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DEFEAT.

Defeat should never mean despair;
Fate leads us here and leads us there.
Thro' checkered paths, thro' shade and sun
Our earthly pilgrimages run.

In climbing to the mountain's crown,
Full oft the road seems winding down.
In search of goals we find a wall;
But God's large wisdom rules us all.

Fate's cruelest hindrance and delay
Is but to guide a better way.
Who strives his noblest tow'rd an end
And fails, may call defeat his friend,

And know that behind his loss must be
Some hidden good he cannot see.
In life's experience book I read
This motto for each soul to heed,
Emblazoned there in lines of light:
The unavoidable is right!

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

AS WE SEE IT.

"There are no new things under the sun."—Solomon.

"There are millions of new things under the sun."—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

With all thy wisdom, thou wast blind, O king!
Each morn reveals new pleasures to mine eyes.
In each day's dawn I find a new surprise,
Some rarer grace discover in each spring.
New notes resound in songs the wild birds sing.
A different beauty in each red rose lies,
And fresh emotions in the heart arise,
As some new joy the changing seasons bring;
New friendships, new experiences, unfold.
Each new year holds a splendor all its own.
New worlds are found as solar systems roll.
New faiths are born more glorious than the old.
New radiance shines back from the Great Unknown.
Each year I find new depths in my own soul.

Somebody has said that after the Bible and Shakespeare there is nothing new left for anybody to say. Ever since I could handle a pen I have been told it was presumptuous for anybody to write, since hundreds of years ago great poets and great authors said everything that was worth saying.

This may be true. The sun rose billions of years ago; yet lamps, gas and electric lights lend cheer and brightness the civilized world over! And out on the meadow little glow-worms light the path for

As the time approached for the engineer's departure, I cabled to Judge Thompson to remit the £200 immediately. As I got no response and no remittance, I cabled again, having meantime received notice from the solicitor of the engineer in Glasgow that if the £200 should not be paid during the banking hours of the next Friday, the agreement would be cancelled, and I should be personally held in damages for the non-payment of the \$200.

On Thursday afternoon preceding the Friday referred to, being anxious about the situation, I resolved upon a practical test as to whether my so-called guides in the ethereal world could give me any information or assistance. I therefore asked the sensitive then in my service to walk with me in the gardens of the Embankment near Charing Cross, and to place himself in a passive condition, and at the service of the controlling intelligences. I was very careful to give the medium no hint about my business affairs or what I was seeking to ascertain. He was presently controlled by what appeared to be a negro boy, who died in one of the Southern States of America, and who spoke to me as follows:

"Massa Shaw, you want to know where Judge Thompson is?" I replied: "Yes, I do very much." He then said: "Your guides tell me to say he is not in New York." I replied: "Then ask them where he is." The darkie replied: "Dunno, massa; I go try find him." The medium came to his normal state for about five minutes, and then passing suddenly under control again, commenced, rubbing his hands and laughing heartily, saying: "Oh, Massa Shaw, I've found him, I've found him." "Where is he?" said I. "At the Windsor Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa." I immediately cabled to Judge Thompson, Windsor Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, informing him that I had not received the money.

On the following day I waited anxiously for a reply; and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, whilst sitting in the American Exchange at Charing Cross, a clerk from Brown, Shipley & Co., London, brought me a check for £200, which they had that day received from the Park Bank in New York, with instructions to deliver the same to me. I immediately telegraphed this money by means of the Exchange, to the solicitor of the engineer in Glasgow, and I subsequently learned that five minutes before the close of banking hours of that day, and while the engineer was sitting in the solicitor's office, with his watch in his hand, and had just finished saying to his solicitor, "Now, in five minutes

BORDERLAND

A Theater Incident.

Many curious things happen to dreamers. I went to the theater lately and a well-dressed young woman, occupying a rear orchestra chair, was suddenly seized by the shoulders during the last act by a man who sat behind her. She was shaken so violently that her teeth chattered. She uttered a faint scream, while her escort, starting from his seat, grabbed her assailant, gave him a lively shaking, and cried out: "Are you drunk or crazy?" The man spoken to suddenly let go of the young woman; he looked in a puzzled way at his questioner, rubbed his eyes as if just awakening from a sound sleep.

At last he said: "I beg the lady's pardon. I didn't know what I was doing. I dreamed I was saving a child from drowning and that I was pulling it out of the water." The man's manner and tones made it evident that he was telling the truth, and his apology was accepted, in time to quiet what threatened to be a rather unpleasant scene.—Sel.

A Clear Case.

A negotiation of considerable importance had been entrusted to me by Judge Thompson, of New York City, relative to a proposed railway construction in the State of Illinois. I had engaged the services of a railway engineer of Glasgow (Scotland) to inspect the railway surveys and personally go over the ground of the proposed construction. The date for his departure had been fixed upon, and his preliminary fee of £200 agreed to be paid, which sum was, by arrangement, to be telegraphed to me by Judge Thompson from New York.



Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Whose Poetry Has Charmed the World.

love's wings to fly, irrespective of the fact that the sun had risen in China and will rise here to-morrow. Everything is old or new, stale or fresh, according to our point of view.

It is fortunate to have a common turn of mind and to find common things entertaining. To some the eternal panorama of the seasons is always a new experience. Every spring is a re-birth into early youth. When we realize that no two faces or people were ever encountered who were quite the same, it is a fact to marvel over.

