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WHAT IS HOME?

Home's not merely four square walls,
Though with pictures hung and gilded;
Home is where affection calls— [it] builded.
Filled with shrines the heart has
Home! Go watch the faithful dove,
Sailing 'neath the Heaven above us.
Home is where there's one to love!
Home is where there's one to love us.

Home's not merely roof and room—
It needs something to endear it.
Home is where the heart can bloom, [it]!
Where there's some kind lip to cheer
What is home with none to meet,
None to welcome, none to greet us?
Home is sweet, and only sweet, [us]!
Where there's one who loves to meet

BORDERLAND

Spirit in Black.

Miss J. S. contributes the following: "In 1883 I was studying music, and used to practice alone frequently in the evening. On one occasion, I felt some one touch me, and looking around saw the figure of a gentleman whom I knew. He was dressed in black, with the collar of his coat buttoned closely round his neck. As I looked he faded away. This occurred on three different occasions, and the last time it happened a young girl was playing a duet with me. She suddenly shuddered and said: "I felt some one touch me." I also felt as if a hand touched my shoulder, and on looking around saw the same gentleman."

Hypnotic Telepathy.

Here is a remarkable case of telepathic influence, which, if it had occurred a century or two earlier, would have subjected the principals therein to persecution for witchcraft.

Three years ago Miss Julia Rooney of St. Louis was a beautiful young woman, in excellent health and bounteous spirits. Now she is emaciated and haggard-looking, and this wondrous change she declares in charges which she has preferred with the presiding elder of the Methodist Church of St. Louis, has been caused by Dr. Hayward Post, one of the most prominent oculists in the West, who, she says, has haunted her night and day, waking or sleeping, for three years. This is how she vividly describes it all:

"I first met Dr. Post in June, 1896. He is an oculist, and I consulted him for defective vision. There was nothing at that meeting to impress me with his hypnotic power. The following November I went to his office with my sister, who needed glasses, and I paid him



Balboa Taking Possession of the Pacific Ocean.

Vasco Nunez de Balboa escaped from his creditors in Spain by hiding on a vessel, which, some months after sailing, was wrecked on the Isthmus of Darien, in Central America. Balboa, with some of the crew, started to explore the country. After some weeks they climbed up into a mountain, from the crest of which they obtained a view of the Pacific Ocean, which was, until then, unknown to Europeans. This was in September, 1513. At the sight of the vast expanse of waters, Balboa prostrated himself upon the ground. He then waded into the ocean, bearing the Spanish flag, and drawing his conquering sword, he swore as a true knight that he would defend it, with its coasts, islands, and all that it contained, for his sovereign, the King of Spain.

in full for the professional services he had rendered me.

"On the night of February 1, 1897, about 11 o'clock, I was awakened from slumber by a peculiar sensation. I felt that Dr. Post was standing at my bedside, gently holding my hand. It was not a dream, not a delusion, not a distorted fancy that follows a nightmare, but seemingly the real presence of the doctor, in outline, but not in the substance. That was what telepathists call a suggestion.

"Since that experience I have continually seen Dr. Post in a vision. I have made every effort possible to banish him from my mind, but it is impossible, and you can probably realize the effect the impression is having upon me when you look at my photograph, taken a few years ago, and compare it with my present emaciated condition."

Then Miss Rooney produced a picture of herself, which bears but a slight resemblance to her now. "I did not see Dr. Post again until the first week in the following May," continued the distressed woman, "when I went to his office for the purpose of receiving treatment and to plead with him to release me from his hypnotic influence. I continued my visits to him until July, 1897, and have not spoken to him since that day. Then I determined to stay away from him forever, for I realized that personal contact only served to intensify the impression.

"But cessation of visits has accomplished nothing. He communicates continually with me. I read his messages in the printed lines of the newspapers. Letters without form and substance, messages that are never delivered by mortal man, come to me with daily regularity. I see them in the air everywhere.

"As an instance of this mysterious influence, and as proof that Dr. Post exercises hypnotic power over me, I have only to tell you that when he visited Colorado in the Summer of 1897 I could see his movements. There was a panoramic view of him traversing hills and mountains continually before me. Once I saw him sitting by the side of a cot upon which lay two sick children. He was administering to their needs. When he returned I learned that his two boys had been with him on the trip and both were critically ill in Denver, and, mind you, I did not know the doctor was out of town.

"What I suffer, no one knows. Night and day, each succeeding moment of time, only serve to add one more shadow to my miserable career. Waking or sleeping, visions of his face are before me, and yet I have not spoken a word to him for three years."—S. F. Examiner.

A Spirit Visitor.

