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BIRTHDAY STONES.

JANUARY.

By those who in this month are born,
No gem save Garnets should be worn;
They will ensure your constancy,
True friendship and fidelity.

FEBRUARY.

The February born will find
Sincerity and peace of mind—
Freedom from passion and from care
If they the Amethyst will wear.

MARCH.

Who in this world of ours their eyes
In March first open, shall be wise;
In days of peril firm and brave,
And wear a bloodstone to their grave.

APRIL.

Those who in April date their years,
Diamonds shall wear, lest bitter tears
For vain repentance flow. This stone
Emblem of innocence is known.

MAY.

Who first beholds the light of day
In Spring's sweet flowery month of May,
And wears the emerald all her life,
Shall be a loved and happy wife.

JUNE.

Who comes with Summer to this earth,
And owes to June her day of birth,
With ring of Agate on her hand,
Can health, wealth and peace command.

JULY.

The glowing Ruby should adorn
Those who in warm July are born;
Thus will they be exempt and free
From love's doubts and anxiety.

AUGUST.

Wear a Sardonyx, or for thee
No conjugal felicity.
The August born without this stone
'Tis said must live unloved alone.

SEPTEMBER.

A maiden born when Autumn's leaves
Are rustling in September's breeze,
A Sapphire on her brow should bind,
'Twill cure diseases of the mind.

OCTOBER.

October's child is full of woe,
And life's vicissitudes must know;
But lay an Opal on her breast,
And hope will lull her woes to rest.

NOVEMBER.

Who first come to this world below
With dull November's fog and snow,
Should prize the Topaz amber hue,
Emblem of friends and lovers true.

DECEMBER.

If cold December gave you birth,
The month of snow, and ice, and mirth,
Place on your hand a Turquoise blue—
Success will bless you if you do.

BORDERLAND

A Vivid Dream,

Henry Sevening, president of the Bank of Alameda, Cal., died suddenly on Dec. 15, 1900, at 1:45 a. m., of Bright's disease and heart trouble.

Aside from the fact that Mr. Sevening was one of the most prominent men of Alameda, his demise is a matter of unusual interest because of the fact that it was foreseen in a dream by Frank P. Furey, a well-known business man.

It became known, after the sudden death of Sevening, that Furey had foreseen in a dream the funeral of the banker. It had not been known that Sevening, who was seen on the street every day, was even seriously ill, yet in this dream, four nights before his sudden passing, Furey saw his body lying in state, and witnessed part of a funeral service according to Masonic rites.

Furey's dream was related by him in detail on the Wednesday previous to C. H. Wever, master of Oak Grove Lodge, of which Sevening was an honored member.

On the morning of the demise, when Furey met Wever, he remarked that he had not believed his dream would come true so soon.

felt, however, that I was desired to leave, and was about to do so when I awoke."—*Exch.*

Spirits Found the Ledge.

More than \$10,000 worth of gold has been taken from the Miner's Dream claim within two days, says the correspondent of the San Francisco *Bulletin* writing from Redding, Cal., on Dec. 14, 1900. The mine lies between Shasta and Centerville, seven miles from Redding. It is owned by W. S. Boyd, a patent attorney of Washington, D. C., who declares that he was led to the purchase of the claim, and later to the discovery of gold upon it, by Spiritualist mediums,