When I encounter the blase youth who is enchanted with life because he has seen, felt and experienced everything, I am amused by his egotism and sorry for his blindness. Why not look again, O youth? Why not feel again—and experience again? You will find no two sunrises or sunsets the same. You will feel a new joy and a new pain with each old experience if you take note of your sensations, and you will find life surprisingly interesting if you get out of your linen-box of conceit and look about you a bit. It is no evidence of large experience to be blase. It is only an evidence of undeveloped powers of appreciating small miracles and vast blessings—or else it is an indication of impaired digestion and overtaxed emotions.

Solomon was wise in some things and foolish in others, I fear, or he would never have become so sated with all things. The true wisdom lies in keeping a reserve fund of pleasure in life to the end.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

more I shall be released from my contract, and you must hold Mr. Shaw in damages for the non-payment of this money," the clerk from the Glasgow bank walked into the solicitor's office and handed over the £200, which, of course, they were obliged to accept.—*Roland Shaw in Light.*

Telepathic Treatment.

One day I entered the Unitarian church in St. Louis and took my seat a few minutes before 11 o'clock. At once I received a telepathic message that a lawyer friend of mine in Kansas City, Kas., was needing my help. I immediately went into the silence and gave him a vigorous treatment. A few days later when I met him he said: "You got my appeal to you last Sunday about 11 a. m. I was suffering dreadfully from a headache, and was wishing very much for you, when you appeared to me, as plainly as I ever saw you with physical eyes, and I was relieved."—*The Life.*

Hypnotized a Trio.

Citizens of Waterbury, Conn., are talking about Joseph C. Lang, who hypnotized three young men by telephone. The subjects were three miles away, but he put them to sleep with ease.

Lang works for the Scovil Manufacturing Co., and he has studied hypnotism for more than a year. He was in Kiesel's drug store, at North Main and East Farm Sts., when he declared that he could put men in a hypnotic sleep by talking to them through the telephone. His friends scoffed, then hurriedly called together three young men, at McCarthy's drug store, on Main St., near West Clay, nearly three miles from Kiesel's. With the subjects were a dozen of Lang's friends. Several of these men spoke to Lang over the wire, and there were witnesses to certify that he was actually there.

Then Robert Danielson stepped up to the phone in McCarthy's and said: "This is Danielson."

"Sleep! Slee-ee-eep!" said Lang into the transmitter of Kiesel's phone. He was frowning. There was a look of stern command in his eye.

"Slee-ee-eep!" he said. "You're going to sleep! Go deep! sleep!"

Danielson held the telephone receiver pressed close to his ear. He made no reply. His eyes at first were open, but resting on vacancy. Gradually his eyelids began to flutter. His head dropped forward. His eyes closed and the telephone receiver fell from his hand. Danielson would have fallen, too, had not two of the watchers caught him and supported him to a chair.

Two others followed with like results, and the science of hypnotism was again demonstrated.—*Waterbury News.*

Spiritual Symposium.

(Continued from last week.)

Prof. J. C. F. Zollner, Professor of Physical Astronomy at the University of Leipzig, member of the Royal Saxon Society of Sciences, Foreign Member of the Royal Astronomical Society of London, of the Imperial Academy of Natural Philosophers at Moscow, Honorary Member of the Physical Association, Frankfurt, of the Scientific Society of Psychological

Studies at Paris, etc., of the British National Association of Spiritualists, London, says:

"We have acquired proof of the existence of an invisible world which can enter into relations with humanity."

Prof. Broferio, Milan; Prof. Margheiri, Naples.

Prof. R. von Esenbech, President Royal Academy of Sciences-Germany.

Dr. Michael San Benito, Professor of Metaphysics, Barcelona.

Prof. Mapes, U. S. A.; Prof. Falcomer, Alexandria.

Prof. James H. Hyslop says:

"I shall not remain by the spiritistic theory if a better one can be obtained to explain the phenomena. I advance it simply as a hypothesis that will explain the facts. . . There is no other explanation but Spiritualism."

Dr. Richard Hodgson, LL.D., a prominent member of the British Society for Psychical Research, and Secretary of the American one.

Dr. Ashburner (one of the Queen's Physicians) author of Animal Magnetism and Spiritualism.

Dr. Garth Wilkinson, M. D., M. R. C. S. E., F. R. G. S., author of Human Science, The Greater Origins and Issues of Life and Death, Life of Swedenborg, etc.

Dr. Paul Gibier, Director of the Pasteur Institute, New York, Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, author of Spiritualism ou Fakirisme, Psychism, Analysis of Things Existing, etc.

Dr. Paul Gibier, whose recent loss to science and Spiritualism is deeply to be regretted, contends, in his interesting "Analysis of Things," which has for its sub-title, "An Essay upon the Science of the Future," that the proof of man's possessing a consciousness which survives the change called death, has been already established by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

Dr. E. D. Babbitt, author Principles of Light and Color, Human Culture and Cure, Religion, as Revealed by the Material and Spiritual Universe, etc., Dean of the Eclectic College of Fine Forces, California.

Dr. George Sexton, M. A., LL.D., F. A. S., author of Scientific Materialism, etc.

Dr. J. M. Gully, M. D., Royal College of Surgeons, London, and Royal Psychical Society, Edinburgh, author of Neuro-pathology and Nervousness, says:

"After two years' investigation of the fact and numerous seances, I have not the smallest doubt and have the strongest conviction that such materialization takes place, and that not the slightest attempt at trick or deception is fairly attributable to any one who assisted at Miss Cook's seances."

Dr. William Hitchman, M. D., LL.D., M. R. C. S. E., F. L. S., F. R. P. S., Edinburgh, Consulting Surgeon Cancer Hospital, Leeds, author of Lectures on Intellectual Philosophy, etc.

