religion, she said. There is good in everything. Ours is the religion. We all want to go to heaven. It is not hard work to get there. It is not a great distance to go. We don't have to go to heaven for gold, as we have a Klondike, but we want to go to heaven because our treasures—our loved ones—are there. She concluded by reciting a poem by Cecil Joyce.

Mme. Montague said that our duties began at home. Too often we forget to cultivate harmony at home. Her eloquent address was smooth and finished, and delivered with good elocutionary effect, accompanied by graceful gestures. It was a glowing tribute to the beauties of Spiritualism. She invited all to investigate for it is rapidly taking a higher place in the minds of thinking people. She urged that hereafter the meetings be held in cheerful and pleasant places, with good music, that elevates the soul, refines the mind and brings us in touch with the higher things of the Universe.

The quartette sang "The Coming Day," and then Mrs. Sarah Seal said that the spirit world had planned the forming of the American Republic to foster freedom—that was its destiny and work, and it must let its power be felt in favor of freedom to act as well as to think. Spiritualism is the great balm for those who are seeking broken links in spiritual intercourse. None can know better how church members feel than mediums whom they continually consult. The preachers dare not interfere. Fear is the foundation of the churches. Take the devil and hell away and the churches would be empty. We substitute love for fear and comfort those who mourn.

Prof. Richard Young executed a violin solo of his own composition entitled "The Chimes of Hydesville," the inspiration for which came direct from the spirit world especially for this occasion.

"New Measures for Truth," was the subject of an interesting discourse by Dr. Savartha.

Mrs. Addie L. Ballou said that Spiritualists were always waiting for something or somebody to do the work they should do themselves. She would sound the tocsin of the new Jubilee, to awake them to duty. The

sign of blood in the skies, to-day, calls for action to make Cuba free. Spiritualists had not done their duty or they would have temples and free mediumship, doing away with the commercial commodity.

In the evening the Temple was crowded to its utmost capacity. There were some 1,500 chairs, and more were brought in, filling the aisle, and the sides were lined with those who could not get seats, and the ante-room was filled, the folding doors being open. There must have been 2,000 persons present.

At 7 p. m. the Musical Jubilee was opened by Prof. E. Werner by a voluntary on the grand pipe organ. Then followed the Jubilee song by the audience, instrumental music by Prof. Young, "Speed Away," by the quartette, duett by Mr. Lillie and Mr. Reid, "All Hail Sublime," by the quartette.

Mrs. Addie L. Ballou gave a sublime invocation, which seemed to take the audience to the spirit world to commune with the angels.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson then gave an address for 1½ hours, on "Spiritualism—is it True?" No pen can do justice to such a burst of eloquence and such a triumphant argument in favor of true spiritual philosophy and phenomena. The array of evidence produced proved its truth beyond the shadow of a doubt. It is easier to disprove the law of gravity than that of spirit return.

A collection was taken to defray expenses, which amounted to over \$50.00. Votes of thanks were given to the Committee of Arrangements, musicians and speakers.

Mrs. J. J. Whitney then gave quite a number of spirit messages while in a trance, which were quickly recognized by those present, and duly appreciated by all.

The event of the evening was announced, and as Prof. Werner played the Wedding March on the magnificent pipe organ, the wedding party passed up the aisle to the platform where the ceremony was performed by Mrs. R. S. Lillie in a happy way.

This ended one of the most satisfactory and harmonious meetings ever held in San Francisco. Every one of the large audience went away delighted—the Jubilee Celebration was a grand success in every way.

Spiritualist News.

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

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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.

A new spiritual hall is being fitted up in the old Supreme Court building on the corner of McAllister and Larkin streets, San Francisco, and is dedicated next Sunday evening.

by Mrs. R. S. Lillie, as the new home of the Society of Progressive Spiritualists. Let there be a full house. Take the elevator at 305 Larkin St. It runs until 10 p. m.

Mrs. E. D. Concannon, on account of failing health, has had to cancel all her engagements in the Eastern States and has returned to her home, at Howard, Elk Co., Kansas, for rest and recuperation. Her address will be, Box 122, until further announcement.

A change of date is announced for the Rochester Jubilee. Instead of the first eight days of June, as first advertised, it will be held one week earlier, commencing May 25th and closing June 1, 1898.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hereafter occupy the new Spiritual Hall, at 305 Larkin street, San Francisco. They will dedicate it on Friday, April 15, with a testimonial benefit entertainment. The room is the old Supreme Court room in the Supreme Court building, on the northwest corner of McAllister and Larkin streets, with the elevator entrance at 305 Larkin street. The elevator will run during the evening whenever meetings are being held in the hall. Until we have a Temple, this will be a nice home for Spiritualists.

An entertainment and dance will be given by the Young Peoples' Progressive Society, on Friday evening, April 15, 1898, at Forrester's Hall, 102 O'Farrell street, San Francisco. Tickets, admitting lady and gentleman or two ladies, 25 cents. 2t.



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The Spiritual Banner in Alaska.