It was an evening in June. The house I lived in was reported to be haunted, and many tenants had left it on that account. I was sitting alone on the piazza, off which opened the drawing-room, so that I had an uninterrupted view of the latter. The house was empty; the nurse had taken the only child out to play, and all the back doors were locked. I was watching some children playing a short distance off, when suddenly a female figure appeared and strode across the drawing-room, keeping its face turned away. The outline was very clearly delineated, and I remember the dress yet, it was so distinct. So vivid was the appear-

ance that, casting my eyes upon a mirror that hung on the drawing-room wall, I saw the profile of the figure reflected there. I rose and rushed into the room, saying: "How did you get in?" But the figure instantly vanished. MRS. T. E.

The Spirit Realm.

W. J. COWEN.

The world of spirit is a plane of activity. The spirits are always busy. We can not conceive of anything in the spiritual universe which is devoid of usefulness. All the phenomena of nature perform their part in the development of the whole. No atom of matter is ever lost, or destroyed. No thought is ever lost to memory; years afterwards our thoughts and our deeds exert their influence, not only upon the finite plane, but in the spirit spheres of existence. We do not lose our individuality when we enter the higher life. On the contrary, our spiritual nature develops and unfolds its beauty, its power and its destiny. Often upon the finite plane, we can not give expression to the thoughts of our real self. We can not act as we would wish. We are hampered by conditions, by environments. We associate with those who can not sense the great truths of eternal progress.

The artist can not produce upon the canvas the pictures conceived by the mind. The poet is unable to express the thoughts as they are impressed upon his brain by a higher power, a spiritual agency. The reformer knows that the world cannot appreciate the advancement revealed to him by the spirits of immortality. Thus life in the spirit planes of existence is a broad field of future accomplishments. We enter the spirit-world with better facilities for pursuing knowledge, with better opportunities for expressing our individuality. The artist sees the great universe before him, in all of its grandeur and beauty. The scientist delves in nature's storehouse and gleans wisdom from the fountain of knowledge.

The spirit associates with great and noble souls, men and women who upon the earth-plane have sacrificed wealth and ambition for the truth. We see such men as Martin Luther, Abraham Lincoln, Charles Sumner, the martyrs of every age and of every clime. Many are long since forgotten to the world of thought, but they are bright and shining lights in the universe of spirit-life.

Do you desire to associate with these noble souls of the past history of the world's progressive march? Mediumship is the avenue by which spirits return to the earth plane and reveal the truths of spiritual philosophy. Development will follow the earnest and faithful seeker after higher gifts. Step by step the mind unfolds, day by day we are more receptive to spiritual influence, until ultimately the spirit-world is, to our vision, as an open book, upon whose pages are imprinted marvelous thoughts far beyond the conception of those who still linger in the darkness of physical conditions.

The spirit-world is beautiful beyond any finite conception. Language can not picture the harmony existing in these higher planes of soul existence. We can give only a feeble description of spiritual things. As the mind unfolds, during the medial development, the spiritual nature, becomes

en rapport with these higher phases of soul existence, and we are able to conceive at least a portion of what awaits every soul upon the finite plane.

Mrs. Cora Richmond Honored

The American Health University of Chicago, Ill., on Oct. 18, 1900, conferred the degree of LL. D. upon Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond. The presentation address was delivered by George Dutton, A. B., M. D., Dean and Secretary of the institution. The following is a synopsis of Mrs. Richmond's response:

"We thank you, not for the title, for that is but idle words, but for the recognition given by one body of workers to another body of workers, and given by you as a token of love to another worker, to the one who stands before you. We thank you for this appreciation, and co-operation, that is implied; the recognition that is so lovingly conveyed and the great lesson that these simple words you have spoken convey to the world.

"All are one who touch a high altitude of human knowledge and improvement. We do not suppose that any added wisdom will be the result of this, but we recognize it as an expression of appreciation of the work that is done in connection with the highest truth; for there is no healing apart from the soul. The body is but its instrument, and every institution which recognizes this fact is bound in the end to receive the support of the human race and its gratitude, also.

"Those who witness this will recognize that, although in the person of the one standing before them there has never been any claim to *human* scholarship, that which comes to and through her represents the same link of knowledge, and possibly in past time may have prepared the way for this university to be possible, and by-and-by—we trust not too long—ere perhaps you cross to the other shore, you, yourself, Dr. Dutton, will receive that meed of appreciation that should come to all who seek to uplift their kind and benefit them. Your works are now standard works in many universities of medicine. You have gone far beyond the usual teachers, also, in being the champion of that which relates to healing by the power of the soul. Further on, your work will be more fully recognized. By and by, when the mist of prejudice shall have rolled away from those who profess the science of *Materia Medica*, as well as from other minds, there will come a clearer appreciation of the light of that knowledge that includes body, mind, spirit and soul in the science of Health and Healing."