Dr. J. M. Peebles, M. D., the celebrated traveler, author and speaker, formerly U. S. Consul at Trebizond, author of Seers of the Ages, Immortality—Our Homes and Employments in the Spirit World, Three Journeys Around the World, Death Defeated, Christ Question Settled, etc.

Dr. James Esdaile, M. D., Medical Officer of the Hon. East India Co., Superintendent of the Hoogly Hospital, Calcutta, author of Letters from the Red Sea, Mesmerism in India, etc.

Dr. Justinus Kerner, author, poet, antiquarian and psychologist.

Dr. Eugene Crowell, author Identity of Primitive Christianity and Modern Spiritualism.

Dr. J. B. Motherwell, member of Council Melbourne University.

Dr. Godfrey Howitt, brother of William Howitt.

Dr. Carter Blake, lecturer on Comparative Anatomy at Westminster Hospital.

Dr. Hallock, New York, says:

"Spiritualism is no new problem that ought to have taken the disciples of scientist by surprise."

Dr. F. L. Nicholls, M. D., F. A. S., author of Esoteric Anthropology, etc., says:

"I have in my possession direct writings and drawings, done under absolute test conditions by departed spirits, with whose handwriting I am familiar as with my own."

Dr. Guilo Belfiore; Dr. Stanhope Templeman Speer; Dr. Kane, Arctic explorer; Dr. Aceveto; Dr. G. Gerosa, Professor of Physics; Dr. Capuano; Dr. F. L. H. Willis; Dr. W. Lindsay Richardson; Dr. Stodart; Dr. Augustus Mueller; Dr. C. W. Rohner.

Drs. Berigny and Hickson, Homeopaths.

Lord Adare; Lord Dunraven.

Alexander Aksakof, Privy Councillor to Emperor of Russia, editor of *Psychic Studien*.

Lord Brougham, statesman, says:

"Even in the most cloudless skies of skepticism I see a raincloud, if it be no bigger than a man's hand, it is Modern Spiritualism."

Baron Carl du Prel, Munich, says:

"One thing is clear: that psychography must be ascribed to a transcendental origin. We shall find that the hypothesis of prepared slates is inadmissible. The place in which the writing is found is quite inaccessible to the hands of the medium. This intelligence can read, write, and understand the language of human beings, frequently such as is unknown to the medium. These beings are therefore, although invisible, of human nature, or species. It is no use whatever to fight against this proposition."

Major General Drayson, astronomer.

Camille Flammarion, astronomer, author of The Unknown.

Camille Flammarion, the famous astronomer, remarks that although Spiritualism is not a religion but a science, yet the day may come when religion and science will be united in one single synthesis.

Trowbridge, astronomer; Goldschmidt, astronomer; Baron Guldenstube; Baron and Baroness Von Vay; Garibaldi.

Alexander von Humboldt—the Shakespeare of Science.

Prince George of Solms.

Baron Hellenbach, scientist, author of Birth and Death, as a Change of Form and Perception.

Joseph Jefferson, actor.

Mr. (and Mrs.) S. C. Hall, F. S. A., editor *Art Journal*; writers, say:

"The mockers and scoffers at Spiritualism are almost exclusively those who have seen nothing of it, know nothing about it, and will not inquire concerning it."

Blake and Flaxman, painters.

Laurence Oliphant, author.

Mrs. Oliphant, author of Little Pilgrim in the Unseen, Old Lady Mary, etc.

Nassau William Sr., late Master in Chancery and twice Professor of Political Economy in the University of Oxford.

Hudson Tuttle, author Arcana of Nature, Arcana of Spiritualism, Religion of Man, Studies in Psychic Science, etc., says:

"Spiritualism is the knowledge of everything pertaining to the spiritual nature of man; and, as spirit is the moving force of the universe in its widest scope, it grasps the domain of Nature. It embraces all that is known, and all that ever can be known. It is Cosmopolitan Eclecticism, receiving all that is good, and rejecting all that is bad."

Epes Sargent, editor Boston

Transcript, author Scientific Basis of Spiritualism, Proof Palpable of Immortality, The Standard Speaker, Planchette, the Despair of Science, and 22 vols. on Etymology.

Harriet Beecher Stowe says:

"One of the deepest and most imperative cravings of the human heart, as it follows its beloved ones beyond the veil, is, for some, assurance that they still love and care for us. . . They have overcome, have risen, are crowned, glorified; but still they remain to us our assistants, our comforters, and in every hour of darkness their voice speaks to us."

Rationale of Spiritualism.

J. P. COOKE.

Clairvoyance, interior perception, is the mark of a true medium—one professing to have direct intercourse with the spirit, the Inner Light. They profess pure, disinterested devotion and aspire to a more direct intercourse with divine beings than through the revelations of tradition. Not through the external senses, but through the inward perception of the mind—the spiritual faculties. To them the worship of light is holy. It is light which is pure and which purifies all things. This is at the heart of the spiritual philosophy.

In the East this true Spiritualism, mystic as it is, came to its free completion and showed the real nature of its opposition to reflective thought and mediated knowledge. It is an attempt to reach ultimate reality by immediate contact with it. It is skeptical as regards the power of inference to know the absolute. It takes refuge from complete skepticism in the faith in its power to be the absolute; to identify itself with the spirit—the light of life. It makes the attempt to pass beyond all sense-knowledge about the truth and comes into immediate contact with the true.

