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## The Waverly Home.

This is the only Spiritualists' home in all the wide, wide world. It is owned and controlled by the Veteran Spiritualists' Union of Boston, Mass., an organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts.

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THE WAVERLY HOME.

the great metropolitan reservation, and the Home is within easy distance, by steam and electric, of the Boston libraries, art galleries and museums, as well as famous historic centers.

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all subscriptions received, whether large or small. Would you like to have the Waverly Home opened? Then write to Dr. Hidden.

## As Seen in a Mirror.

We view the struggle of the multitude with eager interest, for in their small victories and frequent failures, we see ourselves and pictures of the many gone before us, mirrored as a face is mirrored in the glassy surface of a stream. We witness the discontent and dissatisfaction caused by the desire for something beyond their reach, heedlessly crushing beneath their impatient feet the jewels that lie in their path—jewels that being priceless are lusterless and are passed by for the glitter and brilliancy of a *sham*. All this and more, we see as we gaze into the mirror of repetition.

Mental progression is slow because of the barriers placed in our path by hereditary conditions. When we cry aloud in our ignorance at the injustice of fate in depriving our life of the glamor of falsehood, then we should glance down the columns of time and study the advance of mental and moral progression.

Love as a stepping stone to growth, is in the beginning and ending; the beautifier of all things finite and infinite. 'Tis the key of our souls that unlocks the gates of science and leads by the paths of knowledge to the *Bower of Life*. It is a gift of all-powerful nature to humanity and will open the closed channels of the human faculties to the grander elements of life and the unseen. But we must not burrow too deep beneath the surface, or our hands will become soiled with the decaying carcasses of those hereditary beliefs of our fathers and forefathers that has helped to decompose the world.

Deal out in gentleness your doctrines, but when your soul reaches out after the infinite truth of life, do not put obstructions of bigotry before it. Dig up the skeleton of self-deceit; every word, thought, deed or feeling; see if you can find there hypoc-



risy. Resurrect your heart, and if not too far gone on the road to decomposition, cultivate it, and, under the influences of resurrected conditions, try to warm the divine spark into life.

Throw open your soul to nature. Burst from the chrysalis and let the beautiful silver-winged butterfly of imagination soar away on the clouds of fancy and thought. List to the fall of the cataract, the song of the birds and the sigh of the wind. Throw open the casements of the inner windows of the chamber of the soul, and the freshness of the spring of thought, knowledge and universal love will enter and renew the fainting life within. Give to the famished soul, food. Leave the dry empty husks and feed on the ears of life. Gather with renewed strength and vigor the knowledge that by the divine power is scattered broadcast in this world of ours, and heedlessly passed by the multitude and gathered by a few.

Throw aside the cloak of conceit; remember the greatest are those who are simplest. That arrogance is the root and branch of ignorance. Do not constitute yourself judge of others, but gather the pearls of knowledge that nature gives freely to those who seek them, and as our boats of life sail slowly away across the sea of space, we can stand on the deck and bravely watch the receding shore of our earth-life fade away in the distance and can turn our faces with relief and pleasure to the crimsoning dawn of a newer and happier future.

STELLA B.

## Wayside Dottings of the Jubilee.

There are several items left out of my regular report that I think will be of interest to the readers of the JOURNAL.

In the Art Department was the first production in colors of independent slate writing and drawing, through the well-known medium, Pierre L. O. A. Keeler, of Lily Dale, N. Y. It is a gem, the drawings being very minute and delicately colored.

There was on exhibition the photo of pictures made inside a bowl and pitcher by smoky rain-water being placed in them, and after being stirred with the fingers of the mediums, being allowed to settle and the water evaporate. Sometimes faces of spirit friends have appeared in saucers treated in like manners. It is a unique way of getting pictures of faces, flowers, shells, etc.

On the wall in a large frame were samples of ribbon that were tied by spirit hands when placed between slates, which were held under a table with the right hand of the medium, while the left hand rested on top. Four signatures of witnesses were signed to this statement.

A large pencil drawing of Josephus, made in the dark through the mediumship of Pet Anderson created much attention. The work is extra fine, though the picture is fully 18x20 inches in size. A large picture of an Indian maiden produced by the same medium was a companion picture to the above.

There were beautiful life-size oil paintings obtained through the well-known mediums, the Bangs sisters and Campbell brothers. Mr. Alonzo

Thompson, of Nebraska, gave me the particulars of how he obtained the painting of himself and wife by sitting with the Bangs sisters. He bought the canvas himself, marked it with a private mark and nicked the frame of the canvas so he would know it again. He tacked a sheet to the carpet, on which he placed an ordinary sized table around which was put black curtains, which fell to the floor and the ends of which were put under the castors of the table. He attended to all the preliminaries himself, and placed the canvas he had marked under the curtains of the table, and his eyes never left it. One of the sisters was in the room all of the time, but they did not go near the canvas. After sitting four hours, and receiving the signal that it was completed, he removed the canvas and beheld on it a beautiful portrait of the companion he lost 20 years before, as well as his own picture, both on the same canvas. The likeness of himself is perfect, though in appearance much younger than he is now, and the features of the lady are fac simile to those he has on a watch. It is a painting that any skilled artist would require months to finish, yet this was done in only four hours with no visible paints or brush.

There were files of newspapers on exhibition which are now published, also some published years ago. Among the latter were *Age of Progress*, 1855; *The Spiritual Age*, 1859; *Spiritualist at Work*, E. V. Wilson editor, 1874; *Progress*, 1895, and a German paper called *Rays of Light*. Many of these have been donated to the library of the N. S. A. together with a complete file of the *Progressive Thinker* from the beginning of its publication, all nicely bound. Many foreign magazines were also to be seen, published in Mexico, Australia, France and England.

Frank N. Foster, spirit artist, was located in Rochester during the Jubilee, and took many photographs of sitters on which appeared spirit faces. One case in particular I wish to mention. Mrs. W. Wagner, of South street, Utica, N. Y., sat for her photo with Mr. Foster on May 31. After her picture was taken, the negative was again exposed after the room had been thoroughly darkened. When the negative was developed, four faces besides her own appeared on the plate. These in the finished photo are as distinct as her own, and are all recognized by herself and friends who knew the parties before they passed to spirit life. Two children of the lady are over her left shoulder, one a little smiling tot two years of age, lost a year ago this summer, while the other one was older and "passed over" about four years ago. The other spirit faces are a brother and sister of the lady's husband. Every one who sees the picture and knew the parties in earth life are ready to testify as to the perfect likeness of the spirit faces. Mrs. Wagner never saw the artist till she went for the sitting, and only once afterward when she went to see the negative. There was no chance for any deception or fraud. This proof of spirit presence is very convincing to herself and friends, and she would not part with the picture for any amount of money. These are the plain facts in the case.

LIDA B. BROWNE.

Utica, N. Y.



## Young People's Spiritualist Union

As Superintendent of the Young People's Department of the Jubilee, and as President of the newly-formed organization, it becomes my duty to report for the benefit of those who were not present on that auspicious occasion, what was accomplished at Rochester by the young people, and what plans they have formulated for the future.

There were about 25 charter-members present and to them is deserving great praise for their earnest co-operation in the work, for they devoted almost their entire time, often laboring far into the night, looking over the numerous suggestions that were offered, harmonizing one thought with another, and endeavoring to effect such an organization as would be not only satisfactory to all, but one that will ultimately be beneficial to humanity in general and Spiritualism in particular.

General legislative meetings or conventions will be held annually, on the 2nd Tuesday of August, at some one of the various camp meetings, place of meeting to be designated at each previous annual meeting. The first will be held at Camp Cassadaga, Lily Dale, N. Y., Aug. 9, next; such conventions to last at least three days. This plan of holding the conventions at various places was adopted, as it was considered best not to confine the meetings to any one locality. It is also expected that special mass meetings will be arranged for at all the camps and at various cities.

It is intended, of course, to have the organization become auxiliary to the N. S. A., and to work not only in entire harmony with that Association, but it is expected the ultimate effect will prove to be especially beneficial to the parent body. As it appears to be impossible for the two bodies to affiliate at this time, it is intended at the coming N. S. A. Convention to have the matter thoroughly considered by a committee which it is expected will be appointed by each body, and their action to be ratified by the conventions of the respective organizations.

The Constitution of the National body of the Young People's Spiritualist Union, (that being the name adopted) was formulated as far as practical at the time, but several important features were necessarily referred to special committees for further investigation.

One of these features was the question of incorporation, the point being raised as to whether it would be possible to incorporate under the laws of the District of Columbia and to have the annual executive conventions held in various localities. This latter feature was deemed so essential that, if possible, the articles of incorporation must allow of such latitude.

Another feature referred to a committee, consisting of the Board of Trustees, was that of proxy representation. The fact is well understood that those parties living most remote from the place of meeting should be accorded equal representation with others, and the opposition to proxy representation being generally due to the possible abuse of that privilege, this question was referred with the general understanding that such representation was to be provided for, but with such safeguards that abuse would be impossible, and which should grant equal privileges to those residing most distant as to those near the point of meeting.

Individual membership is to be granted until the second annual convention, Aug. 8th, 1899, the annual dues of such members to be 50 cents; therefore all those who desire to join with this movement should do so without delay, and thus have a voice in the meeting to be held at Lily Dale.

Societies desiring to join may do so in conformity with the Constitution of the National body, initiation dues being \$2.00, with annual dues of 25 cents for each member thereof, who shall be within the specified ages of 16 to 40, inclusive. Societies now extant, some of whose members are above or below the ages specified may join with the National, such members as are outside the classified ages being simply debarred from any voice in the official affairs of the national and local societies, and that thereafter no persons excepting those within the specified ages should be admitted to membership. All such persons reaching the age limit to be considered as honorary members.

The young people decided unanimously in favor of having an official organ, and a committee of three was appointed to confer with various publishers of Spiritual

papers, for arrangements having in view the designation of one page of such paper for the exclusive use of this organization. This committee is to report at the next meeting, in August.

Programs for the annual meetings will, as far as possible, be published a month in advance, and every effort made to make such conventions ultimately beneficial, not only to this organization, but also to the camp where the meeting is to be held; therefore it will be to the interest of all camp associations to at once correspond with the Secretary of the Union regarding the facilities they have at their disposal and such concessions as they desire to offer in regard to places of holding the meetings, etc., for consideration of the National Body.

The question of the adoption of a model form of Constitution, By-Laws and plan of work for the local Unions will be carefully considered during the August meeting.

Copies of the Constitution, as at present adopted, will be available about the first of July, and copies may be secured upon application to the Secretary or any of the officers.

To our beloved Brother Frank Walker is due unstinted praise for planning such a department and in doing so much for its ultimate success, and even if nothing else was accomplished at the Jubilee, the organization of the young people far more than repays the entire work and expense of that occasion, and will add to Mr. Walker one more degree of endearment by all persons having the true Spiritualism at heart. The young people were particularly enthusiastic in the work of their department, and have every reason to believe in great success. They will be frequently heard from hereafter, for it is to be hoped they will continue to work hand in hand establishing local unions everywhere, each gaining from the experiences of others, benefiting one another and the Cause by their united efforts for individual and universal advancement.

We request all societies now organized, and all individuals in sympathy with the movement, to join with us at once and thus assist with their influence and wisdom in making the organization a power of strength. Let our universal cry now be, "On to Cassadaga." L. C. I. EVANS.

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## Mental Suggestion.

Since the dawn of history a belief in the existence of an imponderable force, now popularly known as "Suggestion" has been acknowledged by most thinking people.

This force, which is inherent in the animal economy, has been used for both good and evil purposes, and mankind, while ignorant of the principles on which it operated and lacking in a knowledge of its mysterious cause and the laws which governed it, have generally admitted the fact of its existence, unseen, yet marvelous in its influence on the destinies of mankind.

