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THE CHRIST WITHIN.

The times are not degenerate. Man's faith
Mounts higher than of old. No crumbling
creed

Can take from the immortal Soul the need
Of that Supreme Creator, God. The wraith
Of dead beliefs we cherished in our youth
Fades but to let us welcome new-born Truth.

Man may not worship at the ancient shrines
Prone on his face, in self-accusing scorn.
That night is past. He hails a fairer morn,
And knows himself a being all Divine;
No humble worm whose heritage is sin,
But born of God, he feels the Christ within.

Not loud his prayers, as in the olden time,
But deep his reverence for that mighty force,
That occult working of the great All Source,
Which makes the present Era so sublime.
Religion now means something high and
broad,

And man stood never half so near to God.
ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

BORDERLAND

Predictions Fulfilled.

In a recent number of *Psychische Studien* is given the substance of a remarkable prophecy fulfilled. In presence of a notary Karl Frosch, painter, made a declaration at Munich, Dec. 27, 1891, in substance as follows:

In April, 1885, I found myself in Jerusalem in company with Bruno Piglheim, painter, and his wife, as well as with Joseph Krieger, painter, and Rene Reineke. We had taken lodgings in a German Convent. One day there came into this place an elderly gentleman, who represented himself to be a professor and "Orientalist" from Edinburgh, by name Robert Lairg. He joined our little company, and often made peculiar remarks or observations. Once, after eating, he said to me: "Now, gentlemen, your work (meaning a Panorama of Jerusalem which we were to paint in partnership) interests me, and I have taken upon myself to inquire of fate in regard to your future—how it will go with each one of you. You (he pointed to Piglheim and I) will become deadly enemies over your work."

We were compelled to laugh at this prophecy, but he continued: "And you will be ruined by it." "I?" I exclaimed. "No, not you, but this gentleman," (pointing to Piglheim.) "How will he be ruined by it?" I asked. "The painting will be finished, but you, Piglheim, will come to ruin."

Piglheim laughed. "You are quite a friendly gentleman," he exclaimed. His wife also laughed and wanted to know when this event would happen. "Will the painting be finished?" I asked. "Yes," he replied, "but in a few years this event will happen." Mrs. Piglheim intimated: "After years—perhaps after 20 or 30 years—her husband would certainly die."

"No," he replied. "When I speak of a few years I mean five or ten years. It may last ten years, but not longer, because I have seen it too plainly, and when I see anything distinctly it is fulfilled within a period of ten years."

"And how will it go with me?" I inquired. "You will paint the Panorama three or four times, and it will yet come out well with you." "Why should we become deadly enemies?" I asked. "It will come through this painting," he answered. "You will, on account of this business, go far about the world. I have seen the sea and a ship, and this means a long journey. On the ship you are standing with two men. I have seen this plainly. Both wear peculiar cloaks

on purpose to paint on it." "All the same, you will not paint on it."

At this moment Krieger came in. He had been absent hitherto. I related to him what had been said, and asked him to allow predictions to be given about himself. At first he refused, because he was obliged to go away again, but asked: "Shall I marry?" "Yes; but it will be no happy marriage; you will soon have a separation."

The seer required us to write down what he had prophesied. He was still able to say much, but would omit it because we would not believe even what had been delivered.

"Have you ever heard of the 'Second Sight?'" he asked me. "I have heard that it happens in Scot-

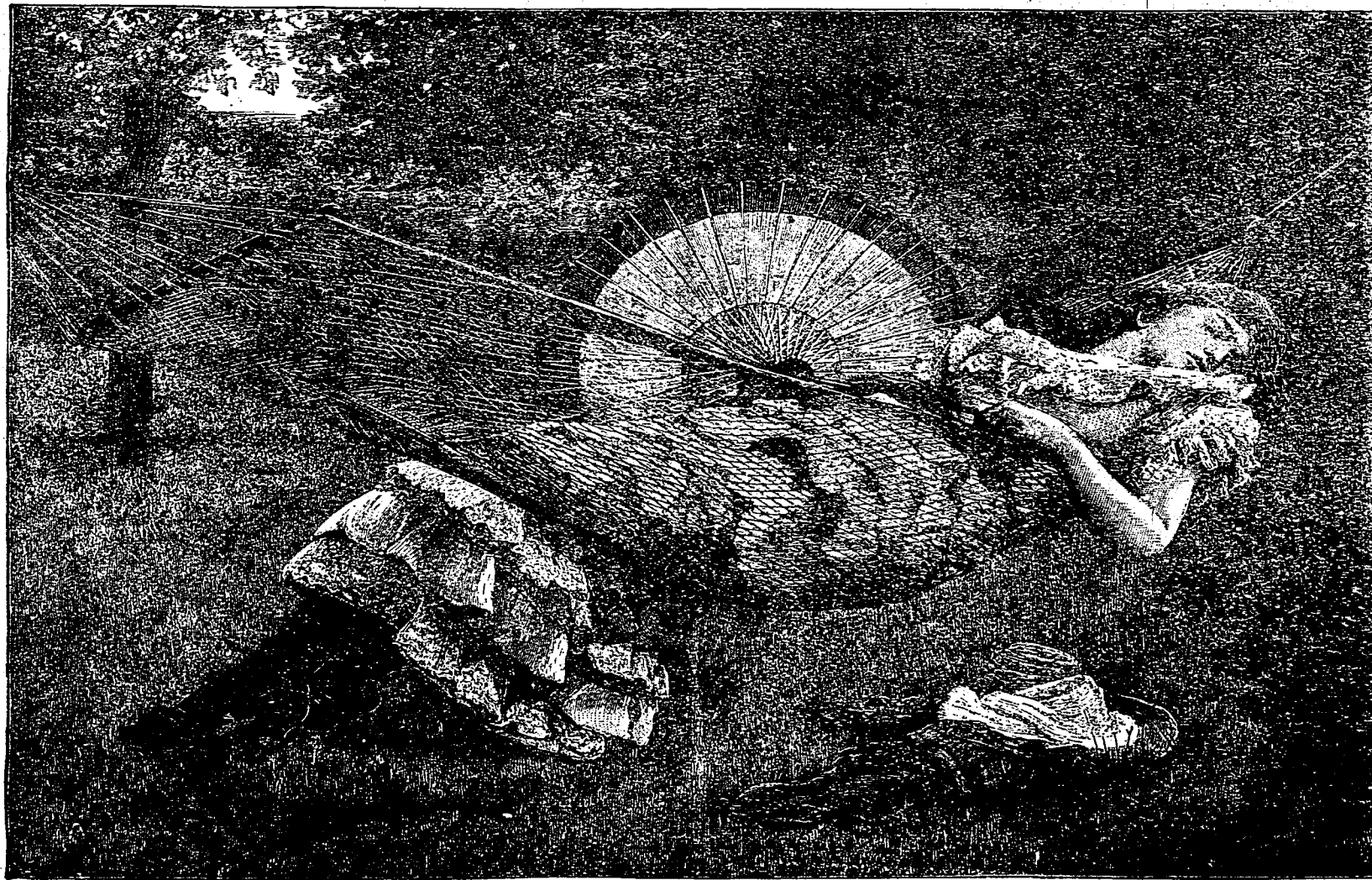
land. "With this second sight I am gifted," said he in conclusion.