From the N. S. A. Home.

As will be seen by the above heading, the N. S. A. now has a home of its own; the Mayer fund is completed, and it, with the Home, now belongs to this Association. I presume every one knows by this time that Mr. Mayer gave the home, and that he did not have one dollar of the fund raised by subscription. That money is to help the N. S. A. in its missionary work.

We have issued new leaflets of spiritual and liberal matter that we are distributing free, and since the convention closed, the Board has appointed special missionaries, to give their entire time to the work.

Among these are Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, of Jamestown, N. Y. These well-known and efficient workers will lecture and give tests, and do organizing work, as well as help to build up and strengthen local societies, and engage in every kind of good and practical work for the advancement of Spiritualism, the benefit of societies, and for the N. S. A., wherever they happen to be. Their field of labor will be largely in the State of Indiana, and societies and individuals hearing from them are kindly requested to co-operate with these earnest workers in their efforts to advance the spiritual cause. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague are authorized to take donations or collections for the N. S. A., and to forward its work and claims when feasible.

President Barrett will also be in the missionary field this year, and will travel all over the country in the interests of Spiritualism and of the N. S. A. This announcement will be hailed with joy by many struggling societies, to whom he will go with new inspiration and cheer, and by thousands of Spiritualists all over the land.

Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing will serve as special missionary in the South a portion of the year, and will, no doubt, do a grand work in that section for our Cause.

The N. S. A. means to do good, practical work, ever keeping in view the needs of our Cause and the rights of true workers, and the claims of mediumship.

J. I. McCarty of Comanche, Tex., is a whole-souled man who offers to prove the good Spiritualism has done him, by being one of a thousand to give the N. S. A. \$10 a year each, to help it on in its good work. He does not wait to hear who will be the first to follow, but he has already twice sent \$10 for this work. All such noble souls encourage us in our work.

The eighth annual convention of the N. S. A. has passed into history. It was a grand success; we are sure the angels aided in its work. Our good friend, Mrs. Hilligoss, must have rejoiced in the spirit-land when her loving husband gave her valuable watch and chain in her name—according to her last request—to the Mayer fund, and to see it immediately purchased at \$100 by a sister worker in the Cause.

The silk quilt, donated from California, sold at \$20, and the lovely table cover, from Nebraska, for \$29.

Now, my best news: Mr. S. I. France, of the old Bay State, who had previously given \$1,800 to the Mayer fund, has sent us his check for \$3,000 more to help carry on the work of the N. S. A. He expresses himself as pleased with the officers' reports for the year, and with the work outlined and recommended by President Barrett for the future. Our blessing goes out to this noble man.

The convention passed a unanimous vote of thanks to all spiritual papers for their aid.

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Unknown Forces Now Known

GEO. E. LOTHROP, JR.

A poet erected a monument on the Rocky Mountains "To the Unknown God." Unknown powers, forces, spiritual beings, and the laws which govern them, are being discovered. The unknown is now known. Spirits throw their thoughts

upon the sensitive brains of mediums and tell about the wonderful land of the dead in God's great country beyond the stormy gates of death.

Thoughts are real material things and have been photoengraved. Clear-minded people can project, or send out, thought substances which can be caught on sensitive paper in the various designs desired by the thinker. Mental healers, Christian Scientists, mediums and doctors may cure the sick by sending out strong, healthy "thought-pills" of invisible atoms. Draughtsmen, etc., may think of triangles, houses, etc., and their thoughts may be photographed, under fine conditions. Thoughts may be sent thousands of miles without any wires or apparatus, similar to wireless telegraphy. Mediums can often read persons' thoughts at great distances. Of course, this is devilish, because some of the clergy don't understand it.

Rev. Charles Sheldon says, in a late story: "Were Christ here today, the pastor of any wealthy congregation, they would crucify him again, even after the lapse of 2,000 years of historical Christianity."

Neither spiritual nor material things are understood by the general public. At seances solid matter can be passed through solid matter by dematerialization of the atoms. Ayer says he has seen spirits have a solid cane put through a solid board door, to look as if it grew there, and afterwards removed, leaving no traces of a hole, or injury to the cane. Mediums have been partly, or even fully, dissolved or dematerialized, while spirits gathered the atoms about their invisible bodies and were both recognized, identified by friends and even photographed by the camera. The angel in Christ's tomb was probably made visible by this process, and doubtless they utilized atoms from His body. Christ would to-day be classified as a materializing medium. Indian wizards, conjurers and witches performed many spirit manifestations, even when America was first discovered.