We stand in awe when we consider the future possibilities of this wondrous force; all animal life seems to exercise this potent influence—the bird singing to its mate, the mother praying for her child, or the physician anxious to cure his patient, all seem to call this agent into action. From this a lesson should be learned, that thoughts are things and the happiness or misery of mankind greatly depends on the good or evil thoughts we harbor towards those with whom we daily come in contact.

The laws, governing this agent, have been but little understood until recent years, and indeed at the present time we only stand on the threshold of the temple of knowledge, which contains the secrets and hidden mysteries of Nature; but in the Middle Ages and as late as the early portion of the present century, persecution and even death



frequently followed the exercise and use of this divine power. Priestcraft unmindful of the teachings of the Scriptures and fearful (like the silver-smiths of Ephesus) that their occupation would be gone, denounced all tampering with this power, as indicating a union with the Evil One. The proneness of humanity to seek after that which is condemned, however, led many to investigate and in spite of persecution, the light was kept burning.

After a time, when the people became more enlightened by education, and persecution became less frequent and severe, a class of charlatans grew up, who in their endeavor to foist spurious imitations of some of the effects of "Suggestion" on the people, brought the study of the laws governing this force somewhat into disrepute, and so we have it to the present day.

In this connection, however, it is interesting to note the trend towards liberality of modern thought. A few years ago, the word "impossible" was in common use, to-day few but the ignorant use the term except where a lie is apparent.

The steam engine, the telegraph, the telephone, the microphone and the X-Ray have all done their parts in liberalizing human intellect and humanizing human thought.

Not much progress can be made while we are confined to mere routine, whether it be in the practice of medicine, the study of theology, philosophy or any of the sciences; freedom of thought is as necessary for the progress of human mind as is a pure atmosphere for the maintenance of our physical health; we must have "freedom of thought and perfect freedom of expression."

Science has demonstrated that the "impossible" is possible; that much that has been attributed to supernatural or diabolical agencies is due entirely to natural causes, and we now have chloroform and ether outdone by psychological methods, most difficult surgical operations performed without pain, the sensibilities of the patient being temporarily removed by suggestion.

But it is not alone in the fields of surgery that this wondrous power comes into play, history in all ages gives examples of the *healing powers* of individuals, which can only be accounted for by the theory of suggestion; suggestion therefore must be admitted as an aid not to be ignored if we desire to obtain the best results.—*Cal. Med. Jour.*

W. M. FORSTER, M. D.

### Basic Principles.

Spiritualism is the religion that teaches the truths of life on earth and in the eternal realms. The continuity of life is proven by the facts of nature—and thus a soul-force in all things is demonstrated.

Personal conscious life is fully demonstrated by inter-communion between mortals and spirits—proving that "death does not end all," and that immortality of the future has thereby added evidence. The safe predicate of an immortal past, warrants the conviction of an immortal continuity. In accord with human reason, past revelation and present spirit communion, we declare:

God is the impersonal, infinite and eternal over-ruling causation.

Soul-life is the reality of every animate and inanimate atom or being—hence human life is the warranty for immortal continuity.

Life in the spirit excarnate from earth, after so-called death, is fully proven by the history of humanity and more fully substantiated by present communion.

Every soul-force is an Individual germ, capable of infinite unfoldment. Life eternal is therefore continuously progressive.

The revelations of God are written in the great work of nature and the divine law is the infallible law of life.

As effects surely follow causes, so good or evil will inevitably succeed the acts of human life in accord therewith—hence heaven and hell are conditions of the soul, and the true savior is self-atonement and development.

Every soul shall finally progress into purer spheres of spiritual life in the immortal realms:—

Therefore, the brotherhood of man is a divine consanguinity to be made manifest in the spirit and should be realized in mortality.

Love, purity and justice must be the foundation of the true church and society of earth.

G. W. KATES.

### ODE TO CUBA.

Dear land of Cuba, the bugles are sounding,  
Their echo is thrilling the nations around;  
The prophecy now each hour is fulfilling  
That freedom shall conquer and blessings abound.

Sweet land of Cuba, the bugles are sounding,  
The bright bow of promise is arching the sky,  
The birthright of freedom, that grand constellation,  
Illumines with glory and for it we'll die.

Fair land of Cuba, thy loved ones have perished—  
Have died for the cause that was dear to their heart;  
Their memories, now sacred, will ever be cherished,  
While future achievements will lessen the smart.

Brave land of Cuba, thy day-star is beaming,  
Nor ever will wane in the land of the free;  
The tyrant now trembles in wild consternation,  
While Justice and Mercy have sided with thee.

Green isle of Cuba, thy mountains and valleys  
Are eloquent now in their pleadings for thee;  
The blood of thy martyrs will ne'er be forgotten  
While love lights the heart in the land of the free.

AMIGA.

### The Object of Life.

The object of life is to draw from earth-resources molecules of matter, by cohesion to its kind, through chemical process, the result is life. This essence can create life, of its kind. Thought is a living molecule attaching itself to that susceptible to receive. Spirit is the essence of life or living individualities. What is called death is the birth of the spirit; it leaves its earthy tenement as a passing shadow (the shadow can be seen by the looker-on) to occupy a spirit-body which will be changed from time to time to suit its condition of purity. These evolutions will continue until perfection is attained.



Individuality is a heritage eternal, from life and through Nature's laws. Spirits are created from molecules, unintelligible separately, but are made intelligible by compounding. Life is the result, (name best understood). Life creates force; force, thought; and thought, action. Spirit is life-intelligence, a creation with life; hence our spirits are the mirror of this life's abilities, acts and accomplishments; a truth scarcely thought of by a large proportion of the human family, which if understood would revolutionize the world, for our joys and troubles are of our own creation, direct or indirect. We should reject everything not elevating to mind and body. We are kings and queens over our own lives, and a wise ruler will not destroy his own kingdom knowingly; he will improve and raise his subjects to the highest plane possible. This is precisely what each one should do according to knowledge and ability that nature has given.

D. E. SHELDON.

Chehalis, Wash.

### Harmonious Vibrations.

There is so much inharmony abroad in the world, it seems nearly impossible to bring peace and joy out of so much turmoil and strife, but if even those who *do know* what good thoughts will do, sent out on the vibratory plane, that would help; for every little helps to move the lever of the Universe.

We must make a starting point, and if every one that understands this will commence with I, myself—what wonders would be accomplished! We can never do a kind act, or give a kind and loving word to any unfortunate without that feeling of joy that will recompense us, then and there.

Yesterday, my lunch being over, with the dear old JOURNAL in hand, I sat down to read, when a rap came on the door. I opened it and there stood a gray-haired man, who said: "Please ma'am could you give me a bite to eat." All thoughts of reading vanished immediately. I got him some lunch, and while eating, I saw that his hand was bandaged. I asked him to let me see it, and I found that it was very bad. I told him I thought I could heal it for him, and he seemed so pleased. I did it all up clean, and gave him a bottle of medicine, with lint, etc., to take with him, and sent him on his way rejoicing. He seemed so happy, and I said to him, "Some good angel sent you here," and he said: "I guess so, for it was no earthly one, sure." With so little discomfort to ourselves, we can make others happy, and in our own heart we receive more real happiness than they. If we would live up to that golden rule, to "do unto others as we would have them do unto us," what a change there would be on this planet.

MRS. A. B. C. DAY.

✚ Misrepresentation, villification and slanderous rumors, says the *Banner of Light*, are the weapons of attack used by the coward and the knave. Spiritualists should avoid all these terms, because their religion is the Spirit of Truth.

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### Progressive Thought.

The Rev. Lyman Abbott, in a late sermon at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, took as his subject the change in religious thought and theological conceptions in the last 30 or 40 years. From a report of it, in the *New York Sun*, we glean the following very sensible remarks:

Nobody can deny that in the last 30 or 40 years there has been a change in religious conceptions. Many men have changed their views. I know that I have, and, although we cannot attack those who hold to the views which we think we have outgrown, the change must be illustrated by our own experience.

God, I now think, is not apart from nature, but dwells in nature. That he made this world and is now the engineer of it I cannot now believe. There are no forces; there is but one force, God. There are no causes, for there is but one great underlying cause. Natural and supernatural are the same.

I have come to think that creation is a continuous process, with God himself in the process always. Every spring, every year, every day, every hour is a new creation. Imagine him gone and the Universe is gone. He is the ruler, not over the Universe, but in it. Is not that pantheism, you ask? No, for there is a difference between "the all" and "in all."

I can no longer believe in special Providences, unless all are special. He did no more in guiding Moses than in guiding Gladstone. He was no more the leader at the Red sea of old, than our emancipation leader in the red sea of blood.

Revelation is a continual process, with God showing himself to man more and more as the years go by. He is disclosing just as fast as we are able to comprehend. God rules the human race



from within, as does the teacher, or the father, or the pastor.

I no longer look forward to a great day of resurrection. The resurrection is as continuous as that of the plant from the seed.

### Spiritual Mysteries.

The world is full of mysteries—many of them buried beneath its surface or hidden under its magnificent monuments and other imposing structures. In their negative conditions, all the countries of the earth have concealed much that would be of sublime interest to this generation, if we could delve into their secrets and divulge them.

India in her negative period has been the cradle of spiritual mystery, says a profound thinker. China could reveal to us much that we would like to know. Egypt! What has she not—amid her pyramids, her sphynx, and her buried cities under the sands? Mexico holds for us infinite possibilities of knowledge, which the next hundred years or less may demonstrate, when she has passed from her period of rest into a newer activity. Yucatan is replete with spiritual wonders. What of Atlantis? Will she arise from the depths, and reveal her mysteries? How long was America negative? What has she, even yet, for us, in her buried mounds and cave dwellings? Europe, too, in her long and varied past, has wonderful records covered up by the debris of ages. All these mysteries of past centuries are at the command of the spirit world, and will be brought to light in the coming time, to astonish future generations. Not a few of these will come as new inventions and scientific discoveries, to delight the world, which will then be quite ready to receive them.

### More Advent Foolishness.

The *Prophetic News*, London, England, declares that on March 12, 1903, at 3, p. m., Jerusalem time, Christ will come, the resurrection take place, and the 144,000 watchful Christians be translated without seeing death.

Repeated failures and successive disappointments do not seem to teach these "cranks" anything. It can only add another to the long list of crushing disappointments to the followers of the Millerite delusion. The argument by which this "time is set," is more fallacious than were the preceding ones, making the failure even more certain than the last delusions have proven.

☞ Maintain truth in all things, and in your dealings practice it. E.

### A New Wonder.

The *Cosmopolitan* for June contains an excellent article on "Liquid Air; the Newest Wonder of Science," by Charles E. Tripler, whose long and patient work has made possible the so-called impossible.

It has been heretofore held that the air we breathe is not capable of being liquefied. Yet Mr. Tripler exhibited 800 cubic feet of air, says the *Cosmopolitan*, compressed into a cubic foot of liquid, held in an uncovered ice-cream freezer. Here was a liquid secured by subjecting the air to thousands of pounds of pressure; but the liquid which had been under such dangerous pressure, now rested quietly at the bottom of a tin can requiring no bands of steel to hold it within bounds. Stranger still, this harmless-looking liquid became the most powerful of agencies, when confined in a steel chamber. And these seemingly paradoxes were thrown into the shade, when Mr. Tripler, taking a cup made of ice, and having poured into it this liquid, with a temperature several hundred degrees below zero, proceeded to insert into the liquid air a steel rod which, when set on fire by means of a common match, sizzled and burned and melted—yet the melting of steel, in an ordinary crucible, is an operation requiring many hundred degrees of heat for its consummation. It is said that the first ounce of liquid air cost an English laboratory \$3,000 for its production. While this was going on, Mr. Tripler, not content with the mere fact of discovery, sought successfully to bring the result of his experiments to that practical basis which would place it within the every-day use of the scientific mercantile world. All honor to him who waved the magic wand and produced results which opened up so broad a field of possibilities.

