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## "True Love Asks no Return."

True, real love asks no return,  
 Yet glad, indeed, you are to learn  
 The object of your love loves you;  
 The knowledge thrills you through  
 and through.  
 For Life's elixir you have found,  
 Which brightens all the landscape  
 'round;  
 All that you see is thus transformed,  
 All that you feel has thus been warmed!  
 Uplifted on so high a plane,  
 You think you'll ne'er touch earth  
 again!  
 Can one through life so happy go,  
 And all the common ills forego?  
 Can sunshine pierce the darkest cloud  
 And all events a halo shroud,  
 Trusting the morrow will bring forth  
 A day as bright, of equal worth?  
 Ah, yes, if you have every hour  
 Expended all the wealth and power  
 To buy the pearl of greatest price.  
 And nothing can your soul entice.  
 You then have all the wealth required,  
 The greatest that could be desired;  
 And whether long or short your stay,  
 In perfect peace you are alway!  
 Because your heaven is found within,  
 And real happiness you win;  
 Environment does not endure,  
 Felicity is made secure!  
 Mrs. C. K. SMITH, San Diego, Calif.

covered, others weeping pitifully.  
 "Who is dead at the White House?" I demanded of one of the soldiers. "The President," was his answer; "he was killed by an assassin!" Then came a loud burst of grief from the crowd, which awoke me from my dream. I slept no more that night, and although it was only a dream, I have been strangely annoyed by it ever since." This occurred but a short time before the event was heralded which plunged the nation into grief.  
 Judge Edmonds, delivering an oration in Hope Chapel upon the life of the martyred President, spoke of his close sympathy with him in that divine philosophy—the ministry of spirits. Mr. Lincoln's frequent presentiments were to himself authoritative prophecies.—*Shields Morning Mail.*

cheer—that though the trial had been hard to bear, the light was coming.  
 The spirit continued, and told her that in the morning she would receive application for lodgings from a gentleman, of whom a description was given, and that a letter was on the way from "Kathleen," in which there would be some pecuniary assistance.  
 In the morning the message was accurately fulfilled; and that hour proved to be the turning-point for the better.—*Kathleen in Two Worlds.*

trying to obtain tidings of the fugitive, she retired to rest, worn in body and depressed in spirit. Then in the mystery of a dream she found light. That night she dreamed that she walked through a maze of streets in a strange city, and at last came to a great factory building, in which she saw her husband at work. It was a big bicycle factory, and her husband was busy making certain parts of the wheels.

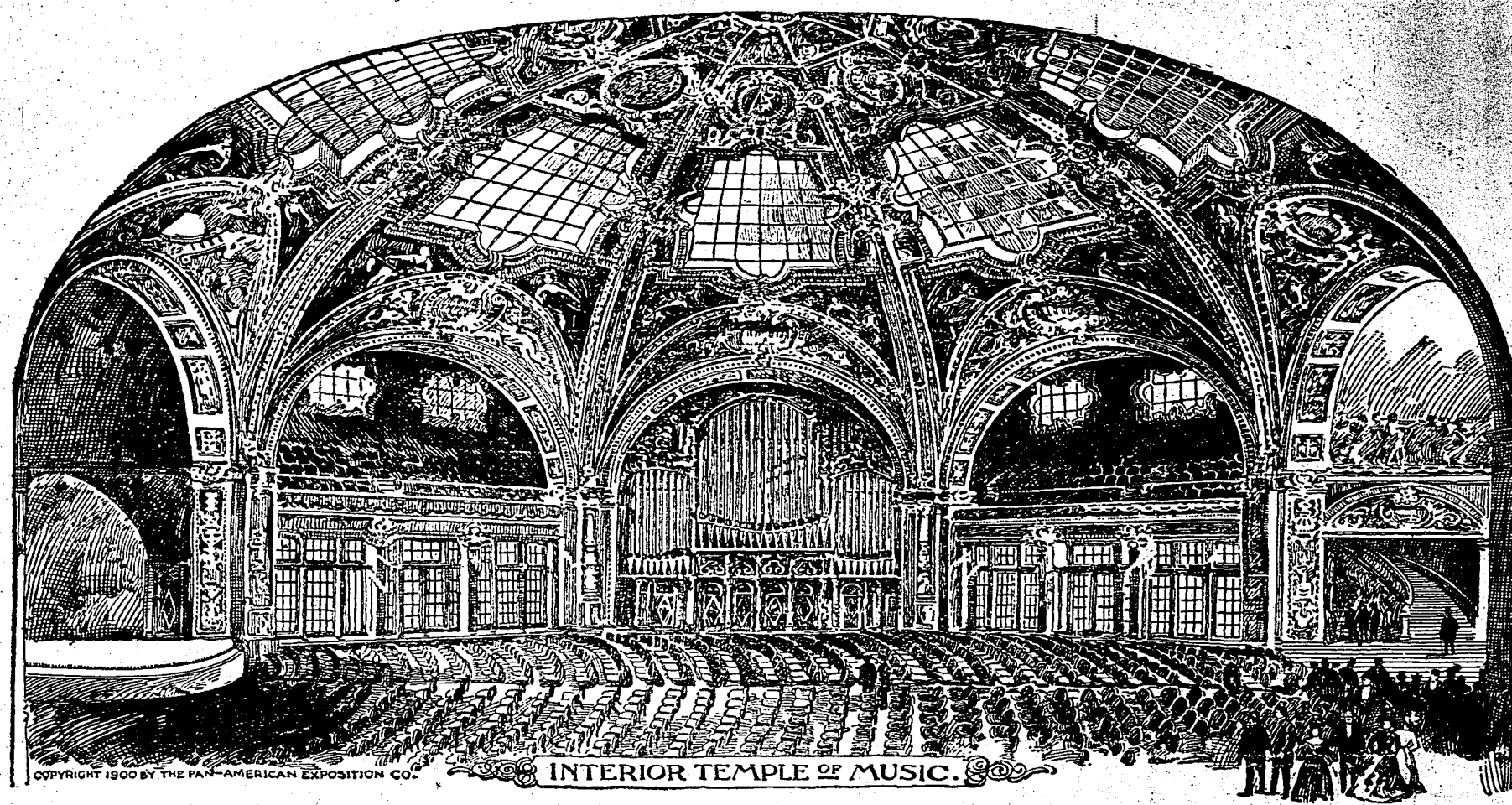
### SEEKS HIM IN CHICAGO.