In this phase of thought we see that sharp dualism which is the foundation of all thoroughgoing spirit philosophy. We know that there are beings who are dwelling in Divine light. We know there are mortal entities who dwell in darkness on the earth and in the earth. Jesus was such a mystic when he went about among the inhabitants of Judea, declaring to them all "that they were filled with darkness, and that nothing but the knowledge of God, the inner light, could free them." "This knowledge was the bread of life." The soul is competent to rise above intuition and lose itself in its union with God.

The mystics of Islam, the "Sufi," have taught the doctrines for ages. Various forms of "Trance" are illustrations of these principles. The facts of conscious experience will stand and testify for themselves. They speak the truth, the whole truth, so far as they can determine.

The sensuous vision being bounded by the material sphere, its objects being there and only there, with them we must be content, on that plane. The soul has the domain of the spirit, untrodden forests to explore, silent and trackless ways to follow, the mystery of life to rest in, the light of life to walk by, fountains and floods of living water, stary firmaments of thought, continents of reason, zones of law. With such domain it must surely be satisfied. To bring the finite mind into harmonious rapport with the great Positive Divine Mind, the primal mathematical thought of the universe is his spiritual ambition.

Individuality and spirituality were the prime characteristics of the teaching of Jesus. The soul is regarded as standing immediately in relation to its maker, as if it were hardly necessary to turn the inner eye upon its object in order to come directly into relation with God. The earlier dualism of Nature is transformed into one of will, and its resolution is but an act of the will by which the soul is brought into harmony with the inner Central Light. As Wordsworth deftly sings:

Life, I repeat, is energy of love,
Divine or human; exercised in pain,
In strife and tribulation, and ordained,
If so approved and sanctified, to pass
Thro' shades and silent rest, to endless joy.

Practical Spiritualism.

LYMAN C. HOWE.

People differ as to the nature of the practical. I have known men of fair intelligence who regarded nothing practical that did not directly contribute to the financial benefit, or physical needs of this life. Music, art, grammar, mathematics—above the ability to compute interest—geology, astronomy, history, philosophy, and every study that does not serve physical needs, are, to such, useless.

In estimating the value of Spiritualism, this class (and they represent the great majority) can see no value in it, even if true, unless it helps them to get rich, or take some advantage of their neighbors in a legal way, or supplies some physical comfort, or some gain that can be used and exhausted in this world. To eat when hungry is a benefit they can appreciate, and whatever supplies the luxuries to gratify appetite is a good thing, and practical. But that which feeds the soul, disciplines the mind, enlarges the sphere of thought and feeling, and enables one to get the superior wealth out of life, and become fitted for progressive immortality, is, to such, of no practical value.

If a medium is unfolded to give scientific evidence of a future life, they may—if skeptical—see a use in it, thus far, or they may push it aside as having no value to them, since they are living for to-day only; and what is to be, does not concern them. As great a man as Prof. Huxley, the founder of modern agnosticism, said, when invited to investigate Spiritualism: "Even if true, the subject does not interest me!" A man of his intellectual capacity may be excused; for he was preoccupied with a variety of profound questions of scientific importance which absorbed his time and his thought; but it is likely that if he had realized that Spiritualism is a science, capable of limitless application, and endless variations, ample for the employment of his talent for countless ages without exhausting its resources, he might have become profoundly interested in it, and sought its problems above all other sciences. But the *mediocre quidnunc* has no such ideals. If he cannot eat it, or wear it for warmth or ornament, or coin it into money, or use it for personal gain, he can see no utility in it.

But a quickened spirit and fruitful thinker sees infinitely more in Spiritualism as an ethical interpreter of life, a revelation of spiritual truths, and a solvent for intellectual and religious problems, than in all the temporal benefits that can be applied to physical needs and desires. To him it

translates the mysteries of life and death into a volume of marvelous beauty and clearness. It impresses each flying moment with a significance that fills the world with promise. It imparts a new fervor to every emotion and every sweet affection, and thrills every experience with a purpose and practical utility that is limitless in its applications. It opens the mines of eternal wealth and makes him their possessor. It gives to hunger a new meaning, to food a new value, to physical pleasures and pains a utility that shall last and grow in fruitions, ages after these corruptible bodies have dissolved and mingled with their kindred clay.

It adds an infinite unction to every religious expression, and inexpressible sweetness to every kiss of love. It inspires confidence in the order of nature, and sets a voiceless eloquence in clay." It makes every day a window of light that opens on an infinite Eden. It puts a joyous song into the lips of despair, a magical thrill in the mother's kiss, a hymn of heaven in the infant's wail and a perpetual benediction into every phase of human life.

The Mystery of Death.

MRS. J. L. YORK.

What is death? Who can tell? 'Tis a word without meaning, for there is no death. Its mystery is change. The undeveloped spirit is clothed, upon its entrance into earthly existence, with a body, for the purpose of sustaining and protecting that life in its probationary tour through earthly existence, for man, or the human life, is on the wheel of evolution, carried forward from the cradle to the grave. That is change. The spirit has thrown off the coarser conditions required in earth-life, and they return again to the elements from whence they came, but the spirit-man still lives clothed upon with clothing more refined and fitted to its advanced condition.

Life is a school, and it has now entered a higher class, been promoted and has better surroundings, enabling him to advance more rapidly in the studies in which he is interested. Life is no fiction. Life is real; life is earnest—the grave is not its goal. 'Tis only the change of cars in life's journey, for the train moves on, freighted with newer, higher hopes and joys. Say not that death ends all, because we can not read the plans and purposes for which man was created.

This great universe, with all its glories, is not one vast graveyard draped in black, but the sun shines, the ever-revolving worlds which swing in space, sing only of life.