Father De Smet tells about "Religious principles of the Assiniboinee," under date of 1854, that "the belief in ghosts is very profound and common in all these Western tribes. Indians have told me seriously that they had met, seen and conversed with them, and that they may be heard almost every night in the place where the dead are buried. They say they spoke in kind of a whistling tone." Secret Indian pow-wows have some similar spiritual manifestations to what may be seen and felt in modern seances. The East India Theosophist-Diakha are of the same class; so are the heathen Chinese.

Spirits for science prove that these residents of the next world appear to all races, only under different names and diverse conditions.

At New Canton, Ill., with Oscar Ward, spirits have music without instruments, messages on paper written in the air; voices talk for one or two hours by spirit vocal chords, and often several at once. Raps, bell ringing and table movements also occur.

At E. F. Rice's, of Kalamazoo, Mich., with the medium, Mrs. Amy Buchanan, of Jacksonville, Fla., slates were written on when held ten feet from the medium; mental questions were answered by the spirits; a question in the Holland language was answered in English,

etc. Voices spoke through trumpets to friends.

At A. C. Littlefield's, Boston, spirits have etherialized and come to their friends, often floating in the air; besides healing the sick, curing diseases and giving tests, exhibiting most of the phases recorded in the Bible by the Apostles. Boston, Mass.

Harmony and Progression.

DR. MAX MUEHLENBRUCH.

Just how much good ever comes from sentiment it is impossible to tell, as we do not, at all times, harmonize with one another, but yielding to our temptations, the days, weeks and months of the year glide by, buffeting and battling with the waves of trouble, sometimes worsted in the struggle; then we stop for an instant and look back, wondering what we have done in the 365 days just passed.

We remember the days of sunshine, and the hiding from the storm, never realizing the fact that each day past leaves just one less to come. We look back and see here and there a day of pleasure, mingled with days of sorrow. A familiar face that smiled upon us during those days gone by, smiles on us no more.

Individually, each one is responsible for the performance of duty. Someone has said that another who differs from him as to policy in government, etc., does not then cease to be one of us; he is as precious in the eyes of immortals as you. He has the same sky above him, the same atmosphere about him, the same immortality is his, and the same promise of happiness. It may be that his peculiar education has made him indifferent in worldly respects, but it does not in any way alter our relations to each other. We possess like passions, continually paying the penalty of our human nature by stumbling and falling and making mistakes. A man who transgresses the law is none the less a man. His reputation may be injured, his character smirched, but he is a man, and we should not despise him, but help him up. Thus are we taught from the immortal side of life. Some may be surprised to find the words of one they lightly esteemed preferred to their own.

The eye of the great spirit looks beneath the crust of earthly blunders with sympathy, and views the purity of the soul. What you condemn most harshly, because you cannot penetrate the heart, the great spirit of all love and life, charges to human weakness and reproaches not.

Be faithful, fulfill your duty, be master of all conditions, physical and spiritual, live to your best understanding of knowledge and light, be just to your fellows, for you are part of the brotherhood of all life, with the great spirit of love and life within all. With these facts before you, may you avoid friction, that would evolve into heated passion individually, but mingle together in love with the cement of brotherly affection like the building of a great temple, is bound solid and firm on a level foundation, and with the cementing so close that it will be impossible to find the seam where it was united.

This is a true definition of the teachings of harmony and progression from the immortal side of life to souls encased in the physical coil of matter. Be brave and righteous in your struggles that the

sublime light may be brought to you before passing to higher life. Oakland, Calif.

The Church of the Spirit.

Spiritualists very naturally shrink from putting their spiritual wine into "earthen vessels"; and their shrinking is not so much the result of an opinion as of an instinct. They find it difficult to agree to the proposition that Spiritualism is a religion, or to the suggestion that Spiritualism should be represented by a church. The reason is not that Spiritualists are unsocial, or that they are not anxious about religion, or that they do not care for united worship and aspiration. The real reason is that they are more or less conscious of the fact that their "treasure" could not be confined in "earthen vessels," and that, in truth, if it could be it would be badly represented and in prison.

The Spiritualist may rightly contend that the true idea of a church, apart from a building, is a spiritual body of believing and loving souls, dear to God; and, in the large sense, this is what we mean by "The Church of the spirit." That Church can never meet in one place upon earth; no one can rightly distinguish or determine those who belong to it; its members' names can never be captured for any roll.