She had searched St. Louis from top to bottom without success, and her dream told her that the factory pictured in her vision was in Chicago. So strong was the impression, so vivid the dream, that she felt certain she could find the exact spot of his hiding. Mrs. Baudler came to Chicago and told the facts

### A Good Dream.

Some two and one-half years ago Mrs. George Baudler of Quincy, Ill., was abandoned by her husband, whose love had grown cold, and who had wearied of supporting

## The Pan-American Exposition, to Open on May 1, 1901, at Buffalo, N. Y.



### Help in Time of Need.

A correspondent gives me an interesting story of a message received from the spirit-world in the time of her great need.  
 She kept a lodging-house, and had been without lodgers for some time, her money was gone, and, worse than all, hope had almost fled. She says: "I began to feel that this world was no place for me, and if I only could have felt that my child would have been cared for, I would willingly have passed on to meet my husband." Under these conditions she sat at the table one evening and received a message, bidding her be of good

her. But she was a strong-minded woman—a new woman, if you please—and she did not intend that he should escape his marital responsibilities so easily. For a whole year or so she searched in vain for her recreant spouse, firmly resolved either to get him back or make him suffer for his dereliction. Faithfully she followed up every clew, eagerly she probed every circumstance that seemed to offer information of his whereabouts, all to no avail.  
 Worry bore heavily on Mrs. Baudler; as an abandoned wife her mental state became one of great perplexity. At length, after a fruitless tramp hither and thither

of her vision to Justice Hall. She asked for a warrant for her husband's arrest for desertion.  
 "It's nothing but a dream, madam," said the magistrate. "I'm not here to listen to the dreams of grass widows concerning husbands."  
 In spite of this rebuff the woman insisted in her demand for the warrant. "In my dream I've seen my husband at work, and I know just where to find him." Her earnestness moved the Justice. He issued the warrant. With this document and a constable at her side she proceeded at once to the big factory at Sixteenth and Clark Sts., the one depicted in her dream and

## BORDERLAND

### Lincoln's Dream.

The following dream of Abraham Lincoln is a matter of history and is in harmony with the susceptible nature of that great man. He related it to Mrs. Lincoln and others present in the following words:  
 "About ten days ago I retired very late. I had been up waiting for important despatches. I could not have been long in bed when I fell into a slumber and began to dream. There seemed to be a deathlike stillness about me. Then I heard subdued sobs, as if a number of persons were weeping. I thought I left my bed and wandered downstairs. There the silence was broken by the same sobbing, but the mourners were invisible. I went from room to room. No living person was in sight; but the same mournful sounds met me as I passed along. I was puzzled and alarmed. What could be the meaning of all this? Determined to find out the cause of a state of things so mysterious, I kept on until I arrived at the end room, which I entered. There I met a sickening surprise. Before me was a catafalque, on which rested a corpse wrapped in funeral vestments. Around it were stationed soldiers, who were acting as guards, and there was a throng of people, some gazing mournfully upon this corpse, whose face was



there pointed out her husband among the workmen. He was arrested and put in jail. He refused to return to his wife, but had to accept the penalty—the prison.—*Selected.*

### Tyranny of Old Things.

BY JIEPIEL.

A railroad magnate was asked: "Why is it that electricity is not put in the place of steam as a motive power for train service?" He replied: "Because there is too much money invested in the present motive power, and the machinery to which it is applied." Therefore the better way must stand aside.

It is natural that in the struggle for wealth, or even the necessities of life, new methods, new measures, new agencies, evolved from the ever-growing light of truth will be opposed and bitterly fought by the tyranny of every old thing which feels its usefulness in danger.

Yet out of the struggle the truth came victorious.

In regard to all subjects truth has had to fight its way; light has had to force its way through fogs and darkness of interested ignorance. No empire goes to pieces without a struggle; no reigning power goes down without bitter resistance. Those whose prosperity and very life are a part of prevailing ignorance, or, rather, prevailing error, are too biased by personal conceit or interest to realize the error, or to accept the intrusive new light. And so it transpires that any new discovery or revelation of a better way is bitterly fought with ridicule; the bitterness being in proportion to the successful force with which the new revelation makes itself felt.

We accept new things so slowly. It was long years after ice was first artificially made in college laboratories before it became a luxurious commodity in every tropical climate. When one of the wise men of Greece (Thales, I believe) discovered that by rubbing a piece of electron (amber) electricity was developed, it was more than 2,500 years ago, and only ten years ago did we have electricity as a useful agent for commerce and comfort.