TO THE EDITOR:

I am on my way to Fort Wrangel, Alaska, where I hope to plant the first spiritual flag, and long may it wave, fanned by the breeze of the angel world that scatters the mists and clouds of superstition.

I shall be a little late for the anniversary, but, with the aid of one friend, Mr. Stephens, we shall make the advent known and spread the light of truth, that our loved ones can and do return.

I hope to organize a Society there on the first opportunity. I have worked hard and long in Seattle, built up many a meeting and turned them over to others, while I sowed the seed in other quarters, and the result is to-day, in Seattle, six Spiritual meetings in working order.

Last Saturday I ran up to Nanaimo, a beautiful little town 73 miles north of Victoria. That evening I held a successful circle at the residence of

our worthy brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell. On Sunday I spoke and gave tests which were appreciated.

Mr. Thos. Hardy is the president of the Society there. Mr. Campbell is an inspirational speaker, a good medium, and his worthy companion is also a good medium of different phases. Mr. Thos. Hardy, too, is a good medium. There are many others I might mention had I the time. Nanaimo is a good place for honest mediums, but none others need apply.

MRS. S. J. LEMONT.

The Upanishads of India.

TO THE EDITOR:

As the art-student turns to the times of Phidias and Praxiteles for the purest ideals of art; as the student of literature and oratory turns to Homer and Virgil, to Demosthenes and Cicero—so the student of religious philosophy must turn to old India to find, in the teaching of her sacred books, the profoundest and purest metaphysics. The subtle music of the Hindu bards has sounded through the ages, to enchant and ravish the souls of the world's greatest thinkers. A Schopenhauer, a Max Muller, a Ralph Waldo Emerson, bow in glad and willing reverence before the majestic beauty of these ancient oracles of the soul.

No student of metaphysics can comprehend the height and depth of his philosophy, without an earnest study of these ancient books. The library of the Sacred Books of the East, translated by Max Muller and his associates, is a treasury of wisdom, from which our best thinkers are drawing inexhaustible supplies. The high price of this collection has heretofore kept it beyond the reach of many who would have gladly added it to their libraries. An enterprise which, from its great value to the world of progressive thought, deserves special recognition, is that of a Company in New York, who reprint at a low price, the entire series of Oriental books. Their first issue embraces the Upanishads, in one volume; containing the 12 books included in the two original English volumes. I would suggest that you Mr. Editor, keep these books for sale.

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See change of date for the Jubilee.

The Reviewer.

Constituents of the Universe, by John E. Atwood. Cloth, 65 pp., 75 cents. San Diego, Cal.

This is an attempt to explode about all theories regulating the laws of the Universe, and substitute a new one. It holds that "space and time, in conjunction with motion, are the essentials that constitute the Universe." With this idea in mind, the author attempts to explain all the phenomena of the Universe. He attacks the Ether theory, and follows it with chapters on "So-Called Attraction," "So-Called Weight," "So-Called Design," "So-Called First Cause," "So-Called Laws of Nature," "So-Called Matter," and in the chapter on "Electricity," he claims that electricity, heat and light are all one—nothing but motion, differently manifested. "A Suggestion Regarding the Heat from the Sun," and "The Measurement of Motion," conclude the book.

To deep advance-thinkers this book contains much food for thought, however much one may disagree with the conclusions arrived at.

"Ursus," the prize poem in the April *Midland Monthly* (Des Moines, Iowa), by Beatrice Harlowe, of Milwaukee, vividly pictures the arena scene in "Quo Vadis." Another prize contribution to that number is a beautifully illustrated paper entitled "Israel and the Dutch Painters," by Mary A. Kirkup, of Fort Dodge, recently returned from her art studies abroad.

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Transition.—George B. Wallace, a prominent Spiritualist of San Bernardino, Cal., has passed to the beyond, and the funeral service on Sunday, March 27, was conducted by Dr. A. L. Astor.

The life of Mr. Wallace was reviewed, and his patience, long suffering and gentleness portrayed and that when he heard the call of the angels to "come up higher," he was ready and willing to lay aside his earthly robe (the house of clay) and put on immortality. That he had found God in the rocks that he assayed; communed with God in the fields, flowers and trees, and among his bees; and that he had taught the world that man was not born to die; that heaven was close to earth, and that our loved ones came to comfort and pity those who had to stay on the earth plane and prepare themselves to "come up higher."

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Intermingled over all,
With a rythm sad, sweet,
Earth and sky and ocean meet,
And with dimming eyes I wait
In the shadows long and late.

Brooding pictures of loveliness
Shadow me with dreams of bliss,
And one dim and lonely star
Beams upon me from afar
Where loving angels only be
Faithful watchers over me.

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Like a benediction over all,
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- I. "The locust eradicated every spire of green."
- II. "The burns I deemed slight, proved fatal."
- III. "Far across the sugar fields, shone the cabin lights."
- IV. "Tho' master of the situation, yet his courage failed."
- V. "Count the milestones as you go."
- VI. "The sleet filled his eyes, nearly blinding him."
- VII. "Down the long street they marched to the sound of life and drum."
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