I observed that the seer wore a ring on his finger, which a Brahman once gave him for a service he had rendered him. If he wanted to know anything, he looked on the ring and saw before him a picture as in a dream. If he sees a city, it is from above, over intervening countries.

Before we separated he repeated to me again that the words, "You will go to ruin," had reference not to both, only to Piglheim. "In the next five years," he continued, "you will experience much that is unpleasant. So much that is unpleasant will occur to you that Munich will no longer be congenial to you. But, after this, it will go better with you; your life will flow on quietly and you will reach an old age."

Of these events predicted, the following have happened: I have made a journey with reference to this panorama, to America. My colleagues, two German gentlemen, painters, who had come over from America with reference to this business of the panorama, had here in Munich two cloaks made for themselves—a sort of shepherd's cloak, with collars such as peasants wore, with very large, long metal fastenings. They excited attention wherever they went.

The painter Reineke has, in fact, not helped in the painting at all. I have painted it four times. One of the paintings came under my



Reposing in a Shady Retreat.

and fur capes, such as I have never seen in England or Jerusalem. It seems to me as if they were quite seasick; they look very miserable. One of the panoramas you will bring to England, perhaps in accordance with a contract. I have seen it plainly. I saw the St. Paul's Church in London, with the large cupola. From there you will be sued on account of the picture; the prosecution will go on from London."

"What will happen to me in consequence of it?" "Nothing; it will be only a suit." "What else is before me?" "It will go well with you." "How often shall I paint the panorama?" asked Herr Reineke. "You will not paint on it at all." "But I will paint on it, for I have made a trip to Jerusalem

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name, but without my will and without my knowledge, to London from America. Out of this grew the litigation in London.

I was also sued in Munich for infringement of copyright; but, as the seer said, nothing more came of it. On the day before the case was set for trial my opponent withdrew his suit. Piglheim and I have become enemies over this business. So far as concerns the painter Krieger, he has since married and been divorced. Piglheim died.

Karl Frosch closed with the statement that the report is correct except in verbal accuracy.

Man IS a spirit, here and now.

Remarkable Prophecies.

Six months ago the assassination of King Humbert of Italy was prophesied by Dr. Max Muehlenbruch, the seer and prognosticator of Alameda county, in his bulletin of coming events. Incidentally, he threw out a few hints about the trouble in China and the fate of the prominent people connected with it.

"The King of Italy," he wrote, "will pass out very rapidly. It looks like an assassination."

In commenting on the death of the King, the doctor said: "It was one of the clearest visions that I ever experienced. These things come to me right along. I have been seeing all sorts of strange sights since my childhood. To me coming events always cast their shadows before. I read the future just as plainly as you would read a book. My publications will show that I prophesied the blowing up of the Maine twelve days before that tragic event occurred."

"It was one day during the year 1898 that I saw the death of Humbert, King of Italy. I was sitting in my room. Suddenly a vision arose before me. It was as plain as day. I saw the King drop in a heap in front of a carriage. He was dead. A man was rushing toward him with a fearful look in his face. I judged this man was an assassin. Then another vision arose. I saw the son of the dead King looking at the corpse of his father. He, too, will meet with a tragic death. His reign will be short and he will be assassinated."

On Dec. 13, 1899, Dr. Muehlenbruch made the following prophecy regarding China:

The young Emperor will be assassinated.

The Empress Dowager of China will also pass away.

We see three diplomatic difficulties between China and other countries, but only one war as the outcome.

China will lose control of its present domain. It will be divided and three other powers will take control.

Before the year of 1910 has passed, two cities will be swept out of existence by tidal waves; three cities will be severely damaged by earthquakes and many lives will be lost.

In commenting on this, the doctor said: "The Emperor is not dead yet. Neither is the Empress Dowager. But she will be killed shortly. I saw her in a vision only two days ago. Through her I learned the fact that the young Emperor still lives. In a short time Li Hung Chang will be assassinated."—*S. F. Examiner.*

The Source of Power.

W. P. PHELON, M. D.

The Source of All Power leads out to many differing manifestations of potency. These differ, not because the motive force is unlike, but because the conditions of appearance vary in each, and also the desired results are not the same. We talk of manifestation, but we seldom stop to think of what may lie at the back of it—the Cause.

Physical power seems to be simply the exercise of the muscles, or of the elements belonging to the beast, which we see about us on every hand. The ancient wise men talked about the four elements of Earth, Air, Fire and Water. We, supposing we are wiser, make a longer list. But, after all, the planes of existence which these

names represent hold for us all there is of life, consciousness or force.