☞ Selfishness is a crying evil in the ranks of Spiritualism. We should live the life of the spirit, and seek to find our own in our neighbor's good. A little thought for the sake of others, while it does not hurt us at all, does help both the giver and receiver to be better and truer, in life's great contest. Let us all overcome selfishness with good deeds and kind thoughts.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, in London, England, concluded its labors last Friday, June 24th. The Sunday service was a festival of "holy communion without external rite—a true spiritual sacrament," says *Light*. The whole meeting was, of course, "a feast of reason and a flow of soul." We shall give our readers a report of the sessions as soon as it comes to hand.



## Telegraphing without Wires.

Marconi, an Italian, is perfecting a system of wireless telegraphy, with a special view of communicating between ships, and with the shore. It is already adopted in the Italian navy. In Portsmouth, England, officers and men are being instructed in its methods, with a view to its adoption. Its possibilities are enormous. Vessels coming within 12 miles of one another, or a station, could communicate. It is easier to communicate between ships or between ship and shore than to exchange messages on land. The size of the vessel does not effect the working of the instruments. The best results have been obtained on a small tugboat. Provided that lightships and lighthouses are fitted with the apparatus, ships in foggy weather can be warned against danger, when a light or the sound of a bell could not reach the vessel.

## Earth's Failures.

In the vanishing of antiquated dogmas, which consign to hell earth's failures, we discover a feeling of pity and humanity. This more tender and more compassionate view is strikingly shown in a recent publication on "The Place of Immortality in Religious Belief," by Prof. J. E. Carpenter. When referring to "the children of depravity whom our self-complacence calls *outcast*," he remarks as follows:

These are our failures: are they also God's? Is he partner with us in giving birth to souls fit only to be "cast as rubbish to the void"? Sooner might we deem that he destroys the righteous than the wicked; for the former have, in part at least, fulfilled the law of their nature; they have responded to his purpose; they have not been all unworthy to live a little while in his presence ere they go out and are no more. But the low-minded, for whom there was a hideous preparation of corruption, who were steeped in evil that they could not control—have these no claim for a better opportunity, a freer choice? Can we reject their half-articulate plea for deliverance from a bondage not of their own making, for help to escape from the thralldom of nature, for release from the overmastering pressure of heredity or social circumstance, that they too may begin to live as "sons of the highest"? Is justice satisfied if they are condemned, or does it not rather cry out, not so much for judgment on the guilty as for rescue for the lost?

Whosoever worketh in the vineyard of Reform is responsible for all the damage done by their own conduct. Whosoever endures in the conflict to the end will be rewarded.

C.

## What Spiritualism Means.

The declaration of principles of the New York State Association of Spiritualists, adopted April 15, 1897, is as follows:

We believe in the infinite spirit and intelligence called God and the immortality of every human being.

We believe that every individual is a divine germ capable of infinite unfoldment.

We recognize the universal brotherhood of man.

We assert that a continued life is proven by present revelations of positive inter-communication between the mortal and spiritual worlds.

We believe in love, purity and fidelity as the spirit of religion, and justice as the high est moral law.

## The Home Seance.

In a lecture at the Jubilee celebration, Dr. J. M. Peebles makes the following allusions to the present needs of Spiritualism:

Let the family home and the family seance be veritable altars in your houses, where youth and age alike may reverently worship in spirit and in truth. Here should center the heart's warmest, purest and tenderest affections. Here should we recall the memories of the dear departed, and with them hold sweet soul-communion.

Every child's soul is a garden of Eden, and every babe's smile is a benediction. Innocence ever beholds the face of the angels. The orioles in the lilacs by my window sing of heaven. Every murmuring stream is to me a flowing Kedron; every towering oak and elm, a shrine of worship. Nature is our mother, and how I delight to nestle closely to her great, warm, pulsing bosom. The flowers, the growing grains and the rippling brooks are incentives—are among the rungs in Nature's ladder by which we climb to the habitations of the gods. Nature, science and religion are a trinity in unity.

One of the great overwhelming needs of the hour is a fresher and deeper baptism of the Divine Spirit—the baptism of love, of truth, and enthusiasm for the upbuilding of the right. Dream—slumber as we may, there is a crisis upon us. The political, social, and religious elements are in commotion. To be absorbed in the other great, growing, liberal religious bodies—or not to be absorbed—is a vital question. Men are naturally religious. They will worship somewhere. Their physical bodies no more require physical food than do our spiritual natures require spiritual food.

The mission of our spirit friends to us, is woefully misunderstood, so long as we are content with the mere phenomena of Spiritualism, the miraculous marvels of which are as nothing compared to the deeper lessons taught us by the higher truth of spiritual possibilities. We should, most of all, aspire to live up to the spiritual ideals held open to us.—*Two Worlds.*



## Spiritualist News.

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

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

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

The First Society of Los Angeles, has suspended its meetings till Oct. 2.

Mrs. M. T. Longley's address is now 511 S. Olive St., Los Angeles.

Dr. Dean Clarke's address is Wellesley Hills, Mass., and he is open to engagements for the coming season.

We notice that quite a number of Spiritualists have joined the Army and have gone to war.

Mrs. M. C. Lyman and Mrs. Kate Hoskins held a joint meeting on June 15, at Mrs. Aylsworth's, 1113 Downey Ave., Los Angeles.

The First Spiritual Church of Buffalo, N. Y., is now in running order, Moses Hull being pastor for the present year. His address is 359 Normal avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Lyman C. Howe, of Fredonia, N. Y., desires engagements in Michigan, during August, September and October. He is an able speaker and can well represent the Cause anywhere.

Harmony Grove Camp opens at Escondido, Cal., on Sunday, Aug. 14, and closes on the 28th. For particulars, address Miss Mary Nulton, Escondido, Cal.

Dr. M. A. Pottenger is in Los Angeles, Cal., organizing a class for the study of astrology, etc., and gave a lecture last Sunday evening at Kramer's Hall, 139 W. 5th St., Los Angeles.

"Can the Claims of Modern Spiritualism be successfully refuted by Theology?" was the subject of an interesting and eloquent discourse by Mrs. R. S. Lillie last Sunday evening at Occidental Hall, for the Society of Progressive Spiritualists.

Mrs. Mena Francis, the excellent slate-writing medium of San Francisco, has just received through Mr. Wm. Emmette Coleman, an invitation to go to St. Petersburg, Russia, to demonstrate Spiritualism in the Imperial Family, next winter. Mrs. Francis declines the honor, as she could not leave home for so long a journey—her interests here requiring her attention.

A disaster occurred on June 21, at Blackwell, London, while launching the battleship Albion, by which 50 persons were drowned—fulfilling another of the prophecies of Dr. Muehlenbruch, made on May 27, that "a severe steamboat disaster, with many lives lost, will occur in the vicinity of London." This prophecy was given in a reading to Miss Hopps of London, England.

"The New Cycle and a Higher Civ-

lization" was the subject of a lecture by Mrs. Mary C. Lyman, pastor of the Harmonial Association of Los Angeles, on Sunday, June 19. The *Herald* thus mentions it: "The speaker said there were ominous clouds upon the mental horizon, and the very air is freighted with a new life that foretells the birth of a wonderful change. Darkness will enshroud the minds of earth's inhabitants more and more ere the new cycle will be ushered in. Like a storm it will break, and from the travail of nature reason will have its greater birth and assume its influence over the minds and earthly affairs of all humanity, for intellect and reason are progressive entities and will build the higher civilization. Then the universal brotherhood of humanity will be a truth; realized by earth's inhabitants with one religion and our only creed, to do good."

### Benefit Exhibition.

Having had the pleasure, a few evenings ago, of attending an exhibition given by the pupils of one of our Children's Lyceums, I wish to offer encouragement to one who shows such marked ability, while struggling in the face of adversity.

The exhibition was given by the pupils of Miss Pearl Bryson's Juvenile Dancing Academy, 24th and Church street, as a benefit to Miss Pearl, and closing the dancing classes for the vacation season. A handsome sum has been realized, judging from the well-filled house. But a much greater source of satisfaction to her must have been the excellent manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves in the different parts of the program.

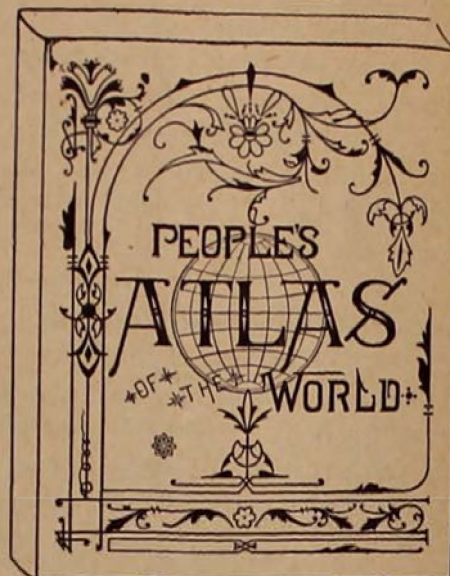
The earnestness and zeal with which each one entered into the exercises of dancing and vocal music, certainly shows an ability and earnestness of purpose of which not only a girl 13 years of age may feel proud, but many older teachers as well. IRWIN.

**Our Boys**, a beautiful song and chorus, was nicely rendered by Mr. John T. Lillie, by request, at Occidental Hall last Sunday evening. Both the words and music are by Miss Hattie Moulton, a grand-daughter of Mrs. R. Parker, a good Spiritualist worker of this city. The song is captivating, and must become a very popular one. For sale at this office.

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**Psychometry**; its Science and Law of Unfoldment, by J. C. F. Grumbine. 48pp. Price, 50 cents. For sale at this office.

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**Counterparts the Basis of Harmony, a Lesson in Philosophy**, by Mr. M. A. Clancy. of Washington, D. C. Price, 25 cents.

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**The Law of Correspondences**, applied to Healing—a course of seven practical lessons, by W. J. Colville. Chicago: F. M. Harley, Publisher. Price, 50 cts. For sale at this office.

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**Immortality**, the new quarterly issued by J. C. F. Grumbine, is on our desk. It contains 48 pages, and is published at 7820 Hawthorn avenue, Chicago, Ill., at \$1 a year. It is intended to emphasize the metaphysics of Christian Science, Divine Science, Mind Cure, Mental Science, Psychopathy, Theosophy, Occultism, Mysticism and Spiritualism. Each number is to be devoted to one special subject. The September number is to be devoted to Clairvoyance. The first issue is devoted to Immortality—the writers being, Swami Abhayananda, W. J. Colville, Annie Besant, Cora L. V. Richmond, and J. C. F. Grumbine—all excellent writers.

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### Ready to Work.

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a friend to all Spiritualists, whether in or out of societies. I can fellowship and work with any society formed, and can help to form societies among any who believe in immortality and in the communion of spirits. I believe in God; and if others do not, it is because they do not think as I do, and they may be as honest in their belief as I am. I talk to people every day and almost every Sunday. I have lectured and labored for the Cause 30 years, mostly without mon-

eyed compensation. I love the Cause and the people who advocate and live in its truths.

I only await a call, to assist any who may require my time and efforts. I belong to the National Association and will co-work with any of its branches, or any others, as may be desired. If not called to work, I shall take no offense.

GEO. W. CARPENDER, M. D.  
935 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

### Send Reading Matter.

TO THE EDITOR:

Some time ago, I received several numbers of the *PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL*, and also a postal card from a lady living at Crystal Lake, Ill., but the name I could not decipher, the first of it being Sarah. I sent her a letter, directing it to Sarah Maston, that being the best I could make out of it; but it was returned to me, marked "uncalled for." I would like her to know that I answered her card and enjoyed the reading of her papers, for the dear old *JOURNAL* seems like an old and dear friend to us.—KATIE MASON, Arbela, Scotland Co., Mo.

[Any one who desires to send reading matter to Miss Mason, who has an afflicted mother to care for, will send it to a worthy sister. See former notice in the *JOURNAL* of last year, on page 664.