Letter from Dr. Muehlenbruch

TO THE EDITOR:

I have received many letters offering sympathy on account of the vindictive attack on me by an editorial in the *Progressive Thinker* dated Nov. 24, 1900. It attacked my psychic gifts (which I dearly prize) and for which I have at times suffered exceedingly, as have many other psychics. It rudely calls my predictions "guess-work," but I can prove to any fair-minded person that, since I began to make predictions for the future, in 1898, 34 of my prophecies of international character have been fulfilled, while only six have been

failures. If this is guess-work, I am proud to possess such a power of correct guessing.

If a desire to be fair had been the motive in criticizing me, the number of these prophecies that had been fulfilled would have been stated, as well as the few that had failed.

Any one who has read my pamphlet will see that on the first inside page, under my Biography, I state that neither I nor my unseen helpers are infallible, but that we are working for the sake of truth, and endeavor to demonstrate that future events can be seen by clairvoyance.

To those who have expressed sympathy to me in this affair, I thus publicly offer my thanks and best thoughts, for we should ever try to help one another up to higher things instead of pulling down to any lower plane.

I wish only for justice and that truth may prevail—holding no animosity against any one, and I earnestly desire the success of all fair and reasonable papers and periodicals devoted to spiritual and progressive thoughts.

MAX MUEHLENBRUCH,
Oakland, Calif.

Believe in Yourself.

If you would succeed up to the limit of your possibilities, hold constantly to the belief that you are success-organized, and that you will be successful, no matter what opposes. Never allow a shadow of doubt to enter your mind that the Creator intended you to win life's battle. Regard every suggestion that your life may be a failure; that you are not made like those who succeed, and that success is not for you, as a traitor, and expel it from your mind as you would a thief from your house.

A man's greatest enemies are his doubts. Resolutely refuse to surround yourself with any army of doubts, fears and anxieties. Vigorously dispel these foes of your success and happiness, or they will undermine your future. Be firmly convinced that you were made in the image of perfection, designed for success and happiness, and that you have the power to strangle the evils which would thwart you.—*Success.*

Divine Power.

Divine Power is not something apart or outside of man. It is just as much a force of his being as muscular or intellectual force is. He simply does not recognize or cultivate it; consequently, it remains latent and he does not realize that he possesses it. All his popular religious education teaches him to look for Divine Power apart from himself—to some God throned in the sky, and calls it blasphemy to look to himself as the source of Divine Power; yet he is told, "the Kingdom of Heaven is within you."—*L. A. Mallory.*

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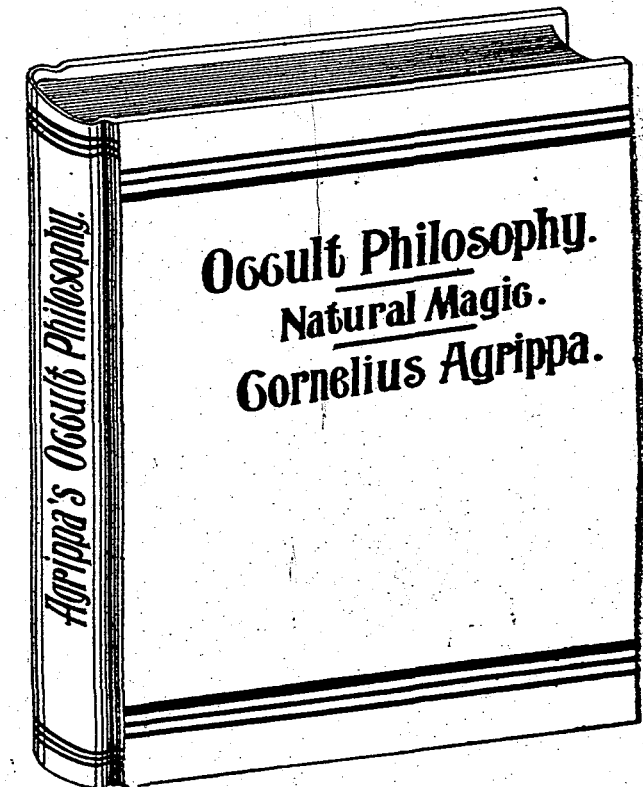
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SAN FRANCISCO, DECEMBER 8, 1900.

I Will must inevitably be superseded by I AM. While you are on the outside assailing the position of the enemy, *I will* is supreme. But when you get inside, and look at the world from that standpoint, you can confidently say I AM. It depends on your point of view.

Prevention is better than cure, and it is better to help keep men out of jail than to make conditions that put them there, and then spend our time in trying to pray them out.

Design in Nature is lacking. The fact of a co-relation of the entities shows adaptation, not creation. A myriad of entities may have been rejected before one appeared that was adapted to the conditions. "Dead men tell no tales" is an adaptation from nature.

Thanksgiving Horror.—To the long list of calamities which has marked this closing year of the century, has been added the collapse of the roof of the Pacific Glass Works, while occupied by a crowd of men and boys witnessing the annual football game at 16th and Folsom Sts., San Francisco. Retorts heated to 500 degrees received some, and others were dashed to death upon the cement floor. A score lost their lives and nearly a hundred were injured. Those who escaped certainly have cause for thanksgiving.

Conscience is sometimes troublesome and even dangerous. The most conscientious monarch Europe ever had was Philip II. of Spain. He wished nothing so much as to help God. Had his God been a good God he would have had a good conscience, but as he was a bad God, Philip's conscience made him the pest of Europe and the shame of history.

The Tyranny of Custom was exemplified recently in the death of Phoebe Cary. She told those about her that she had always wanted to wear a white dress, but being of a dark complexion, it was not thought suitable or becoming. "But when I am dead perhaps I can wear a white dress," she said. Many of us are cherishing the hope that the fondest desires of our hearts will be gratified in death.