Gradually we are getting out of darkness. It is hard suddenly to give up the old things. It is not easy to handle new instruments. It is not easy to see plainly even under a plainer light.—*Freedom.*

### Worship in the Spirit.

J. P. COOKE.

"God builds his temple in the heart upon the ruins of churches and religions," said Emerson. It was a profound saying and hence has been misunderstood. Emerson referred to the ecclesiastical organizations, the man-made churches and theologues. Not until these are outgrown can the seed of love and gratitude germinate freely in the human heart.

We attend fashionable churches, listen to musical performances, witness the theological drama of a ritual, sit in luxurious pews, under the impression that thus we worship in spirit and in truth.

When the Teacher of old spoke to the woman at the well saying: "Believe me; God is a spirit, and they that worship Him, must wor-

ship in spirit and in truth"—not in "steeple-houses," not in Jerusalem, not in ecclesiastical vestments, not in postures, not in set phrases, not in forms or ceremonies of any sort, but in the gentle, humble, truthful spirit in the heart. The worship must be by the eternal element that dwells in the inner sanctuary of the soul.

The soul delights in music, art, literature, science, and the joys of active benevolence. It is natural in the highest and deepest sense, for those who feel the sacred fire of pure love glowing in their souls, to pray for and with the object of their love. To cultivate all the spiritualities of the soul is the most joyous and delightful of duties. The lives of the great exemplars of the race are of value to us only as we seek to reproduce their influences in ourselves. In the truest sense we worship that which is Divine, only so far as we develop it or seek to develop it.

As Dr. Sheldon well said: "They can dream their lives away, stare at what is beautiful, look at ideals, contemplate what is divine, express devotion with hymn and prayer, and yet it may not be worship at all. There may be nothing divine about it. We hear a name upon people's lips; it comes to us in their songs; it echoes and re-echoes through the oratorios and symphonies; it is written on the walls of the churches and cathedrals. But the sublime surrender of one's self, the suppression of what is low and base, the calm devotion to duty, the giving up of one's private aims for the welfare of mankind—we do not see much of this anywhere. Yet this is worship; that is what I would understand by devotion in spirit and in truth."

If we serve humanity faithfully and live the truth that we see and know, that service is acceptable. There is a tender, touching aspect to the religion of Spiritualism and the philosophy of spiritual evolution, and the human character that corresponds to it. The genius of the faith is sympathetic, compassionate, gentle, merciful as well as scientific; it inculcates worship of the Cosmic Spirit, in the spirit of truth and sincerity. As Frothingham said: "Who can feel that this thought, will, character, deed, has force in helping the world on, making it easier for somebody else to live, lightening somebody's burden? Who can feel this and not have a fund of inspiration pouring into his heart strong enough to lift him out of his stupidity and sloth and make him resolute to do his best."

"No one can feel this responsibility without being quickened with motives to meet it, at least wishing it were in his power to be a helper. Such a wish will be father to a thought, the thought will result in endeavor, and the endeavor will succeed. The seeds of a new character, the germs of a new life will be planted. The cry of sorrow, the call of valor, the complaint of suffering, the moan of loneliness and pain, the wail of agony from the breaking heart, come with fearful distinctness to his ear. If they do not touch his heart, then no strain from a mythological heaven will ever do it."

Boston, Mass.

### Individualism—Self-Reliance.

MRS. L. E. RADER.

Instead of wasting time in political and political reforms, which is

like attempting to stay a mighty tide, let us teach humanity to be self-respecting. Let us begin with the little ones, by teaching self-reliance. Let us inculcate the idea that life is not a struggle, with all the odds against them; but, rather, that within each brain lies coiled a magnetic spring which can respond to every heart throb, every desire and every hope. Teach them that thought is the great battery which connects the outer and the inner life; which converts the ideal into the real; which gives us the strength to do and to be.

The individual who comes to maturity, strong in his strength, feeling within his grasp the power to create for himself whatever he desires, will never for a single moment submit to be a slave.

Conditions will correct themselves. There is too much hopelessness, too much despondency. What our people need is cheering, helpful, hopeful words.

Teach a man that he is as good as his fellow; that he possesses that within him which is capable of rousing him to the highest level of manhood, and that the creator is forceful, loving thought and energy, and you have struck the death blow at strife and envy, the canker worm of our present existence.—*World's Advance Thought.*

### A Spiritual Symposium.

The *Harbinger of Light* of Melbourne, Australia, has published a four-page supplement containing the names of about 150 prominent persons who have carved a niche in the temple of fame. They represent the arts and sciences, literature, religion, philosophy and political economy. All give testimony in support of the spiritual philosophy, and "the half has never yet been told." The following is but a portion, but the whole will be published in subsequent issues of the JOURNAL. This symposium will be valuable for future reference. The quotations contain a whole system of philosophy and will serve as a text-book for the seeker after truth:

Sir William Crookes, F. R. S. and Gold Medallist, discoverer of the Sodium Amalgam Process, inventor of the Radiometer, Otheoscope, Past President British Chemical Society, Gold Medallist French Academy of Sciences.

Prof. Oliver J. Lodge, F. R. S., Dr. Sc., LL.D., Prof. Physics, University College, London, author of "Modern Views of Electricity," says:

"I went in a state of skepticism as to the reality of Physical Phenomena produced without apparent contact, but this skepticism has been overborne by facts."

Prof. W. F. Barrett, F. R. S. E., Professor of Experimental Physics and Dean of the Faculty of the Royal College of Sciences, Ireland, says:

"The impressive fact of the phenomena is the intelligence behind them and the evidence of an unseen individuality as distinct as our own."