It is obvious that a "Church of the spirit" would be as much out of harmony with the controversies of the creeds as a Devonshire lane is out of harmony with Piccadilly or the Strand. Its one subject would be Life; its one argument, Duty; its one motive, Love; its one hope, God. Of course, we are aware that, in varying degrees, all the sects are blessed with some such churches, in which the spirit is better than the creed, and the real word of God in the soul of the living man atones for the unreal word of God between the covers of a book.

There are multitudes who are not Spiritualists who as much want "The Church of the spirit" as we do, and who might even appreciate it more, because its message and inspiration would be so new to them. It would probably be undesirable to attempt the erection of any separate building. Some such beautiful room as we use for our ordinary or special meetings would serve best. But the ideal is that which has been often advocated by us and which has again been proposed by one of our earnest-hearted friends. We want, we urgently want, a Home of our own, including a meeting-place as peaceful and as beautiful as we can make it; and we could set about it at once if our friends would unite and provide the cost. We know exactly what we want, and we fairly well know what we could do.

All we need is about one-half the zeal and devotion shown by the devotees of the old churches where but little that is living is ever said; or about one-tenth of the energy and sacrifice shown at a contested election, for sending a man with a vote to a place where but little that is useful is ever done.—*Light, London, England.*

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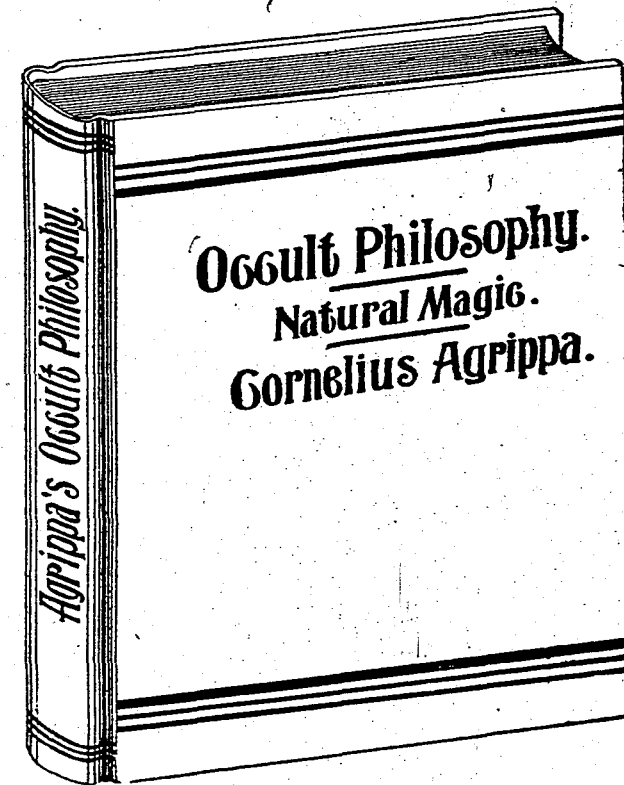
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Free Thought Congress.

The twenty-fourth annual congress of the American Secular Union and Free Thought Federation will be held in Cincinnati, O., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 23, 24 and 25, 1900. It is expected that this gathering of American Free-thinkers will be one of the largest and most important annual meetings yet held.

Mediums are negatives or they would not be mediums. But the medium who studies the psychological law and its expression has an immense advantage over those who are content to be merely "instruments."

Mediumship has done more for the world than all other forces combined. It has belted the world with iron rails and wires, and it is recognized in all the arts and sciences. It is only the ignorant who deny this source of power.

Do Something; do not wait for someone else to demonstrate—do it yourself. Give the strength of your faith to the movement, not the weakness of your doubt. Get in the procession and keep step. Do something.

Removal.—"The world moves," and the *Banner of Light* moves with it, as the following notice from the issue of Oct. 27 would indicate:

No doubt it will surprise all of its readers to learn that the *Banner* and its associate book-store are to be removed the last of the current month to new offices at 204 Dartmouth St., where a house has been leased for a term of years, and fitted up to accommodate the various departments connected with its extensive business. Such is the decree of "the powers that be"; so this is the last issue from the headquarters whence it has gone forth for 27 years.

Be just and fear not.

The Real Danger.

Our Boston contemporary, the *Banner of Light*, in the issue of Oct. 20 has an editorial on "Theological Seminaries Crowded," and shows that there are more young men studying for the Christian ministry than ever before. This fact is declared to be a menace to liberal thought and the advancement of the spiritual cause.

There was a time when this might have been true; but to-day the pew is dictating to the pulpit; and no matter what the education or training of the minister, if he does not preach the most advanced spiritual thought, he soon finds himself speaking to empty seats.