What is it that enables us to do marvels at times by our feats of strength? What was the power that raised the great stones upon the tops of the pillars of the Ancient Temples?

Man forgets, while considering the source of all that is. He comes to the point of so-called accidents and says: "Oh, it just happens!" This cannot be. There has never been a "happening" since the Mighty Beginner of all things said: "Let there be light, and there was light."

Man is but just awakening to the things that belong to the storehouse of Wisdom, after he is thousands of years of age and has passed through many ages of experience. That which seems the weaker is the real essence of power. The aura is the emanation of the Real—the Power or Life that was struck out from "The One"—the Ultimate Atom.

There are two states of being—Simple Existence and Consciousness. The latter is the Source of all Power. The atom of self-consciousness, the power directing all self-knowledge—how shall we lay hold upon it? We are told by the mystics to seek first the Kingdom (power) of God, and all these things shall be added unto you. This is a full acknowledgment of the fact that Spirit is all. Conceding this, we come at once to the place where we are able to vibrate in unity with the inner power. This Power, so begun and so maintained, is the source of everything we shall ever know.

Ladies' Aid Work.

MRS. D. N. PLACE, Vice-Pres.

The history of the Ladies' Spiritual Aid Society of San Francisco is a history of what can be accomplished by a few earnest souls capable of self-sacrifice, and aided by the great band of invisible workers, who are anxious to assist the sick and heavy-laden to grow strong to help themselves.

In October of 1894, six years ago, this Fall, this society was formed, with a charter membership of seven ladies and one gentleman and with no capital but that which consists of earnest purpose and love for humanity. Out of this has grown an organization of more than 70 members, while during this time a large number of families have been assisted with money and clothing, positions found for those in need of them, and the sick visited and cheered by the knowledge that they were not forgotten.

During a portion of this time, the ladies occupied a hall of which they had full control, the furniture of which was owned by the society, having been bought and paid for by the efforts of the then small membership. This made it possible to assist in many ways, by tendering the use of this hall to those who stood in need of such a place of meeting, without means to pay for one. It was the center of many a social gathering and enjoyable evening, notable among these being the reception tendered President H. D. Barrett on his first arrival in San Francisco, an occasion long to be remembered.

The first president was Mrs. Belle J. Morse, and to her untiring energy and earnest efforts is due much of the success with which the society has met. There has never been a genuine case of need

presented but the claim has been met and the need supplied. There has never a time arisen when the funds to meet these demands have failed to be forthcoming; even when times have been hardest and hours darkest. The angel world has always found a way to open the door for us, and we know will continue to do so.

To those who by their encouraging presence in our entertainments, by aiding in our programs by donations, and in various other ways, have aided us in our work, we have grateful hearts and sincerest thanks. And as we go on in our work, cheered by the knowledge of the successful efforts of the past, we feel hopeful of what the future holds, for we know that generous souls and loving hearts are wishing us God-speed on our way, and it makes our hearts strong and glad. May we be thus strengthened and upheld until the time that our efforts are no more needed, because there is no more sorrow to comfort, and no more sickness to be made into health, in our great city.

POSTSCRIPT, by Mrs. B. F. Small, Pres.

There are a number whose names we have been proud to add to our books—some who respond with presence, advice and money. Others stand aloof, showing but little interest, even by their presence. To these I wish to make an appeal: Come with us; advise with us, and show by your presence that you have an interest in our work. Do not stay away, and say what you think we ought to do, and what we ought not to do, but work and advise with us, and help us bring about that which you think we have failed to accomplish. We want new members and new thought. Come and join with us and help us in whatever way you can.

Our Wednesday afternoons could be made the happiest day of the week. Business is disposed of in about half an hour; the balance of the afternoon could be devoted to many pleasant and instructive exchanges of friendly thought.

Nature's Analogies.

Extract from a Lecture by Lizzie Doten in Ebbitt Hall, New York, Jan. 21, 1866.

We go to nature, and finding many blossoms upon the trees that attain not to fruition, and many seeds placed in the earth that never germinate, you say: "Is it not thus with children? Are they not blighted blossoms? Are they not the seeds that do not germinate? And, if so, when the child dies, does it live again? Is it not necessary that there should be a development of the soul in this lower life, in order that it may be a living soul in the life beyond?"

All these are questions that will arise in the reflective mind, and are questions that admit an answer. You look to nature for your analogies. You do not carry out your analogy to the glorious truth which it contains. How is it that the seed of the apple is oblong and that the seed of the cherry is round? The acorn cast into the earth beside the melon or apple seed never forgets itself; it ever preserves its identity and comes up an oak. What is the reason of this? It is because there is an incorporated idea, there is a soul in each one of these seeds. Suppose that the acorn fails; suppose that the flower of the melon does not germinate. Suppose that, blighted

early, something more is gone—even the proper indwelling idea which has come up through endless cycles of time—that idea of perfecting itself in its own individuality until it took on those forms. Where is that idea? Now, Nature is a great economist, and the seed, although it may not germinate, is not lost. Nature gathers up every particle and forms it in new relations until something more beautiful is perfected.

Is there not something in this world of causes from which you derive the essence of the beautiful and all those things that are everlasting and profound in man's nature? Is there not existing there a spiritual law corresponding to this natural law which preserves all these forms? If the seed does not germinate in the old form, it germinates in another form. And so the incorporated idea is never lost. And is not the mind superior to these lower realms of nature? Do you doubt that that which created a form has its own proper soul? The proof of it lies in its individuality.

Of the rose and the lily, you say they never forget themselves; each thing produces its like. Age after age has passed by, and the rose never changed into a violet. And so with the indwelling idea of the human being. Are those little blossoms upon the tree of life ever lost? The material recedes from your vision, and man says that God, or the creative power, has nothing to do with the death of the little child; it is some violation of the great law of nature.