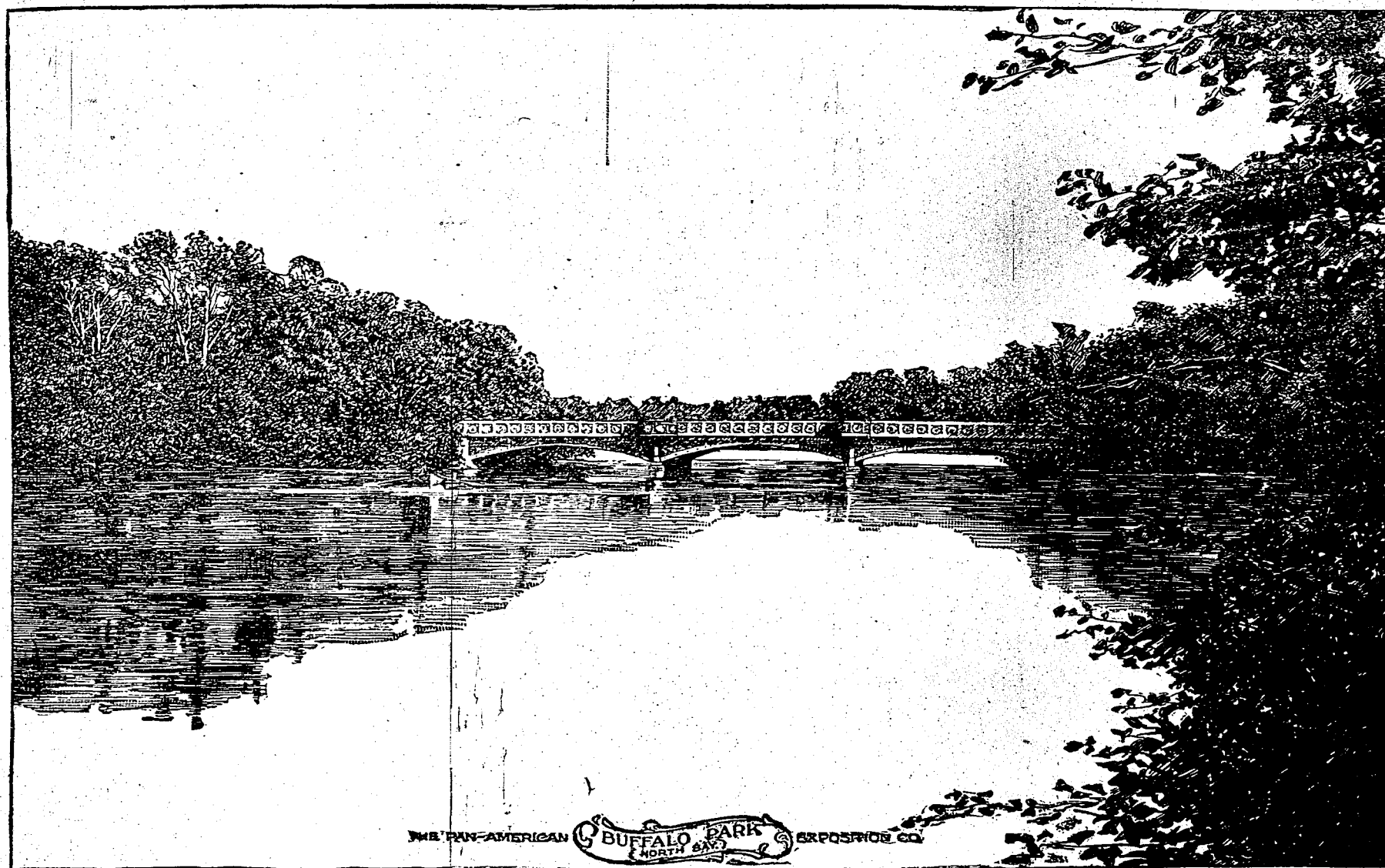
mill which he had erected was attached and all work suspended.

Boyd then started back to Washington. In San Francisco he attended a seance held by the medium he had consulted. When he held up a specimen of the ore, she exclaimed: "Dig to the east of the spot that came from."

Arriving at Washington, Boyd became absorbed in his other affairs and forgot his luckless mining venture. But two months ago he went to a slate-writing medium widely celebrated in the East. To a question concerning the Miner's Dream mine, this answer appeared: "The mine is all right. Work it now."

Mr. Boyd quietly arranged a trip westward. Two weeks ago he ar-

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"The dream was so real," said Furey, "that it made a great impression on me. It seemed to be in a large Masonic hall, and I was there as a reporter to describe a funeral. On a bier in the center of the temple lay the body of Henry Sevening. Drawn up on either side were rows of Masons, and I recognized many I knew. I sat at a green table to write of the ceremonies, but every time I tried to write the name of the deceased my pen spluttered. Mr. Wever, the worshipful master, stood near me, with other officers of the lodge, and though I felt that I was an intruder, he told me to remain. I

though he says he is not an ardent believer.