The preaching which the people demand is the spiritual philosophy, although it may be under another name. The real danger to Spiritualism is, that if we do not bestir ourselves and establish concrete demonstrations of the utility of our teachings, the Christian Church will soon be claiming the fruits of a century's effort, and Spiritualism cease to exist as an independent movement. The hierarchy is impregnable, but the laity is a fruitful field for propaganda work.

The Christ's Teachings.

If he who is called the Christ had written for himself the splendid precepts which he undoubtedly taught, and a crafty priesthood had not perverted his teachings to conform to their selfish plans and desires, there would have been no need for other great leaders, and other movements for the reformation and reclamation of humanity. He undoubtedly possessed the key that would unlock the mysteries and solve the problems of life.

In the published account of his teachings in the Bible, so many contradictions occur, that no person can believe or practice all, and be consistent.

Some of our Spiritualist papers are coming out strongly on "What Jesus taught." Will they kindly tell us which side of his character they admire? Sometimes his mission was to bring peace, at other times the sword. He declared that "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap"; and again he taught the vicarious atonement and the forgiveness of sin.

In fact, there are two distinct lines of thought recorded in the new testament; one of them was probably his, the other certainly was not. All attempts to harmonize them are ridiculous. He was meek and lowly, and recommended the turning of the other cheek when smitten, yet he reviled the Scribes and Pharisees in scathing terms, and exercised violence in scourging the money-changers from the temple.

If we are going to have a brand of Spiritualism called "Christian" let us know which of the dual Christs it is to be fashioned after.

The Phenomena.

Every phase of mediumship is valuable, and should be used to the fullest extent for the demonstration of truth. Every medium has a work to do, and should be allowed to do it without hindrance. But they should be careful not to attempt to do the work of another, or to fill the place in life for which they are not fitted. The skeptical world is aroused to investigation and research by the presentation of phenomena, and the truth of spirit power and communication is established in the mind. But something more than a mere mental conviction is necessary to constitute a Spiritualist.

The grand, ethical, philosophical, moral and religious truths taught by advanced spirits must lay hold upon the life and character of the individual, mold and fashion his character and determine the quality of his life. Then he will join the Spiritualist societies, subscribe for and read spiritual papers, and contribute to the support of spiritual institutions.

Our test mediums are doing their work, but no provision is made for the advancement of their converts, and so they remain Spiritualists in name only, "having the form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." Comparisons and criminations are useless. Let us look facts squarely in the face, and apply the proper remedy at the right time and place.

Organization.

The advantages of co-operative action in the promulgation of truth has been so forcibly set forth by Eugene Del Mar in a letter to *Freedom*, that we cannot resist the temptation to commend it to the consideration of Spiritualists:

It must be difficult to over-estimate the power of combination. We see it demonstrated on all sides, and in every aspect. What cannot be done by one, a hundred may readily accomplish. All aggregations are combinations of units, and the unit is an expression of comparative weakness. All vibrations acquire intensity through combination of units. Sound, color, light, heat, thought—the mass has a depth of tone, a power, an intensity, that is absent in the unit. Look at the ocean and then at a drop of it! But it is quite unnecessary to give examples, for the principle that Unity is Strength is exemplified in all things.

Our Friends.—We quote the following from *Secular Thought* to show how our amiable friends, the freethinkers, regard us. We still occupy that enviable place midway between the two extremes.

We have devoted considerable space to the discussion of the various phases of this present-day development of what we can only class as witchcraft, sorcery, etc., for we find the belief in such things very extensive, even if it is not true, as our correspondent asserts, that "a great majority" of investigators become converted to Spirit-

ualism. Our own experience is that the majority of intelligent men treat the whole thing with amused contempt.

Converting Spiritualists.

It is a trite saying that "Open confession is good for the soul." We have often said that the ranks of Spiritualism could be strengthened by a process of thinning or weeding out similar to that practiced by a certain warrior of olden times. That the weeding process is slowly being accomplished is evidenced by the following extract from a recent editorial in the *Light of Truth*:

We have said that there is such a thing as converting a Spiritualist. That is not strictly a correct statement, for once a person has become a Spiritualist he is already converted. But there are thousands of benighted humans who think they are Spiritualists. These can be converted. We were among them at one time, and while we are not yet wholly converted—ergo not yet wholly a Spiritualist—we are convertible and will in time, please God, be a Spiritualist.

Eleanor Kirk's Books.

We call attention to the advertisement of Eleanor Kirk's books on page 5. These are all very popular, because they teach a new doctrine, and are up-to-date in style. There can be no better treatment for sickness, poverty, or the blues, than a careful perusal of any of these works.