You are a very little right and very much wrong. It is a small proportion of the truth when you say that this is the work of man and is a violation of the law of nature. At the same time, there is a divine purpose as permanent and abiding as the foundation of the universe, which is fulfilled through the death of that little child. Man does not comprehend all the purposes of the Deity, though receiving more knowledge as he progresses from generation to generation. If you could understand the great program of the universe, you would perceive that the death of the little child was in accordance with the purposes of the Most High, and that the little one has gone to that living temple, that house not made with hands.

Ideal Homes.

BY CARL MICHELSEN.

The Patriarch saw, in a dream, a ladder standing upon the earth, and reaching into heaven; and upon that ladder, "the Angels of God ascended and descended." This ladder—about which all true Israelites, or Men of God, will dream—is the ladder of evolution of that divine spark, clothed in various forms of existence, which ascends from the darkness of unconsciousness below, until it reaches the perfect light above. This ladder is the producer of angels, to be sure; but when a spark has attained unto the angel's state, he will "descend," to help those who still work and struggle.

As to the cause of existence, all life is manifestation of God—God is All, and all development is God developing. Every creature is a spark of God, (a Logos) manifesting itself in a form, and struggling for development, i. e., for freedom and consciousness.

Every spark is a creator. It will create itself a form of existence as

perfect as it can create it. But the unconscious, and sleeping spark, as it was when emanating from the Great Fire, cannot create a more perfect form than that of the mineral; as it advances as to consciousness and freedom it is able to create a plant form, an animal form, a human form. And when the Logos in man has developed so far that he is fully awake, and free (has overcome the animal) and conscious, then he can create within himself the angelic form of existence.

You will continue to live in earth life until the hidden God in you CAN create to himself the form which belongs to the angelic existence. Such is the Law of Necessity, and there is no power; on earth or in heaven, that can give you an existence beyond the degree of perfection unto which your creating power has reached. This is the true explanation of "Karma" and "the just judgment." Hence, in the lower nature a beginning of the higher nature is to be perceived.

The crystal forms of the mineral world are plant forms, (compare the ice flowers upon the window panes); the plant nature has begun to develop in that mineral. The blind plant loves the light, and it traces the water it cannot sense; this is manifestation of the approaching animal nature. The instinctive actions of animals (the mathematics of spiders and bees, the sociology of the ants, the geography of storks and lemmings) manifest their beginning human nature. All non-sensual and non-egoistic actions and desires of man manifest his beginning angelic nature.

Of course, upon the ladder of evolution man stands between "animal" and "angel," and has in him the natures of both. It is the sensual-egoistic animal in him which induces him to run for sensual lust, and money, and power, and influence, nay, to make himself horns, and hoofs, and claws of steel; it is the same nature which taught him to believe in, and wish for, an eternity without pain and work—exactly what an animal would call "eternal bliss." And it is the angel in man that makes him an idealist, an altruist, a self-forgetting and self-sacrificing "Child of Peace."

He who comprehends the nature of man, cannot doubt as to how he is to work his way upwards upon the ladder, by overcoming the animal. The purified Soul is the Virgin (Hebr. ha halmah Jes.) that will bring forth the anointed Savior, the Immanuel in the inner world.

In our time the angelic men have begun to be many upon the earth. Many are those who are not ruled by the animal, but whose real ego is the angel, although the animal has not yet been all overcome. Especially in the United States these men are to be found (its literature gives proof of this), which country surely will become the cradle of the NEW HUMANITY that will rule by way of spiritual power, as the animal men ruled the animals of the outer world by way of their soulful faculties.

But those who belong to the New Humanity need to create, first for themselves, new social forms. They wish ardently to FINISH the development of the angel nature, and they see clearly that the feverish life of the busy world of sensuality and egoism, with its poisonous aura, and its dangerous vibrations, will not permit this finishing.

which is to be realized amidst environments of peace, harmony and stillness. A man who lives in a country whose air is poison to his constitution, will leave that country and go to a better. So, many of the New Humanity will do—as did many of the first Christians—return to the bosom of Mother Nature, and there, living a calm, moderate, natural life, strive to finish the Grand Work that is the final end of human life upon this globe, and the only gate unto the school of the angels.

Because the realization of man's angelic nature is the aim of perfect idealism, I may express my meaning as follows: New Humanity wants IDEAL HOMES where those who are ripe for the ideal life may go and live, short or long, with their equals. These homes are to be established in quiet, beautiful places, where the climate is salubrious and the soil fertile. As to particulars, I shall be at the service of those who want my advice.

You will see the full development of your angel nature to be the real aim of your life here, and wish to realize this development must establish Ideal Homes without delay. Do that, also for the sake of those who do not yet belong to New Humanity. For you will, then, create Spiritual Centers, from which vibrations of perfect truth will go out far away, and from which angels may be sent out to teach the world the Perfect Way.

Spirit of a Rich Man speaks.

Reading the article by J. I. Hollingsworth in the JOURNAL of July 21, and the editorial remarks thereon, I sensed a spirit presence and received the following reply:

Dear Father: We will assist one whom we have before permitted to control your organism to control your hand and put on record a short statement of his earth-life, thereby making a more public confession and warning others of the evil resulting from a selfish accumulation and use of wealth while a dweller on the earth sphere.

ETTA.
My Dear Sir: I am told that a long history of my early life is not needed; neither is it necessary for me to identify myself to the public; but make a statement, or confession, embodying that which I was permitted to speak through your lips from the platform.

My parents were able to give me a liberal education and start me in business with sufficient capital. I was (though a young man) called shrewd, calculating and successful, and soon increased my means. I had many friends; all were willing to use me or my influence to advance their own interests. I saw that I could use them as well. I had learned that money gave power and influence, and being ambitious, and desiring riches and power, I cast aside (against the advice of friends) all other business and launched into speculation. In most every instance I was successful and reaped my reward in gold. I cared for no one except as I could use them to satisfy my ambition and add to my wealth.