There are several others who are too poor to pay for the *JOURNAL*, but want its spiritual comfort. There are chances enough to do a little missionary work. We are sending it *free* to many of the worthy poor, but cannot afford to send it to all applicants, and so others may help to do this laudable work, and make at least one poor home more happy.—ED.]

### A Place for Missionary Work.

TO THE EDITOR:

I came to Auburn, Cal., from Santa Barbara, last March. This is a beautiful country: a fine place to make a home. The town, having something over 2000 inhabitants, is hidden by a forest of trees. There is no place in California where flowers grow better than they do here. There are no barren hills to look at. The earth, when tilled, produces its full strength. Fine homes are everywhere, with nice gardens and fruit orchards.

I have been much interested in Spiritualism for many years, and spent last winter at Santa Barbara. Prof. W. C. Bowman is a good worker there. When I arrived at Auburn I was a little disappointed to learn that no interest was taken in Spiritualism here. I don't think that there is a Spiritualist paper taken in this town. There are a few Spiritualists who came with me.

This shows the importance of organization. A fund might be provided to send speakers and mediums to such



a place as this. It is so easy to reach, and so near to the large cities. I would like to correspond with some good speaker or medium, and see what could be done. A hall might be hired and literature circulated. There may be Spiritualists here who are not outspoken, who may take hold when some one else makes a move.

HENRY H. NICHOLS.  
Auburn, Placer Co., Cal.

### In Re the Jubilee.

#### TO THE EDITOR:

We are in receipt of many inquiries concerning the Rochester Jubilee and the cause of such a large deficit in finances. It is also asked why the National Spiritualists' Association does not step in to meet the deficiency, as the Jubilee was held under its auspices. For the benefit of an interested public we will explain the matter in full, hoping thereby to induce our Spiritualist friends throughout the country to come forward at once with their free-will offerings to meet the present emergency.

The Jubilee was planned two years ago, and the General Manager thereof received his commission as such in November, 1896. It took no little time and labor to secure the addresses of even a few of the Spiritualists of the United States, yet the General Manager set about the work with a stout heart, feeling sure that the Spiritualists of the country would recognize the great importance of the Jubilee, and promptly rally as one man to make it a grand success. It required money to pay postage upon the letters of inquiry he sent out; it required money to defray the expense of postage upon the letters he answered; it required money to pay for the printing of the circulars to advertise the Jubilee; it required money to defray the expense of freightage and express charges, as well as the hundred and one other items to be met.

There are 70,000 post-offices in the United States. If the General Manager had sent one letter only to each office, the postage bill would have been \$1,400.00. It is not at all likely that he did write to every office in the land, but we know that he has been obliged to write to some offices dozens of times each. It is reasonable to suppose that the bill for postage alone during the past two years is above \$2,000.00. Of course this includes postage on circulars, letters and merchandise. We see nothing at all exorbitant in this estimate; the Jubilee was designed to be an event worthy of Spiritualism in its highest sense, therefore it was only right that every Spiritualist should be asked to take an interest in it.

The matter of printing was no small item, and required quite an outlay. These several departments of the Jubilee had to be advertised, as well as the event itself. People could not understand the newspaper statements concerning the several features of the Jubilee, hence sent many letters of inquiry. It was easier and cheaper to answer these by means of explanatory circulars than by pen, hence it was

economy to have a large supply of literature on hand. To secure the printed matter required, the General Manager pledged his private credit, and only by that means could he meet the demands made upon him. It is only just to him to say that he did the same with regard to postage.

The rent of halls in Rochester is another important item. The General Manager has been censured for engaging more than one hall, and for paying for them after they were engaged. Let us be just in regard to this matter also. From the assurances received by letter, the General Manager was led to believe that ten thousand people would visit the Jubilee. He made an allowance of one-half in estimating the number that would actually be present, and engaged his halls accordingly for five thousand people. The Lyceum Theatre, Fitzhugh Hall, Assembly Hall, and Chamber of Commerce would accommodate about that number. He therefore contracted for the two former positively, and arranged for the latter conditionally. This, it seems to us, was a practical, business-like thing to do.

When the Jubilee opened, it is probable that not more than one thousand people were present from outside of the city. Then it was found that Fitzhugh Hall alone would have been sufficient to accommodate the people. But a contract is a contract, and it binds Spiritualists as well as other people when it is once signed. Had five thousand people been present, the Lyceum Theatre and all other halls named would have been required. As it is, hall rent was an expense of at least \$1,500. We submit that, in view of the promises received by the General Manager, he acted with wisdom and forethought in this matter.

The next item of expense concerns the speakers and mediums in attendance. They, one and all, gave their services, but requested with reason, that their traveling expenses and hotel bills should be met by the Jubilee management. This was only fair, and was promptly agreed to. This expense involved at least \$1,500.00. We submit that it was a necessary expense, and respectfully ask the critics of the General Manager what the Jubilee would have been without the platform talent? In connection with this topic, the services of the musicians must also be considered. Their work was of the very best, and they earned all they received, but the few hundred dollars paid them must be added to the expense of the Jubilee.

The General Manager had to have help to carry on the great work he undertook. His devoted sister gave up her business, and entered heart and soul into the movement with him. Stenographers were indispensable, and had to be paid. These workers all had to have food and clothing, hence money was needed for living expenses. Our friends will note the next point, as the responses to appeals for financial aid were so few and small, the General Manager, out of his love for the Cause, and firm faith in the Spiritualists of the nation, hired the necessary funds, pledging his personal and

real property as security, in order to make the Jubilee a success. We claim that this is devotion of a high order, and to accept this sacrifice of him and his sister would be the basest ingratitude on the part of every Spiritualist in America. We do not believe our American Spiritualists will permit this gross injustice to be done, now that they know the facts.

Why does not the National Spiritualists' Association make up the deficit? The General Manager contracted with the National body to carry on the Jubilee at no expense to it, and agreed to turn over the entire surplus, if any accrued, to its treasury. "This is unbusiness-like," we hear someone say. Possibly it is, but it is also positive proof of the General Manager's devotion to Spiritualism, and his firm faith in his fellow Spiritualists. He dared to risk his all for the Cause, and has met with the unexpected at the end. But beyond the matter of the contract, the National Spiritualists' Association has not the means to meet the present deficit, hence the necessity of calling for a popular subscription to cover the same. The most conservative estimate that we can make places the loss at between four and five thousand dollars. The items of expense are labor, rent, talent, music, postage, special departments, and printing. The total cost is between eight and nine thousand dollars, while the total receipts are not over four thousand dollars.

We do not claim that no mistakes have been made, but we declare our firm conviction that they were of the head and not of the heart. They can be lived down, and a happier estate made possible for all true Spiritualists. We ask our friends if they deem it right or just to permit General Manager Walker and his sister to lose their all, even their home, through the failure of the Spiritualists of this country to cooperate with them in order to make the Jubilee worthy of the pure and sacred name of Spiritualism? If not, then let us all speak with generous contributions to make up the deficit.

HARRISON D. BARRETT,  
Pres. National Spiritualists' Ass'n.

### Disturbing Thought-Waves.

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Of the merits or demerits of the war with Spain it is not my purpose to write, for the reason that I hold an opinion, peculiar, perhaps, to myself; but I crave space in which to give expression to my indignation at the spirit which is everywhere rampant. I believe that thoughts are things, endowed with being, breath and wings; and that we send them forth to fill the world with good or ill results.

Is it not too much that preachers should charge the air with war-talk—the murder, the bloodshed, the misery, the desolation of war, which is so easy to begin but which may be hard to stop! "Ouida" has said, "A child's hand will sooner stop the seas, when they rise in their wrath, than counsels of caution or of prudence arrest



the growth of a great passion." Do the preachers—

....with a barricade  
Of olive leaves and resolutions made  
Spike guns with pointed scripture texts,  
and hope  
To capsize navies with a windy trope?

They are not the fellows to grab a gun and rush, like the "six hundred," into the jaws of death. Oh, no; they're not so ready to leave "this wilderness of woe" and go up and sing before the mighty god of Jacob. And yet—

Rosy and sleek, the sable-gowned divine,  
O'er his third bottle of suggestive wine,  
To plumed and sworded auditors shall prove  
Their trade accordant with the law of love,  
And church for state and state for church  
shall fight,  
And both agree that might alone is right.

Can it be that they are ignorant of the law of vibrations and thought-waves? It is true most sermonizing does not amount to a row of pins; but when it comes to urging on to bloodshed under the specious guise of "patriotism;" when it comes to inflaming men's passions with the vicious ambition to murder his fellow man for the love of home and country, it is time surely for all lovers of humanity to call a halt.

I admit that, as things go, war has seemingly become a necessity. Just as in tropical countries the burden of the atmosphere is relieved by the roaring storm of thunder, lightning and rain, so the surcharged atmosphere of mind may groan and find relief only in the thunder of cannon, the lightning flash of devastating bombs, the hail of bullets and floods of crimson blood. The thought-waves have been put in motion. One of our "Reverends" said lately, "without shedding of blood is no remission of sin." If no storm ever visited the tropical clime the condition would become intolerable. Men would die from pestilence and plague. The meaning of my parable is, that there would be an increase in crimes of violence. "Diseased Nature doth break forth in strange eruptions." The plague and pestilence would appear in unexpected places.

On the ground of choosing the lesser of two evils, let war come. I am not one to say, "let us do evil that good may come," but I would only hope that after the vicious villainy of this storm of thought has dissipated its energy and fury in battle, lovers of truth will be the better able to enjoy peace on the sweetened earth.

I am not crying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace; but I am wondering where the machinery is to come from which will harness this turbulent Niagara of vituperation and cause the volume of its energy to produce the electric light of truth.

WALLACE E. NEVILL.

[While the philosophy of Spiritualism is for peace, humanitarianism, brotherhood and harmony among the human race—yet wars are necessary to clear the atmosphere and prepare the way for progression.

Spain once held the gold of the

globe, was mistress of the seas and owner of half of the world, but she has fallen by her own ignorance and superstition. Her savagery and crime against the human race has caused her downfall. The United States of America, as heaven's agent, commands her to sheath her dagger and retire from the western hemisphere. America does this not for gain, but in the cause of humanity—and is therefore justified.—ED.]

We have received a supply of the 10-cent Semi-Centennial Souvenir Badge Pin, being a colored picture of the Hydesville Cottage, photographed on celluloid. For sale at this office.

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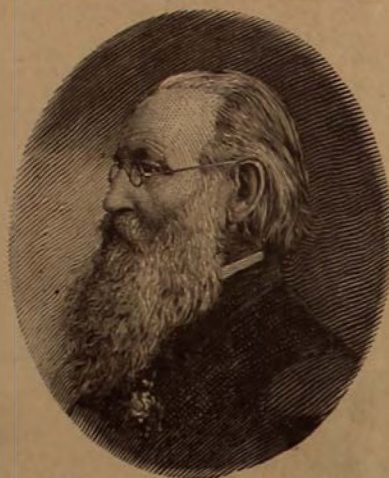
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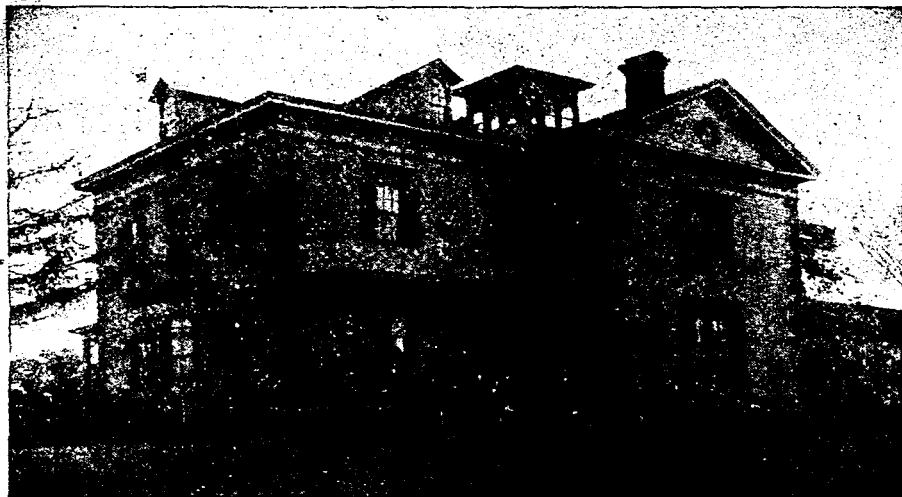
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## As Seen in a Mirror.