"The Prevention and Cure of Old Age" is having a phenomenal sale, and is starting even the octogenarian to a forceful renewal of health and strength.

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Why Ask the Question: "Is life worth living?" until you are fully satisfied in your own mind that death is worth dying. It certainly is not, if life is continuous and at the change we are compelled to take up our life work just where we laid it down. If this is true, then we surely cannot get rid of any of our burdens by "shuffling off this mortal coil." Better do our work here and now, even if it is disagreeable, than to attempt to shrink from our responsibility by the destruction of our physical organism.—L. A. Mallory.

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Local News Summary.

Our Telephone.—Those who may wish to telephone to this office will please call up "Jessie 1769."

Mrs. McIntyre, a New York psychic, has arrived and will remain in San Francisco for a time.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie has been heard from, en route home via St. Paul, Minn., where she will visit old friends and do some spiritual work. Another letter from her will appear next week.

Mr. W. D. J. Hambly called during the past week, and contemplates the removal of his family from San Jose to this city. He expects to engage in business here.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum party will be given on Friday evening, Nov. 9, at Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St. Don't forget it.

20 Eddy St.—The subject for discussion last Sunday afternoon was "Success." "Nothing succeeds like success," consequently the meeting was first-class in every particular.

Mr. Edward Earle's Meeting in Pythian Castle last Sunday evening witnessed some very remarkable phenomena through the mediumship of Mr. Earle and Miss Myrtle Marion. The young lady improves each time she comes before the public. She has promised to write something for publication in the JOURNAL, and we may be able to publish her portrait later. The mediums hold public meetings at 909 Market St. every Sunday evening.

Mrs. Bushyhead of San Diego, Cal., who has been in a private hospital in San Francisco for some time, having a cancer in the breast, has had it successfully removed by absorption, and expects to leave for home in a few days. Her many friends all over the State will be glad to learn these facts, and the JOURNAL offers congratulations.

The Semi-Annual Election of Directors and some constitutional amendments will occupy the attention of the Mediums' Protective Association on Saturday evening, Nov. 10. Their entertainment and dance, with a quilt raffle, will take place on Nov. 20 in Crystal Hall, 909 Market St.

Ladies' Aid.—The meeting on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 31, in Occidental Hall was addressed by Mrs. Addie R. Smith of 520 Van Ness Ave. Her talk was inspiring and well received. Mrs. B. F. Small presided.

Friendship Hall.—The meeting at 385 McAllister St. last Sunday evening was opened by a young lady who volunteered an instrumental selection. Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Meyer gave messages from spirit realms. These are strictly test meetings.

Handsome New Residence.

TO THE EDITOR:

Mrs. J. J. Whitney has purchased, by spirit direction, an elegant home at 1164 O'Farrell St., between Franklin and Gough, San Francisco. By invitation I visited this new home, centrally located in the most fashionable part of the city. It was one of the two houses built by Antonio Gonzales, the wealthy coffee merchant of Guatemala, who occupied it as his home. The price was \$15,000. The other house was purchased and is occupied by Lieutenant Governor of California, Jacob Neff.

The lot is 27x130 feet, fronting on O'Farrell St. and running through to Myrtle Ave. The house contains 18 rooms, three baths, wine closets, storage and furnace rooms.

One would think, to enter this beautiful home, that it did not require anything done to it, any ordinary mortal would be satisfied with it as it is; but Mrs. Whitney's spirit guides have seen fit to order many changes and elaborate decoration. What was formerly the banquet room has been converted into a large hall, where meetings will be held Sunday evenings. Adjoining this are the seance and two large treatment rooms, which are thoroughly equipped with all the late electrical inventions known to Electro-Therapeutics.

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Mr. and Mrs. Whitney are to be congratulated in the possession of this new residence. May the angels bless them both.

CORRESPONDENT.

Mrs. Ada Foye of Denver, Colo., passed through the city last week on her way to Australia, where she has been engaged by the Victorian Spiritualist Association to occupy its platform for the coming year. She left her best wishes and kindest regards to all her old friends in San Francisco, and whom she was unable to call upon on account of the brevity of her stay, being only one day in the city before the steamer left. She is a well-known and wonderful medium, well able to fill any hall with an astonished audience. The rapidity of the messages coming through her, with astounding facts detailing the past, as well as prophetic words concerning the future, and the rapping that is kept up around and about her, and all through the hall, answering questions mental and oral, and wonderful manifestations, make her a very popular medium. Her career in Australia will no doubt be a grand ovation.