I purchased a fine mansion where I could entertain my friends and surrounded myself with all that money could buy, and when I thought that my interests demanded it, I purchased a wife. Everything earth-life could give was mine, except happiness—this I could not buy. Though a materialist, believing that death would end all, I joined a fashionable

church, where I was received in full membership without question. It suited my purpose to give liberally whenever giving would open the way for more liberal returns; for every act of my life was purely selfish and calculated to bring its reward. I had no love for the neighbor or for mankind, and continued to accumulate wealth until, unexpected and without warning, the end came.

I left a small portion of my wealth to popular charities, of which the church had control, and the larger part for my heirs to wrangle over. I awoke in spirit-life to find that only the body had died, and that I was a living being, clothed with a spirit body and possessed of a memory which covered every act of my earth-life. I was in hell, and among those who had lived as had I. Some accused me of leading them into evil ways, and others of having betrayed the trusts which were placed in my hands.

In reviewing my life, as its scenes continually passed before me, I could find no good therein, for pure selfishness had been the motive which governed every act. What my feelings were I leave the reader to imagine, for I was in a hell which my earth-life had prepared for me, and was surrounded on every side by the fruits of that life. I had possessed great wealth and corresponding opportunity of doing good. I had robbed the poor, cheated my neighbor, and despised my race, living for self alone, and now must pay the penalty in full before I could find release and progress to better conditions of life. Remorse and repentance are with me, as well as a desire to enter progression's path.

I must strive to impress those who inherit any wealth and had added thereto, to use it for the benefit of humanity, and thereby escape the hell in which it has placed me, and also save others from the same fate.

Dear reader, do not say "there is no hell," for there is a hell! The selfish rich, the fashionable Christian, the high-salaried preacher or priest, the stock gambler, the courtesan and many others are the inhabitants thereof, and many of them still use their power to impress pulpits—mediums in business and speculation—and thereby continue to live in their old earth conditions. Great will be their suffering when remorse comes to them as it has come to me.

Send prayers for the benefit of rich men in hell.
J. H. YOUNG, medium, Onset, Mass.

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Eighth Annual Convention.

The National Spiritualists' Association will hold its annual convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in Chamber of Commerce Hall on Oct. 16, 17, 18 and 19. Reduced rates have been secured from all points in the United States and Canada. The Forrest City House will be the headquarters for delegates. Mrs. Z. L. Eise, the talented musician, will preside over that department. For particulars, address Mrs. M. T. Longley, secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. S. E., Washington, D. C.

Education in Religion.—The Hartford Seminary Record for August has a leading article by Alexander R. Merriam on the above topic. After a perusal of this scholarly article, we began to wonder how it is possible for thinking men of education and culture to deliberately confound Orthodoxy and Churchianity with religion. Whether this befogging, dust-throwing process is the result of habit or design, the time is now here when the great mass of the people know that religion is greater and better than any church or any creed; that it does not consist of forms and ceremonies, but of the spirit which makes alive.

Occult Temple.—On Aug. 22, a new Occult Temple, located at 132 Michigan Ave., will be dedicated in Detroit, Mich., by Moses Hull. This Temple will be occupied by Dr. C. W. Burrows, pastor of the Central Spiritual Union, and be dedicated to spiritual work. We congratulate the Spiritualists of Detroit upon obtaining this new edifice, which will be used as a place of spirit communion and fellowship. During the present month lectures have been given under the auspices of this society by Lyman C. Howe and Moses Hull to large audiences

The Irrepressible Conflict.

The war of words and ideas which is constantly going on between the materialists and the Spiritualists seems to be endless and almost profitless. The materialistic Socialist says: "Give the people plenty of food, raiment, shelter and leisure, and they will be intellectual, cultured and spiritual.

The answer of the Spiritualist is: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you;" which, being interpreted, means: Get first the power of rightness and goodness, and all these material things will come to you, because they belong to you.

The history of the human race, so far back as there is either history or tradition, teaches us that opulence has never been conducive to spirituality or intellectual development. As an object lesson of our day, take the United States Army in time of peace. Well fed, well clothed, well sheltered, with plenty of leisure, sufficient spending money, and the most liberal discipline in the world, composed primarily of the flower of the middle classes, they have all the conditions required.

What are the results? Exactly the opposite of that which is claimed by our socialistic friends. A term of service in the regular army in time of peace, seven times out of ten means the destruction of his usefulness, mentally, morally and physically. Man is a spiritual being, and the embellishment of the house in which he lives has very little effect upon the character of the man.

What is the Soul?

Henry Frank, the independent thinker and speaker, in one of his lectures delivered in Carnegie Lyceum, New York City, gave expression to the following sentiment in regard to what the soul is, which is worthy of careful analysis:

The soul is not an entity or force outside of the human body. It is identical with the universal Force which moves throughout all Nature. When this primary power reveals itself through the human body which it has generated from time immemorial, we call it a human soul; when this Force or Supreme Intelligence reveals itself in the wonder workings of the universe, evolving constellations, balancing worlds and sustaining the unbroken harmony of Nature, we call it—God.

Ideal Homes.—The article under this heading, in another column, by Carl Michelsen, is worthy of more than a passing notice. It sounds a call for practical work, in a full realization of man's spiritual as well as physical nature. Undoubtedly man's environment has a powerful influence on the quality of his life and character. His plea for man to "return to the bosom of nature" appeals strongly to the overworked denizens of the great cities, and it is restful to even read the article.

An Opportunity Wanted.

The cry of the rising generation is for an equal opportunity. The men who have risen to real eminence in this world have been those who have been compelled to make their own opportunities. Julia Marie O'Donnell, writing in the *Free Man*, on "What Constitutes Success," says:

Think of the men of the past, whose names have been immortalized. Think of Lincoln! Too poor to buy an arithmetic—borrowed one and copied it on brown paper. With the back of a shovel for a slate, and a piece of soft stone for a pencil. Which of us can show such a record?