We view the struggle of the multitude with eager interest, for in their small victories and frequent failures, we see ourselves and pictures of the many gone before us, mirrored as a face is mirrored in the glassy surface of a stream. We witness the discontent and dissatisfaction caused by the desire for something beyond their reach, heedlessly crushing beneath their impatient feet the jewels that lie in their path—jewels that being priceless are lusterless and are passed by for the glitter and brilliancy of a sham. All this and more, we see as we gaze into the mirror of repetition.

Mental progression is slow because of the barriers placed in our path by hereditary conditions. When we cry aloud in our ignorance at the injustice of fate in depriving our life of the glamor of falsehood, then we should glance down the columns of time and study the advance of mental and moral progression.

Love as a stepping stone to growth, is in the beginning and ending; the beautifier of all things finite and infinite. 'Tis the key of our souls that unlocks the gates of science and leads by the paths of knowledge to the *Bower of Life*. It is a gift of all-powerful nature to humanity and will open the closed channels of the human faculties to the grander elements of life and the unseen. But we must not burrow too deep beneath the surface, or our hands will become soiled with the decaying carcasses of those hereditary beliefs of our fathers and forefathers that has helped to decompose the world.

Deal out in gentleness your doctrines, but when your soul reaches out after the infinite truth of life, do not put obstructions of bigotry before it. Dig up the skeleton of self-deceit; every word, thought, deed or feeling; see if you can find there hypoc-



ris. Resurrect your heart, and if not too far gone on the road to decomposition, cultivate it, and, under the influences of resurrected conditions, try to warm the divine spark into life.

Throw open your soul to nature. Burst from the chrysalis and let the beautiful silver-winged butterfly of imagination soar away on the clouds of fancy and thought. List to the fall of the cataract, the song of the birds and the sigh of the wind. Throw open the casements of the inner windows of the chamber of the soul, and the freshness of the spring of thought, knowledge and universal love will enter and renew the fainting life within. Give to the famished soul, food. Leave the dry empty husks and feed on the ears of life. Gather with renewed strength and vigor the knowledge that by the divine power is scattered broadcast in this world of ours, and heedlessly passed by the multitude and gathered by a few.

Throw aside the cloak of conceit; remember the greatest are those who are simplest. That arrogance is the root and branch of ignorance. Do not constitute yourself judge of others, but gather the pearls of knowledge that nature gives freely to those who seek them, and as our boats of life sail slowly away across the sea of space, we can stand on the deck and bravely watch the receding shore of our earth-life fade away in the distance and can turn our faces with relief and pleasure to the crimsoning dawn of a newer and happier future.

STELLA B.

## Wayside Jottings of the Jubilee.

There are several items left out of my regular report that I think will be of interest to the readers of the JOURNAL.

In the Art Department was the first production in colors of independent slate writing and drawing, through the well-known medium, Pierre L. O. A. Keeler, of Lily Dale, N. Y. It is a gem, the drawings being very minute and delicately colored.

There was on exhibition the photo of pictures made inside a bowl and pitcher by smoky rain-water being placed in them, and after being stirred with the fingers of the mediums, being allowed to settle and the water evaporate. Sometimes faces of spirit friends have appeared in saucers treated in like manners. It is a unique way of getting pictures of faces, flowers, shells, etc.

On the wall in a large frame were samples of ribbon that were tied by spirit hands when placed between slates, which were held under a table with the right hand of the medium, while the left hand rested on top. Four signatures of witnesses were signed to this statement.

A large pencil drawing of Josephus, made in the dark through the mediumship of Pet Anderson created much attention. The work is extra fine, though the picture is fully 18x20 inches in size. A large picture of an Indian maiden produced by the same medium was a companion picture to the above.

There were beautiful life-size oil paintings obtained through the well-known mediums, the Bangs sisters and Campbell brothers. Mr. Alonzo

Thompson, of Nebraska, gave me the particulars of how he obtained the painting of himself and wife by sitting with the Bangs sisters. He bought the canvas himself, marked it with a private mark and nicked the frame of the canvas so he would know it again. He tacked a sheet to the carpet, on which he placed an ordinary sized table around which was put black curtains, which fell to the floor and the ends of which were put under the castors of the table. He attended to all the preliminaries himself, and placed the canvas he had marked under the curtains of the table, and his eyes never left it. One of the sisters was in the room all of the time, but they did not go near the canvas. After sitting four hours, and receiving the signal that it was completed, he removed the canvas and beheld on it a beautiful portrait of the companion he lost 20 years before, as well as his own picture, both on the same canvas. The likeness of himself is perfect, though in appearance much younger than he is now, and the features of the lady are fac simile to those he has on a watch. It is a painting that any skilled artist would require months to finish, yet this was done in only four hours with no visible paints or brush.

There were files of newspapers on exhibition which are now published, also some published years ago. Among the latter were *Age of Progress*, 1855; *The Spiritual Age*, 1859; *Spiritualist at Work*, E. V. Wilson editor, 1874; *Progress*, 1895, and a German paper called *Rays of Light*. Many of these have been donated to the library of the N. S. A. together with a complete file of the *Progressive Thinker* from the beginning of its publication, all nicely bound. Many foreign magazines were also to be seen, published in Mexico, Australia, France and England.

Frank N. Foster, spirit artist, was located in Rochester during the Jubilee, and took many photographs of sitters on which appeared spirit faces. One case in particular I wish to mention. Mrs. W. Wagner, of South street, Utica, N. Y., sat for her photo with Mr. Foster on May 31. After her picture was taken, the negative was again exposed after the room had been thoroughly darkened. When the negative was developed, four faces besides her own appeared on the plate. These in the finished photo are as distinct as her own, and are all recognized by herself and friends who knew the parties before they passed to spirit life. Two children of the lady are over her left shoulder, one a little smiling tot two years of age, lost a year ago this summer, while the other one was older and "passed over" about four years ago. The other spirit faces are a brother and sister of the lady's husband. Every one who sees the picture and knew the parties in earth life are ready to testify as to the perfect likeness of the spirit faces. Mrs. Wagner never saw the artist till she went for the sitting, and only once afterward when she went to see the negative. There was no chance for any deception or fraud. This proof of spirit presence is very convincing to herself and friends, and she would not part with the picture for any amount of money. These are the plain facts in the case.

LIDA B. BROWNE.

Utica, N. Y.



## Young People's Spiritualist Union

As Superintendent of the Young People's Department of the Jubilee, and as President of the newly-formed organization, it becomes my duty to report for the benefit of those who were not present on that auspicious occasion, what was accomplished at Rochester by the young people, and what plans they have formulated for the future.

There were about 25 charter-members present and to them is deserving great praise for their earnest co-operation in the work, for they devoted almost their entire time, often laboring far into the night, looking over the numerous suggestions that were offered, harmonizing one thought with another, and endeavoring to effect such an organization as would be not only satisfactory to all, but one that will ultimately be beneficial to humanity in general and Spiritualism in particular.

General legislative meetings or conventions will be held annually, on the 2nd Tuesday of August, at some one of the various camp meetings, place of meeting to be designated at each previous annual meeting. The first will be held at Camp Cassadaga, Lily Dale, N. Y., Aug. 9, next; such conventions to last at least three days. This plan of holding the conventions at various places was adopted, as it was considered best not to confine the meetings to any one locality. It is also expected that special mass meetings will be arranged for at all the camps and at various cities.

It is intended, of course, to have the organization become auxiliary to the N. S. A., and to work not only in entire harmony with that Association, but it is expected the ultimate effect will prove to be especially beneficial to the parent body. As it appears to be impossible for the two bodies to affiliate at this time, it is intended at the coming N. S. A. Convention to have the matter thoroughly considered by a committee which it is expected will be appointed by each body, and their action to be ratified by the conventions of the respective organizations.

The Constitution of the National body of the Young People's Spiritualist Union, (that being the name adopted) was formulated as far as practical at the time, but several important features were necessarily referred to special committees for further investigation.

One of these features was the question of incorporation, the point being raised as to whether it would be possible to incorporate under the laws of the District of Columbia and to have the annual executive conventions held in various localities. This latter feature was deemed so essential that, if possible, the articles of incorporation must allow of such latitude.

Another feature referred to a committee, consisting of the Board of Trustees, was that of proxy representation. The fact is well understood that those parties living most remote from the place of meeting should be accorded equal representation with others, and the opposition to proxy representation being generally due to the possible abuse of that privilege, this question was referred with the general understanding that such representation was to be provided for, but with such safeguards that abuse would be impossible, and which should grant equal privileges to those residing most distant as to those near the point of meeting.

Individual membership is to be granted until the second annual convention, Aug. 8th, 1899, the annual dues of such members to be 50 cents; therefore all those who desire to join with this movement should do so without delay, and thus have a voice in the meeting to be held at Lily Dale.

Societies desiring to join may do so in conformity with the Constitution of the National body, initiation dues being \$2.00, with annual dues of 25 cents for each member thereof, who shall be within the specified ages of 16 to 40, inclusive. Societies now extant, some of whose members are above or below the ages specified may join with the National, such members as are outside the classified ages being simply debarred from any voice in the official affairs of the national and local societies, and that thereafter no persons excepting those within the specified ages should be admitted to membership. All such persons reaching the age limit to be considered as honorary members.

The young people decided unanimously in favor of having an official organ, and a committee of three was appointed to confer with various publishers of Spiritual

papers, for arrangements having in view the designation of one page of such paper for the exclusive use of this organization. This committee is to report at the next meeting, in August.

Programs for the annual meetings will, as far as possible, be published a month in advance, and every effort made to make such conventions ultimately beneficial, not only to this organization, but also to the camp where the meeting is to be held; therefore it will be to the interest of all camp associations to at once correspond with the Secretary of the Union regarding the facilities they have at their disposal and such concessions as they desire to offer in regard to places of holding the meetings, etc., for consideration of the National Body.

The question of the adoption of a model form of Constitution, By-Laws and plan of work for the local Unions will be carefully considered during the August meeting.

Copies of the Constitution, as at present adopted, will be available about the first of July, and copies may be secured upon application to the Secretary or any of the officers.

To our beloved Brother Frank Walker is due unstinted praise for planning such a department and in doing so much for its ultimate success, and even if nothing else was accomplished at the Jubilee, the organization of the young people far more than repays the entire work and expense of that occasion, and will add to Mr. Walker one more degree of endearment by all persons having the true Spiritualism at heart. The young people were particularly enthusiastic in the work of their department, and have every reason to believe in great success. They will be frequently heard from hereafter, for it is to be hoped they will continue to work hand in hand establishing local unions everywhere, each gaining from the experiences of others, benefiting one another and the Cause by their united efforts for individual and universal advancement.

We request all societies now organized, and all individuals in sympathy with the movement, to join with us at once and thus assist with their influence and wisdom in making the organization a power of strength. Let our universal cry now be, "On to Cassadaga." I. C. I. EVANS.

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## Mental Suggestion.

Since the dawn of history (a belief in the existence of an imponderable force, now popularly known as "Suggestion" has been acknowledged by most thinking people.

This force, which is inherent in the animal economy, has been used for both good and evil purposes, and mankind, while ignorant of the principles on which it operated and lacking in a knowledge of its mysterious cause and the laws which governed it, have generally admitted the fact of its existence, unseen, yet marvelous in its influence on the destinies of mankind.

We stand in awe when we consider the future possibilities of this wondrous force; all animal life seems to exercise this potent influence—the bird singing to its mate, the mother praying for her child, or the physician anxious to cure his patient, all seem to call this agent into action. From this a lesson should be learned, that thoughts are things and the happiness or misery of mankind greatly depends on the good or evil thoughts we harbor towards those with whom we daily come in contact.