Three years ago A. C. Bryan of Shasta found he could do nothing with the Miner's Dream without machinery, and he went to San Francisco to sell it. He sought a purchaser through a medium.

Attorney Boyd of Washington was then in the city and the mine was offered to him. He consulted a medium, who told him the property contained gold, and he bought it.

Boyd then went to Redding, took in W. B. Knott as a partner, and, after operating the claim at a loss for several months, the five-stamp

rived at Redding and at once employed two experienced miners. As they worked, Boyd led one of them to a spot just east of where the specimen exhibited to the San Francisco medium had been found. The miner had not dug 20 inches when he struck a seam of porphyry rich in gold. In half an hour the pocket containing \$10,000 had been opened up.

Three pay chutes have been found on the Miner's Dream, and the value of the claim has gone leaping upward. The fortunate owner is exhibiting the slate with the spirit's message upon it.—*San Francisco Bulletin.*

Spiritual Symposium.

(Continued from last week.)

Dr. Alexander Wilder, M. D., F. A. S.

Dr. Geo. Wyld, M. D.; author *Spiritual Dynamics*.

Wm. Oxley, author *Philosophy of Spirit; Egypt, the Land of the Pharaohs, etc.*

Judge W. Windeyer, Sydney.

Hon. J. Bowie Wilson, Sydney.

Mrs. Chandos Leigh Hunt Wallace, editor *Herald of Health* (daughter of Leigh Hunt.)

Mr. Joseph Wallace.

General F. J. Lippitt.

Prof. W. James, Professor of Psychology, etc., Harvard University.

Of a course of 45 lectures given by Professor James, 15 were on Spiritualism.

Viscount de Torres Solanot, Barcelona.

Dr. Manuel Sanz Benito, eminent Metaphysician.

Grand Duke Constantine of Russia.

Lord Lindsay.

"A friend of mine was very anxious to find the will of his grandmother, who had been dead 40 years, but could not even find the certificate of her death. I went with him to the Marshall's and we had a seance; my friend asked his questions *mentally*. We were told the will had been drawn by a man named Walker, who lived in Whitechapel, name of street and number were given. We found the man, and through his aid obtained a copy of the draft."

Emma Hardinge Britten, author *Modern American Spiritualism, Nineteenth Century Miracles, Faiths, Facts and Frauds of Religious History, etc.*

Countess of Caithness, author of *Old Truths in a New Light*.

Dr. S. B. Brittain, author *Man and His Relations, Battle Cry of the Spiritual Reformation, etc.*

Andrew Jackson Davis, author *Principles of Nature, Great Harmonia, Penetralia, Philosophy of Spiritual Intercourse, etc.*

B. O. Flower, founder of the *Arena*, author of *Century of Sir Thomas More, The New Time, Studies in the Social Cellar, etc.*

Dr. Theodore Hansmann, Washington.

Dr. Geo. von Landsdorff, Baden.

F. W. H. Myers, president of Society for Psychical Research, author *Science and a Future Life*.

Rabbi Samuel Weil, New York.

W. D. C. Denovan, author *Evidences of Spiritualism*.

Dr. Wm. Sharpe, author and poet.

Prof. Geo. Bush, Professor of Hebrew and Oriental Literature, New York City University.

Julian Hawthorne (son of Nathaniel Hawthorne).

Hon. L. V. Moulton, U. S. A.

Rev. Charles Wicksteed, B. A., author of *A Vindication of the Beneficent Influence of Christianity*, (London, 1887) etc.

"This universal hope (of the Future Life) has further had its confirmation in the positively asserted and numerously attested and steadily believed instances or signs of the continued existence in a spiritual form of persons who had passed the gates of death. Thousands and tens of thousands of our fellow creatures have borne testimony, and testimony that in any ordinary case would have been deemed by every one sufficient, that they had seen and had speech of friends who had in the body died away from this earth."

Dr. Samuel Eadon, M.D., LL.D., author of *The Antiquity of Man, etc.*

Rev. Thomas Greenbury of Leeds. Rev. Vine Williams. Rev.

William Clement Kendall. Rev. C. Ware. Rev. H. Kendall. Rev. T. Taylor, M. A.