Hilarious Commoners.

From *Light*, the Spiritualist weekly of London, England, we glean an episode which indicates a spirit of intolerance which sounds like the dark ages. In the House of Commons on Friday evening, July 13, 1900, the Home Secretary stated that the police had recently prosecuted to conviction a well-known palmist in the west end of London, and that the conviction had been confirmed by the higher courts. The announcement was greeted with cries of "Hear! Hear!" and considerable hilarity was indulged in at the expense of the poor palmist. To the broad-minded, liberal thinkers of the western world, this looks like bigoted persecution rather than legal prosecution.

Camp in England.—We notice in the *Two Worlds* an announcement of a Spiritualist camp-meeting under the auspices of the Spiritualist societies of Aldin Grange, which began its sessions on July 29. Some illustrious names are on the program, splendid surroundings assured, and a general welcome to all.

The Reviewer.

Any of the books noticed in this Department can be obtained at this office. When to be sent by mail, add 10 cents on the dollar, of the price, for postage.

LISBETH, by Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing. 354 pp. Price, \$1.00; postage, 10 cents. Boston: Banner of Light Publishing Co. For sale at this office.

This is a story of Two Worlds, and has become so popular that the first edition is exhausted, and a second will be issued as soon as possible. The *Banner of Light* says: "Mrs. Twing has already received two propositions to dramatize the work, and it is possible that this may be done in the near future. The most erudite men and women in the ranks of the liberal religionists of America have written in terms of highest praise of this latest work of Mrs. Twing's. Indeed, they could not do otherwise, as it is certainly a literary gem, a credit to its author and an honor to Spiritualism. It deserves the success which it has met, and should be a popular favorite for many years to come."

Frank G. Carpenter sends to the *Saturday Evening Post* a long article about the Empress Dowager and China. Two years ago the Empress Dowager received the

ladies of the foreign legations at Peking. Her Majesty made them welcome. She said she was glad to receive foreigners, and they should be friendly with one another, for were we not all of one family? After the banquet the Empress Dowager again met informally with the ladies.

The Independent Thinker for July has an article entitled "An American for President," by the editor, Henry Frank, which has the ring of true patriotism. "Can the Soul be Physician to the Body?" by the same author. Monthly. \$1.00 a year; single copies, 10c.

An Introduction to the Study of Astrology, by Suryanaraina Row. B. A., M. R. A. S. The author is a member of the Asiatic Society of Bengal and editor of the *Astrological Magazine*. It contains 60 pp., paper cover, and is in the third edition. Printed at Madras by the Royal Victoria Press. This book, or pamphlet, is what it purports to be, an "introduction" to Astrology, and deals with the fundamental principles which underlie the science. Valuable to beginners, and supplies just what is needed. We are indebted to Mr. J. R. Nichols of Salt Lake City, Utah, for a copy of this unique and excellent work.

The Open Court for August has for a frontispiece a portrait of Galileo Galilei, supplemented by an article by Carus Sterne on "The Struggle Regarding the Position of the Earth," which is profusely illustrated; "The Democratic Christians and the Vatican," by Prof. G. M. Flamingo; "The Evolution of Angels and Demons in Christian Theology," by R. Bruce Boswell, and "Mind-Reading in the Nursery," by the editor. 10 cents. 324 Dearborn St., Chicago.

The New Philosophy for July is devoted, as usual, to the interests of the Swedenborg Scientific Association. There is a report of the third annual meeting and the President's annual address; reports from clubs in different cities, and an article on "The Study of Swedenborg's Philosophy," by Lewis F. Hite. Rev. L. P. Mercer, editor. \$1.00 a year. 16 Arlington St., Boston, Mass.

Notes and Queries for August contains a curious Indian legend, a biography of Joseph Henry Stickney, by Henry W. Herrick, and "Ideal Homes," by Carl Michelsen; "A Study of Rocks," by Geo. L. Hopkins; A Supposed New Flea (illustrated), and a long list of scientific and historical books valuable for reference. S. C. Gould and G. W. Browne, editors, Manchester, New Hampshire. Monthly. \$1.00 a year.

Human Nature will be conducted by Prof. Geo. H. Brinkler during the three-months' absence of Prof. Haddock in Europe. He is a graduate of Cambridge University and is a progressive thinker. Prof. Brinkler is a phrenologist of some note, and *Human Nature* is in good hands. 50 cents a year. 1020 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

The Phrenological Journal for August contains a special article on the present conflict in the Chinese Empire, with character sketches of Dowager Empress of China, Wu-Ting-Fang, Kang-Yu-Wei and Chinese children. Publishers: Fowler & Wells Co., 27 E. 21st St., New York.

Universal Truth for August has a short article by Clara Shelton Carter, "Divine and Human;" "Happiness," by Edward M. Dawson, and a poem by Helen Chauncey, entitled "Heir with Christ." There is a symposium on "Consistency" and "Life is Dual," by Mabel Gifford. The seventh installment of "Nothing Ever Happens," by Alwyn M. Thurber. Cassius M. Loomis and Fanny M. Harley, editors. \$1.00 a year. 87 Washington St., Chicago.

Mr. Stephen Bonsal gives in the August *Review of Reviews* a clear and exhaustive account of the various reform movements in China, and especially of the rise and growth of the Boxers, together with a review of the complex and eventful career of the Empress-Dowager.

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Here comes our lesson. Here, in simple guise, is the law of sacrifice that you hear so much about. Do not try to act from yourself. Action must be from within, from the center. Reaction is the response to action. By that first impulse of response you have entered on the Path, or Way, towards the source of Action. Each step of the way you shall be conscious of cheerfully yielding up a misconception and taking up a truer, nearer conception of the Reality—the true atom of life, John Smith.