The laws, governing this agent, have been but little understood until recent years, and indeed at the present time we only stand on the threshold of the temple of knowledge, which contains the secrets and hidden mysteries of Nature; but in the Middle Ages and as late as the early portion of the present century, persecution and even death



frequently followed the exercise and use of this divine power. Priestcraft unmindful of the teachings of the Scriptures and fearful (like the silver-smiths of Ephesus) that their occupation would be gone, denounced all tampering with this power, as indicating a union with the Evil One. The proneness of humanity to seek after that which is condemned, however, led many to investigate and in spite of persecution, the light was kept burning.

After a time, when the people became more enlightened by education, and persecution became less frequent and severe, a class of charlatans grew up, who in their endeavor to foist spurious imitations of some of the effects of "Suggestion" on the people, brought the study of the laws governing this force somewhat into disrepute, and so we have it to the present day.

In this connection, however, it is interesting to note the trend towards liberality of modern thought. A few years ago, the word "impossible" was in common use, to-day few but the ignorant use the term except where a lie is apparent.

The steam engine, the telegraph, the telephone, the microphone and the X-Ray have all done their parts in liberalizing human intellect and humanizing human thought.

Not much progress can be made while we are confined to mere routine, whether it be in the practice of medicine, the study of theology, philosophy or any of the sciences; freedom of thought is as necessary for the progress of human mind as is a pure atmosphere for the maintenance of our physical health; we must have "freedom of thought and perfect freedom of expression."

Science has demonstrated that the "impossible" is possible; that much that has been attributed to supernatural or diabolical agencies is due entirely to natural causes, and we now have chloroform and ether outdone by psychological methods, most difficult surgical operations performed without pain, the sensibilities of the patient being temporarily removed by suggestion.

But it is not alone in the fields of surgery that this wondrous power comes into play, history in all ages gives examples of the *healing powers* of individuals, which can only be accounted for by the theory of suggestion; suggestion therefore must be admitted as an aid not to be ignored if we desire to obtain the best results.—*Cal. Med. Jour.*

W. M. FORSTER, M. D.

### Basic Principles.

Spiritualism is the religion that teaches the truths of life on earth and in the eternal realms. The continuity of life is proven by the facts of nature—and thus a soul-force in all things is demonstrated.

Personal conscious life is fully demonstrated by inter-communion between mortals and spirits—proving that "death does not end all," and that immortality of the future has thereby added evidence. The safe predicate of an immortal past, warrants the conviction of an immortal continuity. In accord with human reason, past revelation and present spirit communion, we declare:

God is the impersonal, infinite and eternal over-ruling causation.

Soul-life is the reality of every animate and inanimate atom or being—hence human life is the warranty for immortal continuity.

Life in the spirit excarnate from earth, after so-called death, is fully proven by the history of humanity and more fully substantiated by present communion.

Every soul-force is an Individual germ, capable of infinite unfoldment. Life eternal is therefore continuously progressive.

The revelations of God are written in the great work of nature and the divine law is the infallible law of life.

As effects surely follow causes, so good or evil will inevitably succeed the acts of human life in accord therewith—hence heaven and hell are conditions of the soul, and the true savior is self-atonement and development.

Every soul shall finally progress into purer spheres of spiritual life in the immortal realms:—

Therefore, the brotherhood of man is a divine consanguinity to be made manifest in the spirit and should be realized in mortality.

Love, purity and justice must be the foundation of the true church and society of earth.

G. W. KATES.

### ODE TO CUBA.

Dear land of Cuba, the bugles are sounding,  
Their echo is thrilling the nations around;  
The prophecy now each hour is fulfilling  
That freedom shall conquer and blessings abound.

Sweet land of Cuba, the bugles are sounding,  
The bright bow of promise is arching the sky,  
The birthright of freedom, that grand constellation,  
Illumines with glory and for it we'll die.

Fair land of Cuba, thy loved ones have perished—  
Have died for the cause that was dear to their heart;  
Their memories, now sacred, will ever be cherished,  
While future achievements will lessen the smart.

Brave land of Cuba, thy day-star is beaming,  
Nor ever will wane in the land of the free;  
The tyrant now trembles in wild consternation,  
While Justice and Mercy have sided with thee.

Green isle of Cuba, thy mountains and valleys  
Are eloquent now in their pleadings for thee;  
The blood of thy martyrs will ne'er be forgotten  
While love lights the heart in the land of the free.

AMIGA.

### The Object of Life.

The object of life is to draw from earth-resources molecules of matter, by cohesion to its kind, through chemical process, the result is life. This essence can create life, of its kind. Thought is a living molecule attaching itself to that susceptible to receive. Spirit is the essence of life or living individualities. What is called death is the birth of the spirit; it leaves its earthy tenement as a passing shadow (the shadow can be seen by the looker-on) to occupy a spirit-body which will be changed from time to time to suit its condition of purity. These evolutions will continue until perfection is attained.



Individuality is a heritage eternal, from life and through Nature's laws. Spirits are created from molecules, unintelligible separately, but are made intelligible by compounding. Life is the result, (name best understood). Life creates force; force, thought; and thought, action. Spirit is life-intelligence, a creation with life; hence our spirits are the mirror of this life's abilities, acts and accomplishments; a truth scarcely thought of by a large proportion of the human family, which if understood would revolutionize the world, for our joys and troubles are of our own creation, direct or indirect. We should reject everything not elevating to mind and body. We are kings and queens over our own lives, and a wise ruler will not destroy his own kingdom knowingly; he will improve and raise his subjects to the highest plane possible. This is precisely what each one should do according to knowledge and ability that nature has given.

D. E. SHELDON.

Chehalis, Wash.

### Harmonious Vibrations.

There is so much inharmony abroad in the world, it seems nearly impossible to bring peace and joy out of so much turmoil and strife, but if even those who *do know* what good thoughts will do, sent out on the vibratory plane, that would help; for every little helps to move the lever of the Universe.

We must make a starting point, and if every one that understands this will commence with I, myself—what wonders would be accomplished! We can never do a kind act, or give a kind and loving word to any unfortunate without that feeling of joy that will recompense us, then and there.

Yesterday, my lunch being over, with the dear old JOURNAL in hand, I sat down to read, when a rap come on the door. I opened it and there stood a gray-haired man, who said: "Please ma'am could you give me a bite to eat." All thoughts of reading vanished immediately. I got him some lunch, and while eating, I saw that his hand was bandaged. I asked him to let me see it, and I found that it was very bad. I told him I thought I could heal it for him, and he seemed so pleased. I did it all up clean, and gave him a bottle of medicine, with lint, etc., to take with him, and sent him on his way rejoicing. He seemed so happy, and I said to him, "Some good angel sent you here," and he said: "I guess so, for it was no earthly one, sure." With so little discomfort to ourselves, we can make others happy, and in our own heart we receive more real happiness than they. If we would live up to that golden rule, to "do unto others as we would have them do unto us," what a change there would be on this planet.

MRS. A. B. C. DAY.

✍ Misrepresentation, villification and slanderous rumors, says the *Banner of Light*, are the weapons of attack used by the coward and the knave. Spiritualists should avoid all these terms, because their religion is the Spirit of Truth.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., JUNE 30, 1898.

### Progressive Thought.

The Rev. Lyman Abbott, in a late sermon at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, took as his subject the change in religious thought and theological conceptions in the last 30 or 40 years. From a report of it, in the *New York Sun*, we glean the following very sensible remarks:

Nobody can deny that in the last 30 or 40 years there has been a change in religious conceptions. Many men have changed their views. I know that I have, and, although we cannot attack those who hold to the views which we think we have outgrown, the change must be illustrated by our own experience.

God, I now think, is not apart from nature, but dwells in nature. That he made this world and is now the engineer of it I cannot now believe. There are no forces; there is but one force, God. There are no causes, for there is but one great underlying cause. Natural and supernatural are the same.

I have come to think that creation is a continuous process, with God himself in the process always. Every spring, every year, every day, every hour is a new creation. Imagine him gone and the Universe is gone. He is the ruler, not over the Universe, but in it. Is not that pantheism, you ask? No, for there is a difference between "the all" and "in all."

I can no longer believe in special Providences, unless all are special. He did no more in guiding Moses than in guiding Gladstone. He was no more the leader at the Red sea of old, than our emancipation leader in the red sea of blood.

Revelation is a continual process, with God showing himself to man more and more as the years go by. He is disclosing just as fast as we are able to comprehend. God rules the human race



from within, as does the teacher, or the father, or the pastor.

I no longer look forward to a great day of resurrection. The resurrection is as continuous as that of the plant from the seed.

### Spiritual Mysteries.

The world is full of mysteries—many of them buried beneath its surface or hidden under its magnificent monuments and other imposing structures. In their negative conditions, all the countries of the earth have concealed much that would be of sublime interest to this generation, if we could delve into their secrets and divulge them.

India in her negative period has been the cradle of spiritual mystery, says a profound thinker. China could reveal to us much that we would like to know. Egypt! What has she not—amid her pyramids, her sphynx, and her buried cities under the sands? Mexico holds for us infinite possibilities of knowledge, which the next hundred years or less may demonstrate, when she has passed from her period of rest into a newer activity. Yucatan is replete with spiritual wonders. What of Atlantis? Will she arise from the depths, and reveal her mysteries? How long was America negative? What has she, even yet, for us, in her buried mounds and cave dwellings? Europe, too, in her long and varied past, has wonderful records covered up by the debris of ages. All these mysteries of past centuries are at the command of the spirit world, and will be brought to light in the coming time, to astonish future generations. Not a few of these will come as new inventions and scientific discoveries, to delight the world, which will then be quite ready to receive them.

### More Advent Foolishness.

The *Prophetic News*, London, England, declares that on March 12, 1903, at 3, p. m., Jerusalem time, Christ will come, the resurrection take place, and the 144,000 watchful Christians be translated without seeing death.

Repeated failures and successive disappointments do not seem to teach these "cranks" anything. It can only add another to the long list of crushing disappointments to the followers of the Millerite delusion. The argument by which this "time is set," is more fallacious than were the preceding ones, making the failure even more certain than the last delusions have proven.

☞ Maintain truth in all things, and in your dealings practice it. E.

### A New Wonder.

The *Cosmopolitan* for June contains an excellent article on "Liquid Air; the Newest Wonder of Science," by Charles E. Tripler, whose long and patient work has made possible the so-called impossible.

It has been heretofore held that the air we breathe is not capable of being liquefied. Yet Mr. Tripler exhibited 800 cubic feet of air, says the *Cosmopolitan*, compressed into a cubic foot of liquid, held in an uncovered ice-cream freezer. Here was a liquid secured by subjecting the air to thousands of pounds of pressure; but the liquid which had been under such dangerous pressure, now rested quietly at the bottom of a tin can requiring no bands of steel to hold it within bounds. Stranger still, this harmless-looking liquid became the most powerful of agencies, when confined in a steel chamber. And these seemingly paradoxes were thrown into the shade, when Mr. Tripler, taking a cup made of ice, and having poured into it this liquid, with a temperature several hundred degrees below zero, proceeded to insert into the liquid air a steel rod which, when set on fire by means of a common match, sizzled and burned and melted—yet the melting of steel, in an ordinary crucible, is an operation requiring many hundred degrees of heat for its consummation. It is said that the first ounce of liquid air cost an English laboratory \$3,000 for its production. While this was going on, Mr. Tripler, not content with the mere fact of discovery, sought successfully to bring the result of his experiments to that practical basis which would place it within the every-day use of the scientific mercantile world. All honor to him who waved the magic wand and produced results which opened up so broad a field of possibilities.