Scottish Hall.—Mrs. G. W. Shriner, Mrs. H. A. Griffin, Mrs. Jennie Robinson and Mr. Harry Hargrave gave spirit messages last Sunday evening, and Dr. Roberts presided at the piano. Mr. W. T. Jones led the singing and presided at the meeting. This gives promise of good results for the coming Winter campaign.

Mme. Young's Meeting in Occidental Hall was addressed by Mrs. Sarah Seal on "Equality." The usual good music opened the meeting, and the phenomenal tests by Mme. Young attracted a hall full of intelligent people, who are seeking light on psychic problems.

Dr. Louis Schlesinger has gone to Springfield, Mass., for a month. His Paris engagement is indefinitely postponed.

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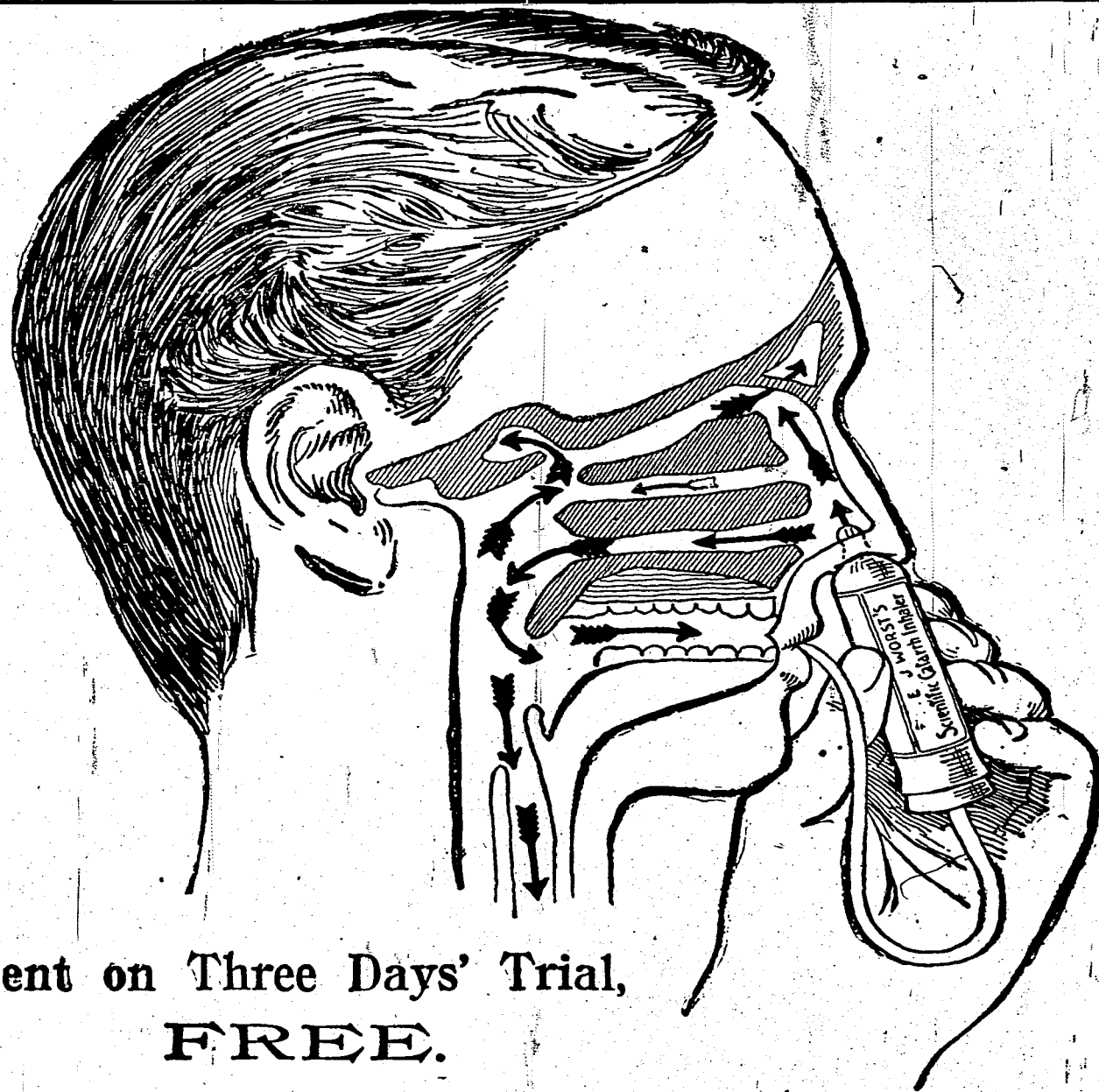
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