William Gregory, F. R. S., M. D., Professor of Chemistry in Edinburgh University, author "Outlines of Chemistry," "Animal Magnetism," etc.

Dr. Robert Chambers, F. R. S., LL.D., author of *Vestiges of Creation*, *Cyclopedia of English Literature*, etc. He says:

"Already Spiritualism, conducted as it usually is, has had a prodigious effect throughout America, and partly in the old world also, in redeeming multitudes from hardened atheism and materialism, proving to them, by the positive demonstration which their positive cast of mind requires, that there is another world; that there is a non-material form of humanity, and that many miraculous things which they had hitherto scoffed at are true. I have for many years known that these phenomena are real, as distinguished from imposture; and when fully accepted, revolutionize the whole frame of human opinion on many important matters."

Prof. Herbert Mayo, F. R. S., M. D., Professor of Anatomy and Physiology, King's College, London, says:

"Twenty-five years ago, I was a hard-headed unbeliever. Spiritual phenomena, however, suddenly and quite unexpectedly, were soon after developed in my own family. This led me to inquire and to try numerous experiments in such a way as to preclude the possibility of trickery and self-deception. That the phenomena occur there is overwhelming evidence, and it is too late now to deny their existence."

Cromwell S. Varley, F. R. S., Consulting Electrician to Atlantic Telegraph Co. and to the Electric International Co.

Dr. John Elliotson, F. R. S., M. D., Professor of Medicine in London University, President of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society of London, author of the *Lumley Lectures on Diseases of the Heart*, editor of the *Zoist*, etc.

Dr. Lockhart Robertson, F. R. S., sometime editor *British Journal of Mental Science*, says:

"The writer can now no more doubt the physical manifestations of so-called Spiritualism than he would of any other fact, as, for example, the fall of an apple to the ground, of which his senses informed him."

Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, F. R. S., Past President of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Alfred Russell Wallace, F. R. S., LL.D., D. C. L., the foremost living European naturalist, says:

"My position, therefore, is that the phenomena of Spiritualism in their entirety do not require further confirmation. They are proved, quite as well as any facts are proved in other sciences, and it is not denial or quibbling that can disprove any of them, but only fresh facts and accurate deductions from those facts."

Prof. James Challis, F. R. S., Professor of Astronomy and Experimental Philosophy, Cambridge University, says:

"The testimony has been so abundant and consentaneous, that either the facts must be admitted to be such as reported, or the possibility of certifying facts by human testimony must be given up."

Prof. A. De Morgan, late President of the Mathematical Society, says:

"The Spiritualists, beyond a doubt, are on the track that has led to all advancement in psychical science. Their opponents are the representatives of those who have striven against progress."

Prof. William Denton, the eminent lecturer on Geology, author of *Our Planet, its Past and Future, Soul of Things*, etc. He says:

"Spiritualism is a belief in the communication of intelligence from the spirits of the departed, commonly obtained through a person of susceptibility, called a 'medium.'"

Prof. Joseph Rodes Buchanan, M. D.; Professor of Physiology, Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, author *Therapeutic Sarcognomy, Manual of Psychometry, Moral Education*, etc.; editor *Journal of Man*.

Prof. Elliott Coues, M. A., M. D., Ph.D., Professor of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy, Norwich University, etc., Professor of Biology in the Victorian Agricultural



College, Member of the National Academy of Sciences, author of Field Ornithology, Air Fauna, Columbeana, etc. He says:

"Will you have the opinion of such a person as I have described, who for about ten years has studied, watched, and followed the phenomena of so-called Spiritualism, and who speaks from personal experiences with almost every one of them? Then let me tell you that I know that the alleged phenomena of Spiritualism are true, substantially, as alleged."

Prof. Butlerow, Professor of Chemistry in University of St. Petersburg.

Prof. Alexander, Rio de Janeiro; Prof. Cassal, LL.D.; Prof. H. Corson; Prof. Edland, Sweden.

Prof. G. J. Fechner, Professor of Physics and Natural Philosophy, Leipsic, author of The Soul of Plants, The Zendavesta, The Things of the Future, Elements of Psycho-Physics, The Problem of the Soul, and About the Life Hereafter.

Prof. Robert Hare, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania, graduate of Yale College and Harvard University, associate of the Smithsonian Institute, inventor of improvements in the oxy-hydrogen blow pipe, and member of various learned societies, author of Spiritualism Scientifically Demonstrated. He says:

"Far from abating my confidence in the inferences respecting the agencies of the spirits of deceased mortals, in the manifestations of which I have given an account in my work, I have had even more striking evidences of that agency than those given in the work in question."

Prof. Tomaso Ermacio; Prof. Hoffman, Wurtzburg; Prof. W. James, Harvard; Prof. Kiddle, M. A., U. S. A.; Prof. Ockhorowicz, Warsaw; Prof. Perty, Berne; Professor Schiebner, Leipsic; Prof. Armand Sabbator, Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, France; Prof. M. Selig, Polytechnic, Helsingfors.

Prof. Torneboom, Sweden, says: "Only those deny the phenomena of Spiritualism who have never examined them, but profound study alone can explain them."

Prof. Edward Weber, Professor of Physics, Leipsic, and founder (with his brother) of the doctrine of the vibration of forces, author Electro-Dynamic Measurement (4 vols.) No scientific reputation stands higher in Germany than that of Weber.

Prof. Wagner, Russia.

### The Soul of all Things.

DR. C. B. BURNISH.