There are a few people on earth, however, who dare to teach and practice the philosophy of life, and to hold in contempt the edicts of the court presided over by Mrs. Grundy. We do not consider it the best policy to defer the realization of our ideals too far into the future; for each day brings its responsibilities, and the procession marches so rapidly that some of them are likely to be left behind. The past is gone, the future is uncertain; why not be what we want to be now?

Edward Rowland Sill, once professor of English literature in the University of California, wrote this poem. The philosophy of life is breathed in every line:

Fret not that the day is gone,
And thy task is still undone.
'Twas not thine, it seems, at all:
Near to thee it chanced to fall,
Close enough to stir thy brain,
And to vex thy heart in vain.
Somewhere, in a nook forlorn,
Yesterday a babe was born:
He shall do thy waiting task;
All thy questions he shall ask,
And the answers will be given,
Whispered lightly out of heaven.
His shall be no stumbling feet,
Falling where they should be fleet;
He shall hold no broken clue;
Friends shall unto him be true;
Men shall love him; falsehood's aim
Shall not shatter his good name.
Day shall nerve his arm with light,
Slumber soothe him all the night;
Summer's peace and Winter's storm
Help him all his will perform.
'Tis enough of joy for thee
His high service to foresee.

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Life's Shadows.—Ingersoll said that: "Man stands with his back to the sunrise and mistakes his shadow for God."

And as he approaches the evening time, and the shadow grows longer, the illusion increases.

The emblem of Spiritualism is the sunflower, and it always keeps its face toward the light.

Breakers Ahead, says Clara Watson of Jamestown, N. Y., in the *Progressive Thinker*. Well, we are glad of it, for the monotony of a sea without breakers, or a road without hills and valleys, can only be equaled by a heaven where there is joy without sorrow. Bring on your breakers!

In Line with Progress is the following information from Henry Scharffetter of Baltimore, Md., in the *Banner of Light*:

Mr. Chas. R. Schirm of Baltimore, Md., was elected for Congress, by a large majority in the Fourth Congressional district of Maryland, despite great opposition of the Methodist church element of his district. Mr. Schirm is a young lawyer of marked ability, a staunch Spiritualist, and president of the First Spiritual Church of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Schirm is a fluent speaker and ready debater, with strong mediumistic qualities and marked individuality; he cannot fail to make his mark in Congress—the greatest political arena of the world—and his voice will ever be heard in behalf of liberty and freedom.

Why Not?—"Therefore let us also, seeing that we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."—Heb. xii:1.

Paul was speaking to the Hebrews two thousand years ago; but his advice and suggestions are pertinent to-day. We are still "compassed about" by a "cloud of witnesses," and know that to "run with patience" is good advice. Some of us have learned by experience that it is "hard to kick against the pricks."

Let us Hope that the following from the *Harbinger* of Lahore, India, is true in some cases, at least, and may their tribe increase, whatever their name, who can say it truthfully:

Who is there among the educated that cannot at once point out the pious man by the color of his dress or the cut of his coat? Are not those wise who can fleece their fellows in a clever manner? Those are pure who have a clean face and a well-brushed frock.

Why Not?—The *Temple of Health* has this to say about "Trust":

The doctors of Detroit have taken up the union idea and organized what is called the "Physicians' Business Association." The *Tribune* of that city observes that it might more appropriately be called the Detroit Physicians' and Surgeons' Union, No. 1. The object is primarily to insure payment of fees, or wages, if that word is preferred.

"If an employer refuses to pay his doctor," says the *Tribune*, "or insists on compensating him below the union scale, the doctor will strike, just as the miners have struck—that is, he will refuse to treat him any more. All other union doctors must likewise strike and refuse treatment."

India is a land where all religions were born and where none have died. The oldest form of worship exists beside the latest spiritual philosophy. It is this fact which explains India.

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.

VACCINATION A CURSE AND A MENACE TO PERSONAL LIBERTY, by J. M. Peebles, A. M., M. D., Ph. D. Battle Creek, Michigan: Temple of Health Publishing Co., Upton Court. 326 pp., cloth, gilt. Price, \$1.25. For sale at this office.

Dr. Peebles is a voluminous writer on a variety of subjects, but none of them seem to be of greater interest or importance than the one treated in this book. It contains numerous statistics showing the danger and criminality of compulsory vaccination, and should be a part of the library of every physician and every family. The mechanical construction and attention to detail are faultless, and the illustrations are of a high artistic order. It is one of the best of Dr. Peebles' many literary efforts.

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The picture in gold on the cover, being a patient bound hand and foot—a doctor on the right side, injecting the virus, and a policeman on the left, with a club, compelling the poor, defenseless man to submit to the legal wickedness of poisoning his blood and ruining his health.

The following abstract of its contents will give a good idea of the book:

1. The origin of vaccination, from Jenner's time, and before, to the present.
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11. Testimony of distinguished physicians and surgeons in England, France, Australia and America, against the curse of vaccination.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RESEARCH. Vol. XV. London: Kegan Paul Trench, Trubner & Co., Charing Cross Road, W. C. 448 pp., paper. \$1.00

There are some excellent papers by the president, Mr. F. W. H. Myers and other distinguished scholars, on *The Diving Rod*, *Pseudo Possession*, and other topics of interest to occult students. There is also an account of the five days' session of the Fourth International Congress of Psychology held in Paris in August, 1900, by the president. The rooms of the American branch of this society

are located at 5 Boylston Place, Boston, Mass.