This is the true Law of Sacrifice. Give up in order to take up. According to your faith, it shall be done unto you. This is more undoing than doing. Present your bodies a living sacrifice. Remove, by supreme acquiescence, every non-living idea that besets the path of your personality. Pray consider the words "supreme acquiescence," as the spirit loves a cheerful giver. There is no coercion from without. I have said that the Great Love is the grand Harmonizer and Economist, and ever draws to itself in its fullness of time all its atoms illuminated by the wisdom or experience gained in the centuries of varied expression. Therefore, be passive to the Divine Activity of the Spirit. Acknowledge it in all thy ways. It is written: "When the Lord is in his holy temple, let the whole earth be silent." This means when the Real Spirit, John Smith, is guiding his outer organism, let the inflated personality yield a cheerful obedience, and it shall be well with the house.

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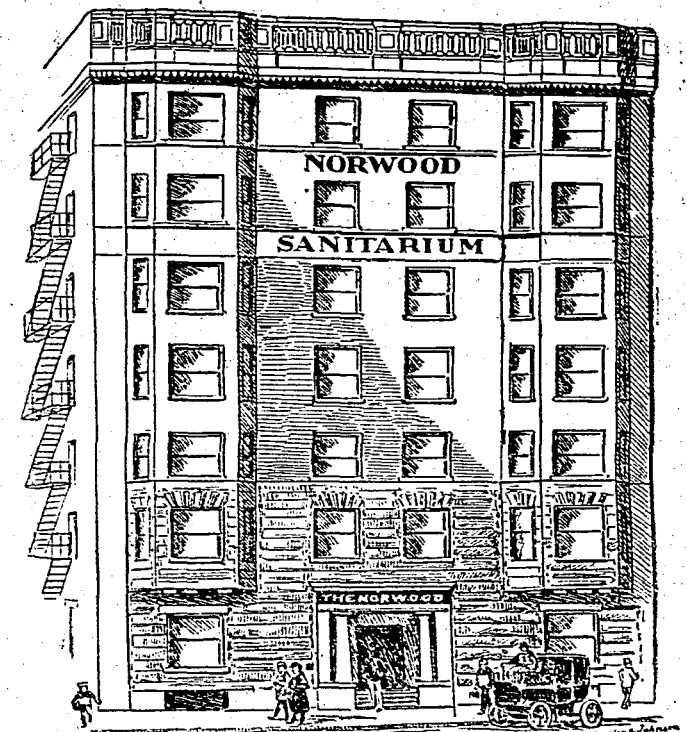
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And others call it God.

A haze on the far horizon
The infinite tender sky,
The ripe, rich tint of the cornfield,
And the wild geese sailing high;
And all over upland and lowland
The charm of the golden rod—
Some of us call it Autumn,
And others call it God.

Like tides on a crescent sea beach,
When the moon is new and thin,
Into our hearts high yearnings
Come welling and surging in—
Come from the mystic ocean,
Whose rim no foot has trod—
Some of us call it longing,
And others call it God.

A picket frozen on duty,
A mother starved for her brood,
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Glimmering waters and breakers,
Far on the horizon's rim,
White sails and sea-gulls glinting
Away till the sun grows dim,
And shells spirit-painted with glory
Where sea-weeds beckon and nod—
Some people call it ocean,
And others call it God.

Cathedrals and domes uplifting,
And spires pointing up to the sun,
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Where kneeling and penance are done.
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Lion and lamb together lie
In the flowers that sweeten the sod—
Some of us call it Brotherhood,
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Missionary in Southern Cal.

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Allen Franklin Brown, an Eastern lecturer, psychometrist and spiritual missionary, recently from Texas, has been in Riverside and San Bernardino doing missionary work, also representing the Southern California Camp-Meeting Association, which meets in Los Angeles in September. He has been chosen president for this year; such duties he is familiar with. His visit in this part of the country was very acceptable and was quite a time of refreshing to those who are famishing for lack of spiritual food. JAMES BOYD, Riverside, Cal.

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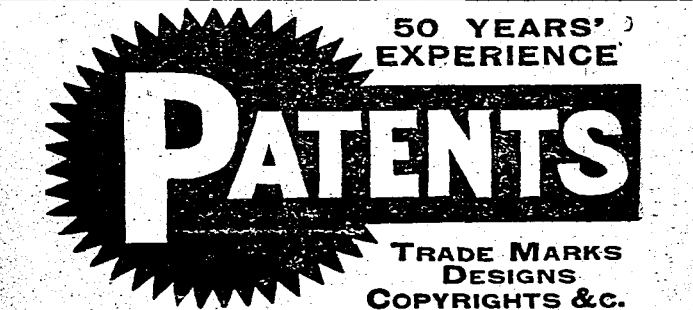
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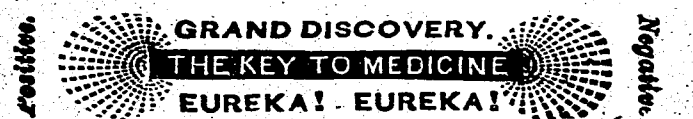
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Mental Science Lecture.—Mr. C. F. Burgman of Seabreeze, Florida, lectured in Golden Gate Hall last Sunday morning and evening. Music was a prominent feature of the meetings, and in the evening there were views exhibited of "The City Beautiful." Mr. Burgman lectures here next Sunday morning, and then takes his departure for Los Angeles, en route to his home in Florida. He is Home Secretary of the Mental Science Association, and has been attending the Congress in Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Meyer's Meeting.—The test meeting held in Friendship Hall last Sunday evening was well attended. Mr. Meyer furnished the music and messages were given by Mrs. Meyer.

Mme. Young's Meeting.—Notwithstanding her serious illness of the past week, Mme. Young came across the Bay, and held her meeting in Oriental Hall last Sunday evening, as usual. Mrs. Seal's progressive lectures and the excellent music furnished by Prof. Young and Prof. Bothwell Browne, with the marvelous tests from the platform, makes a combination which always fills the hall on Sunday evening.

Dr. Hall's Meeting.—The subject for discussion last Sunday was "Friendship." The music by Miss Lee is highly appreciated, and the opportunity for discussion improved to the fullest extent.