☞ Selfishness is a crying evil in the ranks of Spiritualism. We should live the life of the spirit, and seek to find our own in our neighbor's good. A little thought for the sake of others, while it does not hurt us at all, does help both the giver and receiver to be better and truer, in life's great contest. Let us all overcome selfishness with good deeds and kind thoughts.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, in London, England, concluded its labors last Friday, June 24th. The Sunday service was a festival of "holy communion without external rite—a true spiritual sacrament," says *Light*. The whole meeting was, of course, "a feast of reason and a flow of soul." We shall give our readers a report of the sessions as soon as it comes to hand.



## Telegraphing without Wires.

Marconi, an Italian, is perfecting a system of wireless telegraphy, with a special view of communicating between ships, and with the shore. It is already adopted in the Italian navy. In Portsmouth, England, officers and men are being instructed in its methods, with a view to its adoption. Its possibilities are enormous. Vessels coming within 12 miles of one another, or a station, could communicate. It is easier to communicate between ships or between ship and shore than to exchange messages on land. The size of the vessel does not effect the working of the instruments. The best results have been obtained on a small tugboat. Provided that lightships and lighthouses are fitted with the apparatus, ships in foggy weather can be warned against danger, when a light or the sound of a bell could not reach the vessel.

## Earth's Failures.

In the vanishing of antiquated dogmas, which consign to hell earth's failures, we discover a feeling of pity and humanity. This more tender and more compassionate view is strikingly shown in a recent publication on "The Place of Immortality in Religious Belief," by Prof. J. E. Carpenter. When referring to "the children of depravity whom our self-complacence calls *outcast*," he remarks as follows:

These are our failures: are they also God's? Is he partner with us in giving birth to souls fit only to be cast as rubbish to the void? Sooner might we deem that he destroys the righteous than the wicked; for the former have, in part at least, fulfilled the law of their nature; they have responded to his purpose; they have not been all unworthy to live a little while in his presence ere they go out and are no more. But the low-minded, for whom there was a hideous preparation of corruption, who were steeped in evil that they could not control—have these no claim for a better opportunity, a freer choice? Can we reject their half-articulate plea for deliverance from a bondage not of their own making, for help to escape from the thralldom of nature, for release from the overmastering pressure of heredity or social circumstance, that they too may begin to live as "sons of the highest?" Is justice satisfied if they are condemned, or does it not rather cry out, not so much for judgment on the guilty as for rescue for the lost?

Whosoever worketh in the vineyard of Reform is responsible for all the damage done by their own conduct. Whosoever endures in the conflict to the end will be rewarded. C.

## What Spiritualism Means.

The declaration of principles of the New York State Association of Spiritualists, adopted April 15, 1897, is as follows:

We believe in the infinite spirit and intelligence called God and the immortality of every human being.

We believe that every individual is a divine germ capable of infinite unfoldment.

We recognize the universal brotherhood of man.

We assert that a continued life is proven by present revelations of positive inter-communication between the mortal and spiritual worlds.

We believe in love, purity and fidelity as the spirit of religion, and justice as the high estmoral law.

## The Home Seance.

In a lecture at the Jubilee celebration, Dr. J. M. Peebles makes the following allusions to the present needs of Spiritualism:

Let the family home and the family seance be veritable altars in your houses, where youth and age alike may reverently worship in spirit and in truth. Here should center the heart's warmest, purest and tenderest affections. Here should we recall the memories of the dear departed, and with them hold sweet soul-communion.

Every child's soul is a garden of Eden, and every babe's smile is a benediction. Innocence ever beholds the face of the angels. The orioles in the lilacs by my window sing of heaven. Every murmuring stream is to me a flowing Kedron; every towering oak and elm, a shrine of worship. Nature is our mother, and how I delight to nestle closely to her great, warm, pulsing bosom. The flowers, the growing grains and the rippling brooks are incentives—are among the rungs in Nature's ladder by which we climb to the habitations of the gods. Nature, science and religion are a trinity in unity.

One of the great overwhelming needs of the hour is a fresher and deeper baptism of the Divine Spirit—the baptism of love, of truth, and enthusiasm for the upbuilding of the right. Dream—slumber as we may, there is a crisis upon us. The political, social, and religious elements are in commotion. To be absorbed in the other great, growing, liberal religious bodies—or not to be absorbed—is a vital question. Men are naturally religious. They will worship somewhere. Their physical bodies no more require physical food than do our spiritual natures require spiritual food.

The mission of our spirit friends to us, is woefully misunderstood, so long as we are content with the mere phenomena of Spiritualism, the miraculous marvels of which are as nothing compared to the deeper lessons taught us by the higher truth of spiritual possibilities. We should, most of all, aspire to live up to the spiritual ideals held open to us.—*Two Worlds.*



## Spiritualist News.

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

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

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

The First Society of Los Angeles, has suspended its meetings till Oct. 2.

Mrs. M. T. Longley's address is now 511 S. Olive St., Los Angeles.

Dr. Dean Clarke's address is Wellesley Hills, Mass., and he is open to engagements for the coming season.

We notice that quite a number of Spiritualists have joined the Army and have gone to war.

Mrs. M. C. Lyman and Mrs. Kate Hoskins held a joint meeting on June 15, at Mrs. Aylsworth's, 1113 Downey Ave., Los Angeles.

The First Spiritual Church of Buffalo, N. Y., is now in running order, Moses Hull being pastor for the present year. His address is 359 Normal avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Lyman C. Howe, of Fredonia, N. Y., desires engagements in Michigan, during August, September and October. He is an able speaker and can well represent the Cause anywhere.

Harmony Grove Camp opens at Escondido, Cal., on Sunday, Aug. 14, and closes on the 28th. For particulars, address Miss Mary Nulton, Escondido, Cal.

Dr. M. A. Pottenger is in Los Angeles, Cal., organizing a class for the study of astrology, etc., and gave a lecture last Sunday evening at Kramer's Hall, 139 W. 5th St., Los Angeles.

"Can the Claims of Modern Spiritualism be successfully refuted by Theology?" was the subject of an interesting and eloquent discourse by Mrs. R. S. Lillie last Sunday evening at Occidental Hall, for the Society of Progressive Spiritualists.

Mrs. Mena Francis, the excellent slate-writing medium of San Francisco, has just received through Mr. Wm. Emmette Coleman, an invitation to go to St. Petersburg, Russia, to demonstrate Spiritualism in the Imperial Family, next winter. Mrs. Francis declines the honor, as she could not leave home for so long a journey—her interests here requiring her attention.

A disaster occurred on June 21, at Blackwell, London, while launching the battleship Albion, by which 50 persons were drowned—fulfilling another of the prophecies of Dr. Muehlenbruch, made on May 27, that "a severe steamboat disaster, with many lives lost, will occur in the vicinity of London." This prophecy was given in a reading to Miss Hopps of London, England.

"The New Cycle and a Higher Civ-

ilization" was the subject of a lecture by Mrs. Mary C. Lyman, pastor of the Harmonial Association of Los Angeles, on Sunday, June 19. The *Herald* thus mentions it: "The speaker said there were ominous clouds upon the mental horizon, and the very air is freighted with a new life that foretells the birth of a wonderful change. Darkness will enshroud the minds of earth's inhabitants more and more ere the new cycle will be ushered in. Like a storm it will break, and from the travail of nature reason will have its greater birth and assume its influence over the minds and earthly affairs of all humanity, for intellect and reason are progressive entities and will build the higher civilization. Then the universal brotherhood of humanity will be a truth; realized by earth's inhabitants with one religion and our only creed, to do good."

### Benefit Exhibition.

Having had the pleasure, a few evenings ago, of attending an exhibition given by the pupils of one of our Children's Lyceums, I wish to offer encouragement to one who shows such marked ability, while struggling in the face of adversity.

The exhibition was given by the pupils of Miss Pearl Bryson's Juvenile Dancing Academy, 24th and Church street, as a benefit to Miss Pearl, and closing the dancing classes for the vacation season. A handsome sum has been realized, judging from the well-filled house. But a much greater source of satisfaction to her must have been the excellent manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves in the different parts of the program.

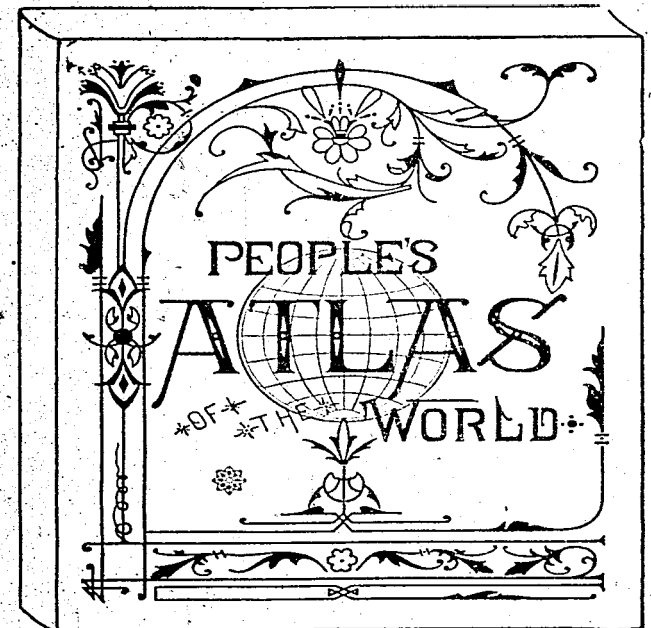
The earnestness and zeal with which each one entered into the exercises of dancing and vocal music, certainly shows an ability and earnestness of purpose of which not only a girl, 13 years of age may feel proud, but many older teachers as well. IRWIN.

**Our Boys**, a beautiful song and chorus, was nicely rendered by Mr. John T. Lillie, by request, at Occidental Hall last Sunday evening. Both the words and music are by Miss Hattie Moulton, a grand-daughter of Mrs. R. Parker, a good Spiritualist worker of this city. The song is captivating, and must become a very popular one. For sale at this office.

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## The Reviewer.

**Psychometry;** its Science and Law of Unfoldment, by J. C. F. Grumbine. 48pp. Price, 50 cents. For sale at this office.

The author, in his introduction, says: "The student of Occultism, Mysticism, Spiritualism and Theosophy, will receive with joy any rational and scientific exposition of the science of Psychometry. What has been regarded as the lost mysteries are gradually being restored through the slow awakening and evolution of the interior or spiritual consciousness of man. The human light thrown upon the hitherto veiled laws and seemingly impenetrable secrets of the spirit, has ever been fractional and scant. Few clear and intelligible works on the subject have been published, and these few, while intensely interesting and instructive, have been more or less ignorantly or adroitly mixed with Oriental phraseology, Theosophical verbiage and mystic or kabalistic symbology, quite beyond the understanding of the ordinary and unilluminated minds of the uninitiated."

This book contains six lessons to elaborate, simplify and verify a *rationale of divinity*, by which those who will do so, may enjoy the light of the Spirit by celestial wisdom. The subject is intensely interesting.

**Counterparts** the Basis of Harmony, a Lesson in Philosophy, by Mr. M. A. Clancy. of Washington, D. C. Price, 25 cents.

This is a philosophical discussion of the question, written for and published in the *Metaphysical Magazine* for April, 1898. It emanates from an analytic mind, and will be read with much interest by students and advanced thinkers.

**The Law of Correspondences,** applied to Healing—a course of seven practical lessons, by W. J. Colville. Chicago: F. M. Harley, Publisher. Price, 50 cts. For sale at this office.

The author in his preface says: "The aim of this little book is to help people to help themselves and others, not to evade consequences or shirk responsibilities, but to govern their thinking, speaking and acting, that through the constant sowing of good seed, and naught other, harvests of good and pleasant fruit may be inevitably secured through conscious, intelligent co-operation with universal order."

**The Seven Creative Principles,** by Hiram E. Butler. Illustrated with 9 colored plates and portrait of author. Price \$1.50. Esoteric Publishing Co., Applegate, Cal. For sale at this office.

This book comprises 9 lectures by the author, on the following topics:

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**Vibration, the Law of Life,** by W. H. Williams: cloth, \$1.25. A very valuable book. (See review on page 375). Can be obtained at this office.