HYPNOTISM, MESMERISM, CLAIRVOYANCE, SUGGESTIVE THERAPEUTICS AND THE SLEEP CURE. 63 pp., paper, gilt. Chicago: The Psychic Research Co., Times-Herald Building. Price, \$5.00.

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HOW TO LIVE FOREVER, by Harry Gaze, Oakland, Cal. Issued from the press of John R. Kelly, 58 San Pablo Ave. 52 pp., paper, gilt. Price, \$1.00.

The idea of physical immortality is argued with such zeal by the author, and so many eminent writers are vigorously pursuing the same line of thought, although employing different methods, investigation of the peculiar theory of immortality by reincarnation, or repeated life, should receive a hearing.

Health Culture, published at New York, has the following to say regarding Mrs. Lida Briggs Browne's latest book, "Words That Burn":

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Harry Gaze has issued the November number of his *Postal Card Journal*. It hails from Oakland, Cal. The price is 25 cents a sample year. The "outside" is devoted to advertisements and the "inside" to bright suggestions. He is also publisher of *Physical Immortality*, formerly the *Advanced Science Journal*.

The *Spiritual Review* for November contains articles of interest on A Seance in China, Borderland Experiences, Mundane Astrology, Matters of Moment, etc. It is edited and published by Mr. J. J. Morse, 26 Osnaburgh St., Euston Road, London, England. Price, 3 pence—10c.

The *Journal of Magnetism* is a new monthly to be published by Mr. Lloyd Jones, at 156 Washington St., Chicago, Ills. When it comes to hand, we will review its contents.

Mind for December contains many interesting articles. Among them are: The Law of Luck, by Dr. Jno. E. Purdon, A. B.; Three Planes of Development, by Chas. Brodie Patterson; Wordless Thoughts and Thoughtless Words, by Alwyn Thurber; Our Thought World, by J. H. Brown, etc. 20c. Alliance Pub. Co., Life Building, New York.

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State of Washington.

TO THE EDITOR:

The State Spiritualists' Association of Washington met in Tacoma, November 22 and 23, in fourth annual convention. Order of business consisted of the adoption of resolutions for the protection of mediums, the election of officers for the coming year, etc.

Evening sessions were devoted to inspirational and phenomenal work. The following four resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the State Association of Washington will stand by the N. S. A. in its earnest endeavor to bring the gospel of Spiritualism before the world.

Resolved, That we will do all in our power to promulgate our religion and give the world the truth as we understand it.

Resolved, That we will do all in our power to promote harmony in our ranks and union in every act.

Resolved, That we regard truth above all selfish interests and we will stand by that standard.

The new officers are: Rev. P. C. Mills, Pres., Edmonds; Dr. Geo. Castiday, Vice-Pres., Seattle; Mr. John Olsen, second vice-president, Tacoma; Mattie L. Monroe, secretary, Seattle; M. E. S. McCall, treasurer, Tacoma; trustees—Mr. G. E. Knowlden, Tacoma; Dr. R. L. Chase, Edmonds; Mrs. Anna Moe, Tacoma; Mrs. Irene Smith, Tacoma; Mrs. E. Thomas, Seattle.

We missed the smiling presence of our president, Mrs. Lillian Nagell, who is still in the far North, but hope to have her with us at the next convention. Mr. Mills is her worthy successor. Tacoma Spiritualists have once more proven their generous hospitality by the kind reception tendered the delegates and visiting friends of the Cause.

Representatives from four societies were received, one of Edmonds and Tacoma and two of Seattle. MATTIE L. MONROE, Sec. 960 John St., Seattle, Wash.

Letter from Los Angeles.

TO THE EDITOR:

On reading in the JOURNAL Mrs. Lillie's letters, I thought that our experiences were much alike, in our both going from town to town, speaking in school-houses, halls, churches, court-houses, groves, where any people could be gotten together to listen to the truths that angel-inspirers could give. If all who have the Cause at heart could be encouraged by kindly words of sympathy, and a small degree of co-operation, there would be no lack of workers. The unfolding buds will blossom into the full-blown roses and pure white Lilies, like the one who called forth this article, and like others who are developing in our meetings in this city of the angels.

We were astonished last Sunday in our hall at the inspirational oratory of a gentleman who had spoken but three times in spiritual meetings. Our custom is to allow each one to speak in our Circle of Harmony, and he quite reluctantly answered my questions and soon

rose to his feet and astonished all present.

The music on the auto-harp, with accompanying spiritual songs by Mrs. Reid, were inspiring. Our stay in Los Angeles may be prolonged, as now we have a hall at 443 So. Hill St., to occupy all the time, where we shall have meetings every Sunday at 10:30 and 7:30, also; circles during the week for development and healing.

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Mission Lyceum.—The Christmas Tree festival, entertainment and dance, the last meeting of the nineteenth century, will be held in Mission Opera Hall, 2131 Mission St., on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26. There will be music and dancing, refreshments and presents, and if you forget the date, you will "miss half your life."

Personals.—Joseph Bowman and Capt. Errott, Alaska miners, and Mr. Crawford, from the Co-operative Brotherhood Colony in Washington, have all arrived in the city during the past week. They all say "there's no place like home."

Mrs. Whitney's Meeting inaugurated on Sunday evening, Dec. 2, 1900, at 1164 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, marks another milestone along the local spiritual highway. "Whitney Hall" is bright and cheerful, and in many respects well adapted for the work to which it has been dedicated. Before the hour of opening, the hall was filled with a representative audience of truth-seekers, and without flourish of trumpets or prayers to be heard of men. Mrs. J. J. Whitney, assisted by Mr. Whitney, Mrs. Dr. Temple, Mr. and Mrs. White and the spirit guides, proceeded to give messages from individual spirits to individual mortals present, in a most satisfactory manner.