The abundant evidence of late, concerning the tendency to Church Spiritualism by the old-fashioned monopolistic minds, who are merely idea-theists, apparently, and know not the character and immensity of Spiritualism, inspires me to express my views.

There is a greater need of institutions of learning in which universal facts may be taught, than churches in which mere God-worship is practiced, as in most instances to-day.

To me, Spiritualism comprehends the manifest soul of all things, from the minutest elemental particle to the most complicated and sublime material-combination throughout the universe. It is not theism.

A Spiritualist is a student and advocate of Spiritualism; in this sense I am a Spiritualist. It is plain that Spiritualism is no newborn babe for finite minds to pet. Like universal atmosphere, Spirit-

ualism is a universal principle, ever has been, and there is no present evidence of its discontinuation. God is a spirit, which manifests most perfectly in man free from evil intent. From this it is plain that the throne of God is the heart or soul of man, fit as abiding place, from which to wield the scepter of divine love, virtue and charity, etc., which may be comprehended as the spirit of God.

It matters not so much whence we come, or whither we go, as what we are doing now. The ever-present is the best opportunity Eternity affords for any improvement, and our future depends upon what we are making of ourselves in this life. The golden streets and corresponding clothes to wear are free for all, but heavenly merit must be wrought by way of God-like deeds.

The man who toils with might or main,  
Within the walls of sin,  
Is not the man that God inspires;  
There is no God in him.  
The man who toils with might or main,  
The bread of Heaven to win,  
No matter what his garb may be,  
My faith is strong for him.  
Begging for Divine favor,  
Then wait for God to bring it,  
Is just too simple for a man  
Who has means to win it.  
Paulsboro, N. J.

### Spiritual Evolution.

W. J. COWEN.

Evolution is perceptible in religious thought as well as in scientific and philosophic lines of knowledge. It is the law of the universe and is characteristic of every demonstration of divine power. We enter upon the finite plane of life undeveloped; from a child we progress to manhood, from manhood to old age, from the finite to the infinite, from the lower planes of earth-life to the higher phases of spiritual development.

The earth, in the beginning, was not as it now is. The various stages of evolution, from a mere collection of atoms without form, or definite design, to the globe of to-day, is a study that has occupied the attention of the keenest brains for ages. That the world was made in six days no reasonable person believes.

The mind of man is too feeble to grasp the truths conveyed in the process of world-building and in the great universe. Millions of worlds are still undergoing the same development that once characterized this globe.

The history of the human race is one of evolution, an evolution from savagry to civilization. The Jewish race began in the Garden of Eden, so the records inform us. Knowledge of architecture, of art, of literature, of invention, was not known at this period of the history of man. Thousands of years ago, the people of India gave to the world their conception of what transpired in the remote past. From China we glean from ancient records some idea of the condition of the world in these former evolutionary stages. What can we learn from these records? We learn that every race of people was in an undeveloped condition.

If evolution is the universal law of nature, if we, as individuals and as a nation, have progressed in science, in literature, in art, in invention, why then should we still cling to a religious philosophy which has its origin in the undeveloped thought of the past? Why not formulate a system of religious, moral and social ethics, in touch

with the progressive stage of the present day? We have discarded the old conditions; we have established a higher form of government. Our laws are the result of advanced ideas. Justice gives to all freedom of thought. With all this progress, we are still enslaved to the credal thought of the past ages.

We know that life is continued beyond the grave—that the soul continues to progress after leaving the physical body; that death, so-called, is merely a process of nature necessary to the soul's progressive career. The soul upon the finite plane is in its primary stage of evolution. This earth is only the infant stage of our career. Other spheres and planes of existence await us, when, obeying the law of nature, we lay aside the physical garment and assume the spiritual form of the spirit and enter upon the higher responsibilities and duties of a spiritual existence. Evolution is a characteristic of the soul and is the foundation thought of the philosophy of Spiritualism.

### Songs for Circles, etc.

ABBY A. JUDSON.

What we need for our meetings is a singing-book with plain, durable covers, on good paper, with clear, large type for both words and music, with the songs all adapted to progress and to spiritualistic thought, with most of the tunes familiar to everybody, and the books to be procured at what everyday people consider a reasonable price. Every one of the conditions named above is found in the new book, "Inspiration's Voice," by H. W. Boozer, of Grand Rapids, Mich., which contains the words and music of 72 songs.

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Of course, everyone will find some songs that he would not have put in. There were one or two that I would have left out. But when I found that the one I liked least was especially liked by a lady spiritualistic friend in whom I have great confidence, I concluded that it would be unwise to take exceptions, and of course a leader is not obliged to give out those he does not fancy.

There are such tunes as Happy Day; Come, Thou Fount; Last Rose of Summer, Hold the Fort, Martyn, Marseillaise, I'm a Pilgrim, Annie Laurie, Home, Sweet Home, Maryland, and so on, and all adapted to words that a Spiritualist can sing with pleasure. I like especially Bleeding Feet, set to Happy Day, and will give a stanza:

Such love have we beyond the gates  
For all the hurt and sorrow-torn,  
We come when trouble e'er awaits,  
Where pain attends from night to morn.  
Bleeding feet, bleeding feet,  
That give before the strain and heat,  
The stones and roughness that they meet—  
Of you for whom our hearts do beat.  
Bleeding feet, bleeding feet,  
That give before the strain and heat!