The Benefit Social for Dr. Carpenter to be given by the Ladies' Aid Society in Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St. on Friday evening, Aug. 10, will have special musical features under the direction of Prof. Bothwell Browne of 622 McAllister St., who has volunteered his services for the occasion. It is expected that there will be a large attendance, as a rare treat is in store for those present.

The Congress of Reform held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. in Pacific Grove, Monterey, closed its sessions on Friday evening, Aug. 3. The main feature of the last session was an address upon the present reform movement in all its various aspects, by Thaddeus S. Fritz, now holding a series of meetings at 909 Market St., San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hammer, of Red Bluff, Cal., have taken rooms at 801 Polk St., San Francisco, and will remain in the city for two months or more. They are enthusiastic Spiritualists and will attend the State Convention at San Jose, Sept. 7, 8 and 9, 1900. They will be welcomed in all social circles.

Oakland.—The Union Spiritual Society met on the first Wednesday in August at 856½ Isabella St., Oakland. Mrs. Palinbaum read the poem, "Eternal Justice," and Dr. Sol Palinbaum followed with spirit messages. Mrs. Amanda Smith gave tests that were appreciated. Dr. Palinbaum closed the services with an appeal for right living, that the world may recognize us as living exponents of a spiritual philosophy.

A. L. ASTOR, Sec.

The Ladies' Aid meeting on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 1, was well attended by members, and several visitors were present. The work is progressing satisfactorily in every respect.

Hermetic Brotherhood held their regular, open meeting last Thursday evening as usual. Its social feature gives both members and their mutual friends an opportunity to strengthen the ties of acquaintance. Music by Mrs. Weld and Mrs. Rogers induced the restful harmony characteristic of these meetings. The topic for discussion was "The One Life." Elder Brother Frances Rogers defined the views of the Hermetic Brotherhood, in an able and exhaustive paper. Her delivery impressed her belief in its truth upon her hearers. Papers were also read by C. A. Rogers and J. P. Bean. M. S. Norton and Dr. Phelon made short addresses. The literary exercises closed with entertaining impersonations by Madame Durell of Chicago. The topic for Aug. 9 is "What is Truth?" Seekers for a pleasant evening will find it on Thursdays, at 509 Van Ness Ave.

People's Lecture Association.—Under the auspices of this society, Dr. J. L. York delivered a lecture on "Why Marriage is not a Failure." The musical program was under the direction of Mrs. Jennie Tully. Questions and answers on the subject of the lecture are a feature of these meetings.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum social last Friday night was a decided success. Miss Leo Jacoby gave a recitation. The Lyceum trio (Misses Mary Lantz, Rene Olsen and Gertie Grant) sang "The Three Old Maids of Lee" in a very amusing way, an encore being called for and given. Twelve pupils of Prof. Graber's mandolin class gave two selections on mandolin, guitar and banjo. The party was well attended, and the dance music, which was first-class, was by Prof. Sichel. The next party Sept. 14 at Occidental Hall, with the same music. C. H. WADSWORTH.

Southern California Camp.—Preparations are progressing with the Southern California Camp-Meeting Association, and a large attendance at the Camp at Sycamore Grove is assured. Mrs. Maude L. Von Freitag has returned from her Eastern trip, and will be on the camp ground as a worker the entire session. Allen Franklin Brown, the chairman, who has done good work for the society as a missionary in the Southern counties, brings flattering reports of the interest shown in the meeting. Other speakers engaged are Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Mrs. Edith Nickless, Mrs. Ella Wilson Marchand, besides local talent. Farmer Riley, of Michigan, the well-known materializing medium, is expected; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Arnold, trumpet and test mediums; the Brockways, Edward Wyllie, spirit photographer, and more than the usual number of business and test mediums. Programs are now ready and can be obtained by addressing the secretary, Elton T. Brown, 341½ So. Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal.

The Oratory.—Mrs. R. S. Lillie spoke in Odd Fellows' Hall last Sunday evening on "The New Race of God-Men." The speaker eloquently expounded the New Philosophy, which locates God in humanity, and pointed the way to a realization of the fact that we are all God-men in embryo. Mr. J. T. Lillie was the vocal soloist, assisted by several professionals. At the close of the lecture, Mr. Julian MacRae answered philosophical questions. Mr. Thos. G. Newman opened the meeting with a short talk. No better meetings than these have ever been held in San Francisco, and the exercises were highly appreciated by all present. These meetings will be continued indefinitely, and new talent and attractions will be added each Sunday evening.

A Medium's Success.—The San Francisco Chronicle of Aug. 6 reports that Mrs. Ladd-Finnican, the well-known medium, has made a rich strike in the Knotts mine, in the Bohemia district, about 30 miles from Cottage Grove, Oregon. She came into possession of the property through the death of her father, which occurred recently. Mrs. Finnican was the first white woman to visit the Bohemia district, having made a trip through that portion of the State over 30 years ago.

Dr. James A. Bliss of San Diego, Cal., has gone to the Paris Exposition.

Oakland Notes.—The Golden Rule Circle held its usual Sunday night meeting in Gier's Hall, 511 14th St. Dr. Wm. Penn Haworth delivered a short address on the thought that we are one with God. At the close of the lecture, Miss Myers gave a number of beautiful tests, followed by Dr. Haworth giving spirit messages and psychometric readings from articles on the table, all of which were well received and generally recognized by the company.

CARRIE S. HUDDLESTON, Sec.

The State Board meets in extra session on Friday evening, Aug. 10, to make final arrangements for the coming State Convention.

Mission Lyceum.—As the Summer vacation is drawing to its close, our little people who have been enjoying an outing are returning to their groups. There has been a continuous increase in membership during the past month, so that we had 70 children in attendance last Sunday. Everyone went home saying: "It was good to be there," for harmony is heaven. Our good Brother Gough gave us words of encouragement.

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