These meetings will be held every Sunday evening with a nominal admission fee. The special line of work will be to aid in healing the bodily ills of humanity, that they may live long in the land and be happy.

Mr. and Mrs. McMeekin of San Jose called at the JOURNAL office and reported themselves as "on the wing." They are sojourning at present in San Francisco, but where they will settle is yet a matter of conjecture.

Harold Palmer, son of Mrs. G. W. Shriner, the well-known medium, was a victim of the recent disaster on Thanksgiving Day, while witnessing the football game. When the roof upon which they were standing collapsed, he fell upon a pile of Burlap, and was only bruised, while upon both sides of him boys were instantly killed. While we sympathize with those who suffered, we extend congratulations to those who escaped.

Oakland Psychical Society—Woodman's Hall, Mrs. Annie L. Gillespie speaker. Subject for the morning, "The Two Mysteries, Life and Death," was especially interesting. The Children's Lyceum at 2:30, conducted by Mrs. Gillespie, is enjoyed by both parents and children. At the evening meeting questions by the audience were answered, followed by messages. On Thursday evening, Dec. 6, the Psychical Society will give a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie and Mr. and Mrs. Lillie at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Michener, 1118 Brush St., to welcome Mrs. Lillie after her long absence. San Francisco friends are cordially invited.

State Board Meeting.—The Board of Directors of the California State Spiritualist Association held its regular quarterly meeting at headquarters, 3750 22nd St., San Francisco, on Saturday evening, Dec. 1. All the members were present except Mr. F. H. Parker of Santa Cruz. President M. S. Norton made an exhaustive report upon important matters referred to him for adjustment, and his action was unanimously approved. The report of Mrs. R. S. Lillie, delegate to the National Convention, was accepted and approved. Secretary W. T. Jones and Treasurer Thos. Ellis made a statement, showing that the Association is in a good financial condition.

The Executive Committee of the Board reported successful negotiations with the city government of Los Angeles for the protection of endorsed mediums working in that city. The committee was given full power to inaugurate vigorous missionary work throughout the State. President Norton reported that he had been appointed State Agent for the National Association. Directors H. M. Barker and Ella York of San Jose and Mrs. H. F. Michener of Oakland reported progress of the work in their respective cities. The outlook is good for the work of the Association. Director B. F. Small urged missionary work, and Vice-President C. H. Wadsworth and Secretary W. T. Jones want Children's Lyceums established throughout the State.

Ladies' Aid Bazaar.—The Ladies' First Spiritual Aid Society of San Francisco, of which Mrs. B. F. Small is president, held a very successful bazaar in their headquarters, 305 Larkin St., on Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1. A lunch and dinner was served for the accommodation of the public each day; a quilting party for the ladies in the afternoon, and an entertainment and social dance in the evening. Prof. F. L. Miller furnished the dance music in a most satisfactory manner. The program on Friday evening consisted of: An exhibition by Miss Hoover's Pantomime Class of 16 members; a recitation by Prof. Caldwell, and a song by Mr. Jacobs. Saturday evening there was a song by Miss Stella Callender, piano solo by Miss Amy Davies of Oakland, monologue, "When I am Married," by Miss Annie Bryant of Oakland. There were numerous raffles, and an auction sale conducted by Mr. Hubbell and Mr. Wadsworth. The affair was voted a great success by the officers, members and visitors.

Oakland.—The conference meeting at Fraternal Hall, under the auspices of the Union Spiritual Society, Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p. m., was addressed by Pres. Preston, Mrs. Stewart, Bro. Gilman, Dr. H. W. Anderson and others, and proved very interesting. At 7:30, Mrs. Cowell, being indisposed, Mrs. Stewart occupied the platform. The meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 856½ Isabella St. was well attended for Thanksgiving eve. Pres. Preston presided, and Dr. Palmbaum gave some good messages. The entertainment and dance in Fraternal Hall, Friday evening, Nov. 30, was a great success. Ten numbers comprised the program, and the attendance was large. T. ELLIS, Sec.

From Portland, Oregon.—On Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1900, at the residence of Mrs. M. A. Shore, 1512 Madrona Ave., a reception was given to the mediums of Portland. Spiritual exercises occupied the entire day, participated in by many of the best-known Spiritualists in the Northwest, among them Col. C. A. Reed, Mrs. H. C. Westlake, Capt. J. H. Campbell, D. W. Hendey, Mrs. C. Cornelius, Lucy A. Mallory and a half hundred more whose names have been received, but necessarily omitted for lack of space. These receptions will be held on the second Tuesday in each month, for the social and spiritual benefit of those attending, and were instigated by Horace G. Manning, guide of Mrs. M. A. Shore. This welcome intelligence was contributed by Mrs. J. A. Lesourd, secretary.

A Nice Thanksgiving Turkey was received by the editor as a present from Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hammer, Red Bluff, Cal. The bird was a fine one, young and tender, and made a feast for the family which will be long remembered. Such evidences of appreciation and recognition of labor in the spiritual field are refreshing. We wish our brother and sister Hammer a prosperous and happy future.

Mme. Young's Meeting last Sunday evening in Occidental Hall was addressed by Mrs. Sarah Seal, who pursued the subject of "Ancient Bible Mediumship." The music was instrumental by Prof. Richard Young, Prof. Bothwell-Brown and Mme. Young. The spirit messages indicated psychic development of a high order.

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