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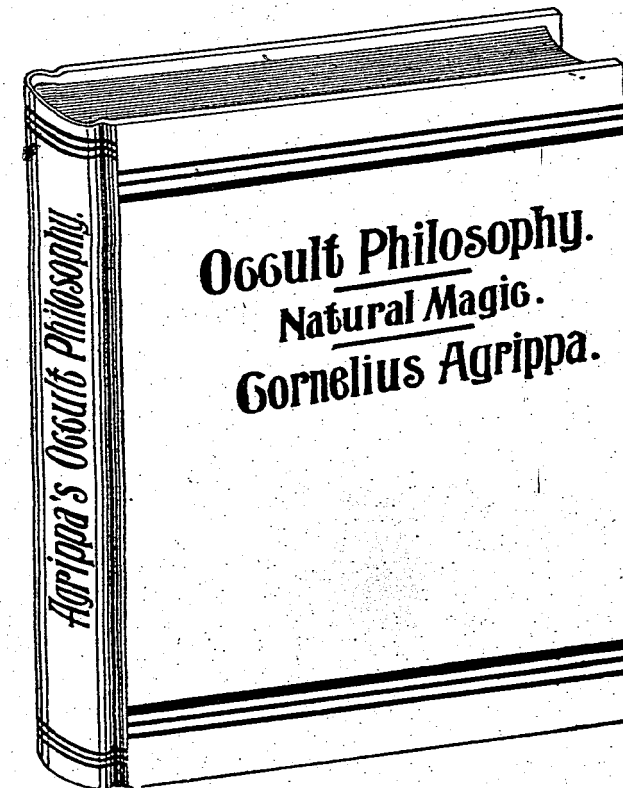
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SAN FRANCISCO, DECEMBER 1, 1900.

The Torture of the negro Porter in Colorado recently is but an indication of the tendency of the times. Spiritualists do not believe in punishment, much less in torture. Crime is a disease, and will succumb to proper treatment. Try it.

Mistaken Quotations are often misleading and always amusing. The words of Socrates: "Man, know thyself," are often attributed to Jesus, and "The Calf Path," a poem by Sam Walter Foss, has been credited to nearly all the rhyesters on the list. General Tecumseh Sherman said: "War is hell"; but Ingersoll is getting the questionable glory for the invention of the classic phrase.

Hypnotism is one of the most difficult subjects to investigate, for the exploiter often falls a victim, and is himself exploited. No person should speak dogmatically on the subject, nor will he if he has drank deeply at the fountain of occult science. Self-hypnotism is more common than most of us know.

Thanksgiving should not be neglected because its highest and best purposes have been perverted. Gratitude is one of the chief spiritual graces, and, like mercy, it is twice blessed. The cultivation of a spirit of thankfulness in the individual toward the universal tends upward and makes for good.

Missionaries.—Mr. and Mrs. Sprague of 55 Wayne St., Fort Wayne, Indiana, seem to mean business. They have been assigned to the States of Indiana and Pennsylvania by the N. S. A. and have started in on a business basis. May their number increase.

Lyman C. Howe commences an engagement to lecture in Salem, Mass., on Jan. 6.

## Suggestion.

The opponents of the spirit hypothesis are ever ready with the word "suggestion" as an explanation of the phenomena of mediumship. The radical Free-Thinker still quotes the frenzied utterances of pseudo Christian evangelists as the teachings of modern Christianity. Even those who claim to be leaders of spiritual thought are still citing instances of their early experience, where "suggestion" played an important part. We could do the same if we were engaged in clogging the machinery of progress.

We can name several mediums, and give their addresses, who have guides who are not susceptible to "suggestion." We are not seeking controversy, nor will we enter into any; but we believe in the spirit hypothesis, and stand ready to offer proof of its genuineness, under conditions which preclude the possibility of collusion. We speak to honest investigators, not to those who "would not believe, though one rose from the dead." It has become quite "the thing" to slur mediumship, and apply ridicule where argument fails.

It is time for Spiritualists to rally and take a stand for what we know to be the truth. No charltans need apply.

## The Joys of Heaven.

The Boston *Investigator* tersely disposes of this subject as follows:

The joys of heaven, as commonly portrayed, no sensible person cares about, and could not endure for a day, much less eke out an eternity in this silly performance. Singing senseless psalms for endless ages is about as stupid an idea of heavenly felicity as the human mind can picture. A great many people's notion of heaven is where this pious exercise shall cease. There is nothing particularly angelic in white robes and round faces, and the dreary monotony of the popular heaven is not inviting to a person healthy inside and out.

A Manly Stand.—The Rev. Arthur Creasy of Oswego, Kansas, on a recent Sunday morning, made the following statement from his pulpit:

I shall no longer ride on railroads for half fare; what is good enough for you is sufficient for me. Please do not discount goods to me because I am a preacher. I ought to pay my taxes and my church should not be exempt.

Christ did not borrow, beg or beseech His bread, but bought it like other men. If I am His follower, I will pay my way as He did.

Pray Without Ceasing is the true prayer. Those who form the habit of praying only when prompted by fear will eventually discover that they have fallen heir to a "gold brick" all done up in tissue paper. We get about what we deserve, prayer or no prayer; but the aspiration for the highest is always elevating.

## Spiritual Philosophy.

Some Spiritualists, of the old school, who have become crystallized in the belief that all knowledge ceased with their progress, are assailing modern workers through the press and from the platform, claiming that the rising generation of spiritual teachers are ignorant and uncultured, and intimate that all scientific knowledge and philosophical culture will die with them.

Not so! The world is moving on, and the editorial chairs, as well as the public platforms, are occupied by men and women who are representatives of the most advanced thought of the day. The definition and meaning of words and phrases are constantly changing.