**Immortality,** the new quarterly issued by J. C. F. Grumbine, is on our desk. It contains 48 pages, and is published at 7820 Hawthorn avenue, Chicago, Ill., at \$1 a year. It is intended to emphasize the metaphysics of Christian Science, Divine Science, Mind Cure, Mental Science, Psychopathy, Theosophy, Occultism, Mysticism and Spiritualism. Each number is to be devoted to one special subject. The September number is to be devoted to Clairvoyance. The first issue is devoted to Immortality—the writers being, Swami Abhayananda, W. J. Colville, Annie Besant, Cora L. V. Richmond, and J. C. F. Grumbine—all excellent writers.

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### Ready to Work.

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a friend to all Spiritualists, whether in or out of societies. I can fellowship and work with any society formed, and can help to form societies among any who believe in immortality and in the communion of spirits. I believe in God; and if others do not, it is because they do not think as I do, and they may be as honest in their belief as I am. I talk to people every day and almost every Sunday. I have lectured and labored for the Cause 30 years, mostly without mon-

eyed compensation. I love the Cause and the people who advocate and live in its truths.

I only await a call, to assist any who may require my time and efforts. I belong to the National Association and will co-work with any of its branches, or any others, as may be desired. If not called to work, I shall take no offense.

GEO. W. CARPENDER, M. D.  
935 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

### Send Reading Matter.

TO THE EDITOR:

Some time ago, I received several numbers of the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, and also a postal card from a lady living at Crystal Lake, Ill., but the name I could not decipher, the first of it being Sarah. I sent her a letter, directing it to Sarah Maston, that being the best I could make out of it; but it was returned to me, marked "uncalled for." I would like her to know that I answered her card and enjoyed the reading of her papers, for the dear old JOURNAL seems like an old and dear friend to us.—KATIE MASON, Arbela, Scotland Co., Mo.

[Any one who desires to send reading matter to Miss Mason, who has an afflicted mother to care for, will send it to a worthy sister. See former notice in the JOURNAL of last year, on page 664.

There are several others who are too poor to pay for the JOURNAL, but want its spiritual comfort. There are chances enough to do a little missionary work. We are sending it free to many of the worthy poor, but cannot afford to send it to all applicants, and so others may help to do this laudable work, and make at least one poor home more happy.—ED.]

### A Place for Missionary Work.

TO THE EDITOR:

I came to Auburn, Cal., from Santa Barbara, last March. This is a beautiful country; a fine place to make a home. The town, having something over 2000 inhabitants, is hidden by a forest of trees. There is no place in California where flowers grow better than they do here. There are no barren hills to look at. The earth, when tilled, produces its full strength. Fine homes are everywhere, with nice gardens and fruit orchards.

I have been much interested in Spiritualism for many years, and spent last winter at Santa Barbara. Prof. W. C. Bowman is a good worker there. When I arrived at Auburn I was a little disappointed to learn that no interest was taken in Spiritualism here. I don't think that there is a Spiritualist paper taken in this town. There are a few Spiritualists who came with me.

This shows the importance of organization. A fund might be provided to send speakers and mediums to such



a place as this. It is so easy to reach, and so near to the large cities. I would like to correspond with some good speaker or medium, and see what could be done. A hall might be hired and literature circulated. There may be Spiritualists here who are not outspoken, who may take hold when some one else makes a move.

HENRY H. NICHOLS.  
Auburn, Placer Co., Cal.

### In Re the Jubilee.

TO THE EDITOR:

We are in receipt of many inquiries concerning the Rochester Jubilee and the cause of such a large deficit in finances. It is also asked why the National Spiritualists' Association does not step in to meet the deficiency, as the Jubilee was held under its auspices. For the benefit of an interested public we will explain the matter in full, hoping thereby to induce our Spiritualist friends throughout the country to come forward at once with their free-will offerings to meet the present emergency.

The Jubilee was planned two years ago, and the General Manager thereof received his commission as such in November, 1896. It took no little time and labor to secure the addresses of even a few of the Spiritualists of the United States, yet the General Manager set about the work with a stout heart, feeling sure that the Spiritualists of the country would recognize the great importance of the Jubilee, and promptly rally as one man to make it a grand success. It required money to pay postage upon the letters of inquiry he sent out; it required money to defray the expense of postage upon the letters he answered; it required money to pay for the printing of the circulars to advertise the Jubilee; it required money to defray the expense of freightage and express charges, as well as the hundred and one other items to be met.

There are 70,000 post-offices in the United States. If the General Manager had sent one letter only to each office, the postage bill would have been \$1,400.00. It is not at all likely that he did write to every office in the land, but we know that he has been obliged to write to some offices dozens of times each. It is reasonable to suppose that the bill for postage alone during the past two years is above \$2,000.00. Of course this includes postage on circulars, letters and merchandise. We see nothing at all exorbitant in this estimate; the Jubilee was designed to be an event worthy of Spiritualism in its highest sense, therefore it was only right that every Spiritualist should be asked to take an interest in it.

The matter of printing was no small item, and required quite an outlay. These several departments of the Jubilee had to be advertised, as well as the event itself. People could not understand the newspaper statements concerning the several features of the Jubilee, hence sent many letters of inquiry. It was easier and cheaper to answer these by means of explanatory circulars than by pen, hence it was

economy to have a large supply of literature on hand. To secure the printed matter required, the General Manager pledged his private credit, and only by that means could he meet the demands made upon him. It is only just to him to say that he did the same with regard to postage.

The rent of halls in Rochester is another important item. The General Manager has been censured for engaging more than one hall, and for paying for them after they were engaged. Let us be just in regard to this matter also. From the assurances received by letter, the General Manager was led to believe that ten thousand people would visit the Jubilee. He made an allowance of one-half in estimating the number that would actually be present, and engaged his halls accordingly for five thousand people. The Lyceum Theatre, Fitzhugh Hall, Assembly Hall, and Chamber of Commerce would accommodate about that number. He therefore contracted for the two former positively, and arranged for the latter conditionally. This, it seems to us, was a practical, business-like thing to do.

When the Jubilee opened, it is probable that not more than one thousand people were present from outside of the city. Then it was found that Fitzhugh Hall alone would have been sufficient to accommodate the people. But a contract is a contract, and it binds Spiritualists as well as other people when it is once signed. Had five thousand people been present, the Lyceum Theatre and all other halls named would have been required. As it is, hall rent was an expense of at least \$1,500. We submit that, in view of the promises received by the General Manager, he acted with wisdom and forethought in this matter.

The next item of expense concerns the speakers and mediums in attendance. They, one and all, gave their services, but requested with reason, that their traveling expenses and hotel bills should be met by the Jubilee management. This was only fair, and was promptly agreed to. This expense involved at least \$1,500.00. We submit that it was a necessary expense, and respectfully ask the critics of the General Manager what the Jubilee would have been without the platform talent? In connection with this topic, the services of the musicians must also be considered. Their work was of the very best, and they earned all they received, but the few hundred dollars paid them must be added to the expense of the Jubilee.

The General Manager had to have help to carry on the great work he undertook. His devoted sister gave up her business, and entered heart and soul into the movement with him. Stenographers were indispensable, and had to be paid. These workers all had to have food and clothing, hence money was needed for living expenses. Our friends will note the next point, as the responses to appeals for financial aid were so few and small, the General Manager, out of his love for the Cause, and firm faith in the Spiritualists of the nation, hired the necessary funds, pledging his personal and

real property as security, in order to make the Jubilee a success. We claim that this is devotion of a high order, and to accept this sacrifice of him and his sister would be the basest ingratitude on the part of every Spiritualist in America. We do not believe our American Spiritualists will permit this gross injustice to be done, now that they know the facts.

Why does not the National Spiritualists' Association make up the deficit? The General Manager contracted with the National body to carry on the Jubilee at no expense to it, and agreed to turn over the entire surplus, if any accrued, to its treasury. "This is unbusiness-like," we hear someone say. Possibly it is, but it is also positive proof of the General Manager's devotion to Spiritualism, and his firm faith in his fellow Spiritualists. He dared to risk his all for the Cause, and has met with the unexpected at the end. But beyond the matter of the contract, the National Spiritualists' Association has not the means to meet the present deficit, hence the necessity of calling for a popular subscription to cover the same. The most conservative estimate that we can make places the loss at between four and five thousand dollars. The items of expense are labor, rent, talent, music, postage, special departments, and printing. The total cost is between eight and nine thousand dollars, while the total receipts are not over four thousand dollars.

We do not claim that no mistakes have been made, but we declare our firm conviction that they were of the head and not of the heart. They can be lived down, and a happier estate made possible for all true Spiritualists. We ask our friends if they deem it right or just to permit General Manager Walker and his sister to lose their all, even their home, through the failure of the Spiritualists of this country to cooperate with them in order to make the Jubilee worthy of the pure and sacred name of Spiritualism? If not, then let us all speak with generous contributions to make up the deficit.

HARRISON D. BARRETT,  
Pres. National Spiritualists' Ass'n.

### Disturbing Thought-Waves.

TO THE EDITOR:

Of the merits or demerits of the war with Spain it is not my purpose to write, for the reason that I hold an opinion, peculiar, perhaps, to myself; but I crave space in which to give expression to my indignation at the spirit which is everywhere rampant. I believe that thoughts are things, endowed with being, breath and wings; and that we send them forth to fill the world with good or ill results.

Is it not too much that preachers should charge the air with war-talk—the murder, the bloodshed, the misery, the desolation of war, which is so easy to begin but which may be hard to stop! "Ouida" has said, "A child's hand will sooner stop the seas, when they rise in their wrath, than counsels of caution or of prudence arrest



the growth of a great passion." Do the preachers—

.... with a barricade  
Of olive leaves and resolutions made  
Spike guns with pointed scripture texts,  
and hope  
To capsize navies with a windy trope?

They are not the fellows to grab a gun and rush, like the "six hundred," into the jaws of death. Oh, no; they're not so ready to leave "this wilderness of woe" and go up and sing before the mighty god of Jacob. And yet—

Rosy and sleek, the sable-gowned divine,  
O'er his third bottle of suggestive wine,  
To plumed and sworded auditors shall prove  
Their trade accordant with the law of love,  
And church for state and state for church  
shall fight,  
And both agree that might alone is right.

Can it be that they are ignorant of the law of vibrations and thought-waves? It is true most sermonizing does not amount to a row of pins; but when it comes to urging on to bloodshed under the specious guise of "patriotism;" when it comes to inflaming men's passions with the vicious ambition to murder his fellow man for the love of home and country, it is time surely for all lovers of humanity to call a halt.

I admit that, as things go, war has seemingly become a necessity. Just as in tropical countries the burden of the atmosphere is relieved by the roaring storm of thunder, lightning and rain, so the surcharged atmosphere of mind may groan and find relief only in the thunder of cannon, the lightning flash of devastating bombs, the hail of bullets and floods of crimson blood. The thought-waves have been put in motion. One of our "Reverends" said lately, "without shedding of blood is no remission of sin." If no storm ever visited the tropical clime the condition would become intolerable. Men would die from pestilence and plague. The meaning of my parable is, that there would be an increase in crimes of violence. "Diseased Nature doth break forth in strange eruptions." The plague and pestilence would appear in unexpected places.

On the ground of choosing the lesser of two evils, let war come. I am not one to say, "let us do evil that good may come," but I would only hope that after the vicious villainy of this storm of thought has dissipated its energy and fury in battle, lovers of truth will be the better able to enjoy peace on the sweetened earth.

I am not crying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace; but I am wondering where the machinery is to come from which will harness this turbulent Niagara of vituperation and cause the volume of its energy to produce the electric light of truth.

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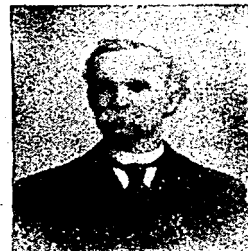
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