For instance, the word "philosophy" as it is used to-day has a vastly different meaning from its definition a hundred years ago. A philosopher to-day is one who seeks to know the causes of things, and philosophy is an explanation of the causes which produce the varied phenomena of life; and the application of the knowledge thus gained to practical existence.

Spiritualism is a science, but it is a spiritual science. The material science of some of these old-time teachers is the "letter that killeth." Some Spiritualist papers have been giving much space to this kind of "science" of late, to the detriment of the Cause.

Spiritualist Societies should be organized and maintained in every community where ten Spiritualists reside. The secret of successful organization has been solved, and parties interested may profit by the following suggestion: Organizations are not for the purpose of benefiting you, but to give you an opportunity to benefit others.

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## Local News Summary.

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

**Mediums' Protective Association.**—The entertainment given by this society on Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, in Crystal Hall, 909 Market St., despite the pouring rain, was fairly well attended, and the program was the best ever presented by this society. Mrs. Jennie Robinson presided and the music was provided by Miss Alice Helms, Mr. H. A. Griffin and Mrs. Alfred Seal. The program was: Piano solo, Miss Alice Helms; remarks by President W. T. Jones; song, Mr. Bartholdi; dramatic reading, Melville Meyer; fancy dance, Baby Eberhardt; duet, Mr. and Miss Bartholdi; recitation, Chas. Steacy; song, Mrs. Francese Rogers. Every number was encored. The ice cream furnished by Mrs. G. W. Shriner was served free, and the dancing under the direction of Mr. Karl Eberhardt was enjoyed by all. The program will be repeated, with several additions, in the same hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 4. Admission, 10 cents. A valuable quilt will be raffled.

**Scottish Hall.**—The stormy night kept many away from this popular meeting last Sunday evening. Mrs. G. W. Shriner, Mrs. H. A. Griffin and Mr. H. E. Hargrave occupied the platform, and their spiritual work was of a high order.

**Occidental Hall.**—Mrs. Sarah Seal spoke last Sunday evening on "Ancient Bible Mediumship," followed by spirit messages by Mme. Young. The music by Prof. Young and Prof. Bothwell-Brown is always good, and is one of the factors of success in these meetings.

**20 Eddy St.**—The subject for discussion last Sunday afternoon was "Atonement," and proved to be of considerable interest. Music by Miss Lee. A careful analysis of words reveals the need of a new dictionary which shall be up to date.

**Clairville, Cal.**—Mrs. Albert Smith writes of some remarkable spirit manifestations through her mediumship. Having been stricken suddenly ill, she was restored to health in a few hours by spirit power. Mrs. Smith is one of many psychics who are doing a quiet but effectual work, which, in the aggregate, is a mighty power, and is moving the world in the direction of better conditions.

**Earle** in Pythian Castle last Sunday evening, attracted a goodly number to witness the psychic demonstrations through his mediumship and that of Miss Myrtle Marion. They still hold the interest of the people in public, as well as in private. Their office has been removed to 305 Taylor St., corner of Ellis.

**Dr. H. K. Emerson** and Mrs. Emerson, recently from St. Louis, Mo., have located at 1916 Market St., San Francisco. They are Spiritualists of the order called philosophical, and promise to be a valuable addition to the working force of our spiritual propaganda.

**Mission Lyceum.**—The children's character and costume party given in Mission Opera Hall, 2131 Mission St., on Saturday evening, Nov. 24, was essentially a "children's" party. Miss Alice Bond was chairman of the Committee of Arrangements and presented the following program:

Overture, Miss Alice Helms; recitation, Miss Barbara Molitor; song, Miss Nagle; recitation, Frankie Close; Fan dance, Arleine Nesbit; vocal solo, Miss Daisy Place; fancy dance, Baby Eberhardt; recitation, Miss Gertie Sullivan; character song, Miss Mabel Pfeifer; cake walk, Roscoe Pfeifer and Miss Lilly Bearn; specialties, Miss Claire White; sailors' hornpipe, Charley Tracy. There followed a grand march and social dance, under the direction of Mr. W. T. Jones, conductor. Music by Miss Helms. Most of the Lyceum children were in costume, representing some nationality or condition of life, and the effect was very pleasing.

**Friendship Hall.**—This meeting was well attended last Sunday evening despite the stormy night. Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Meyer entertained the audience with messages from the psychic realm.

**Ladies' Aid.**—The Wednesday afternoon meeting of last week was principally taken up with arrangements for the coming bazaar to be held on the last day of November and the first day of December, Friday and Saturday, at 305 Larkin St., in Occidental Hall. There will be a lunch at noon, and supper in the evening of each day, a quilting party in the afternoon, and an entertainment and dance at night. You can't afford to miss this, for the object is charitable, and the society has earned the support of all who desire to co-operate in altruistic work.

**McKenzie's Musical Society** gave its twenty-sixth musicale and hop in Native Sons' Hall, on Thursday evening, Nov. 22. Always good, there was a marked improvement in the last exhibition over all preceding ones. The McKenzie Musical Conservatory is located at 305 Larkin St.

**Hermetic Brotherhood.**—The open meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 22, at 509 Van Ness Ave. discussed "miscellaneous" subjects. Mrs. Francese Rogers, Mrs. Germaine and Mr. Geo. S. Beasley furnished the music. Mrs. Titcomb read a paper on the objects and aims of the Hermetic Brotherhood. Mr. Rockwood discoursed on "Atoms," and Mrs. Rogers spoke of the "Astral Light." There will be no meeting on Thanksgiving evening.

**Married** at the home of Mrs. S. Cowell, 414 E. 18th St., Oakland, Calif., on Nov. 10, at 8 p. m., Mr. C. W. Lewis and Miss S. Kaye, both of San Jose. Mrs. Cowell officiated at this interesting ceremony. Mrs. Lewis, nee Miss S. Kaye, was a well-known medium in San Jose.

**Mrs. York** left last week to join her husband, Dr. J. L. York in Seattle. Their address until further notice will be 711 Lee St., Seattle, Wash.

**Mrs. S. Cowell** will occupy the platform at Fraternal Hall, Oakland, alone during this month. She always draws full houses.

**Mrs. J. J. Whitney**, the celebrated platform medium, will on next Sunday, Dec. 2, commence her Sunday evening meetings in Whitney Hall, 1164 O'Farrell St., between Franklin and Gough Sts.; the Ellis St. cars pass the door. She will give demonstrations in occult and psychic phenomena in a most convincing manner, and will answer appropriate questions through her spirit guides. Her telephone number is Hyde 2461.

**Oakland Psychical Society.**—The inclemency of the weather last Sunday did not prevent an appreciative audience from hearing Mrs. Annie Gillespie at 11 a. m. in Woodman's Hall. At the evening service, questions given by the audience were answered very satisfactorily, followed by messages—not sensational—but those words from the loved ones that the soul longs to hear. Mrs. Gillespie gives names with wonderful accuracy, and is one of the best test mediums an Oakland audience has ever listened to. We are glad to note that San Francisco is well represented every Sunday evening. The Psychical Society, having Mr. Lillie as musical director, is sure of being entertained with excellent music.

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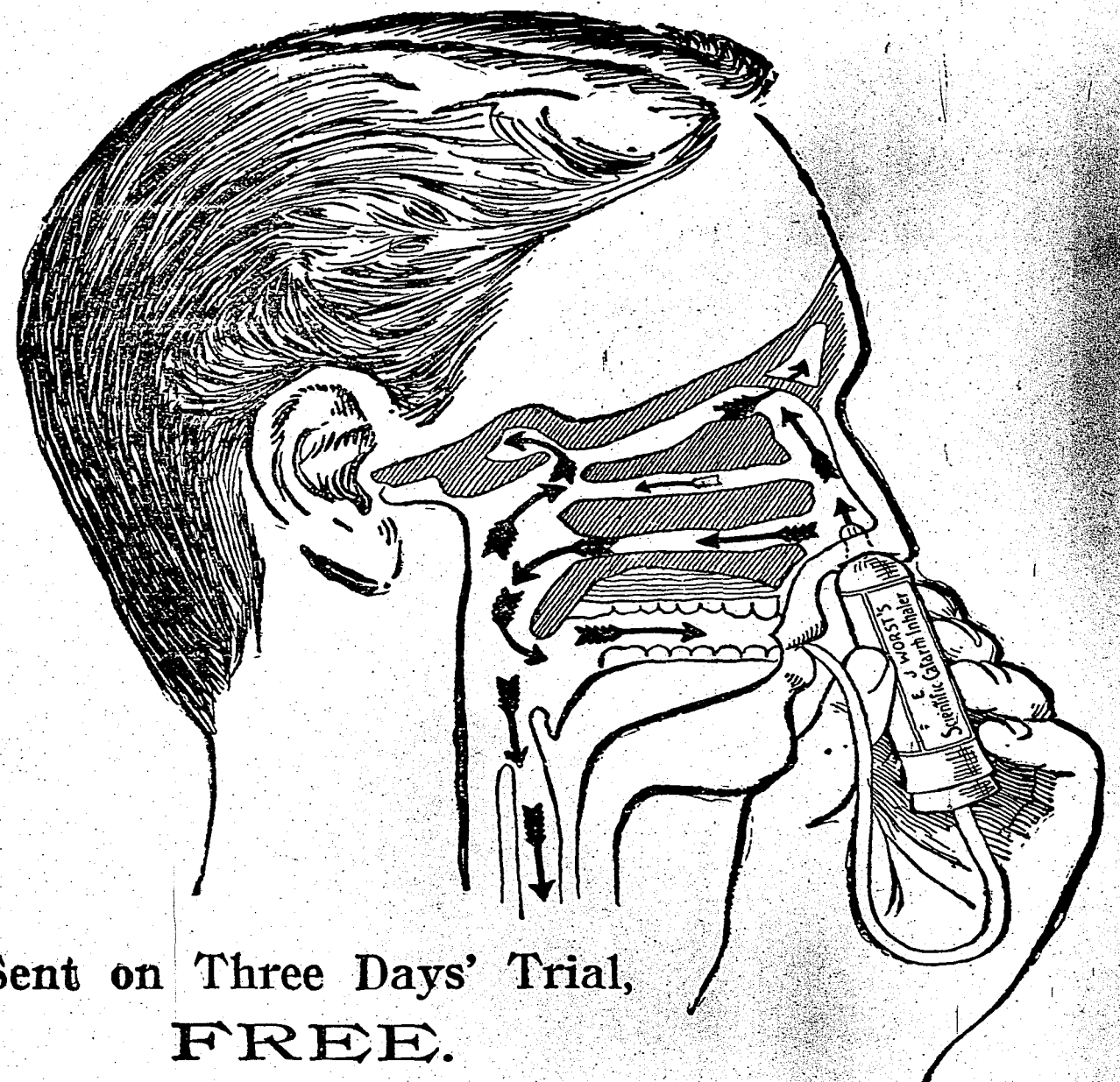
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