Rev. Peter Dean of Walsall, author of *What is Christianity?* etc.

Hugo d'Alesi, a Parisian artist, whose pictures are held in great esteem; Camille Chaigneau, a poet and psychic writer; Drs. Chazarrain and Dusart, both of them medical practitioners who are much esteemed, and Edouard Schure, author of *The Great Initiates*, are among the many men of intellectual superiority in France who have publicly avowed themselves to be firmly convinced of the splendid and consoling truth that the so-called dead do indeed return to counsel and to comfort us.

Prof. Denis Metzger, who has published in a collective form under the title of *An Essay on Scientific Spiritualism*, the eleven lectures which he delivered before the Society for Psychic Studies in Geneva, declares that the survival of the psychic being is now incontrovertibly proved, and the abyss filled up, which seemed to separate the living from the so-called dead.

F. Dionys, one of the many French men of letters who have become firm adherents to Spiritualism, wrote an excellent work, entitled *The Soul, its Existence and Manifestations*, in which he succeeded in showing unanswerably that there is an abundance of scientific proof of its existence.

Arsene Houssaye, one of the most prominent of French *litterateurs*, as poet, dramatist, novelist and journalist, from 1844 downwards, wrote a beautiful work entitled *The Destinies of the Soul*, in which he declared that

"The Science of Spiritualism penetrates the deepest and most mysterious secrets of Nature," adding that "no thinker of the highest eminence, from Solomon to Malebranche, has ever denied the action of invisible spirits upon mankind."

A French Abbe, who conceals his name, and adopts the symbol X., has published a remarkable book under the title of *The Religious Renovation*, in which he points out that a new religion is in process of formation, and that

"Christianity is about to be rejuvenated in some extraordinary manner," as it will be by Spiritualism.

Ernest Bosc, the learned author of the *Grand Dictionnaire d'Architecture*, confidently predicts

That the day is close at hand when Spiritualism will be recognized by official science, which will call it Psychism, in order to avoid confessing its own perverse stupidity in refusing to accept the reality of its phenomena before.

Michel Bounamy, examining magistrate, and member of the Scientific Congress of France, is the author of a masterly work entitled *The Reason of Spiritualism*, which he defines as the revelation of the history of man, the justification of the place which he occupies in the chain of beings, and as psychology enlightened by revelation.

J. Bouvery, in his ably written treatise on *Spiritualism and Anarchy*,

Discerns in the former the complete antidote to the latter; and the one force which can fulfill the requirement of Renan for "the scientific organization of humanity."

Gabriel Delanne, the gifted editor of the *Revue Scientifique et Morale du Spiritisme*, in his *Experimental Demonstration of the Immortality of the Soul*,

Claims that it will be by scattering the consolatory truths of Spiritualism

broadcast, that we shall succeed in opening out the marvelous horizons of the future, and in bringing in the august era of the regeneration of humanity by the practice of veritable fraternity.

Adolph Coste, in his essay on experimental idealism entitled *God and the Soul*, proves the perfect adaptation of Spiritualism to this doctrine, and its absolute agreement with everything that is highest and best, in all the great philosophies and religions of the world.

Victor Ducasse, a French barrister, practicing in the island of Mauritius, has splendidly vindicated Spiritualism from ecclesiastical attacks in a volume entitled *Spiritualism and the Church*.

Francois Valles, Inspector General of Roads and Bridges in France, who is distinguished as a mathematician, has published several books on Spiritualism; in one of which he makes the striking remark that

"In 40 years it has permitted us to enter into the possession of more secrets than humanity, left to itself in the preceding ages, could have achieved in many centuries."

Dr. N. Santangelo, Italy, author of *Animal Corpo*.

J. B. A. Godin, the enlightened and liberal founder of the famous *Familistere* at Guise, an immense establishment conducted with signal success upon the profit-sharing principle, was a Spiritualist, as was likewise his devoted wife.

Among men of intellect in France who have embraced the truths of Spiritualism must be enumerated Sardou, one of the first of living dramatists; Laurent de Faget, the poet, who edits the *Progres Spirite*; Leon, Denis, the popular lecturer, author of *Apres la Mort and Christianisme et Spiritisme*; P. G. Leymarie, editor of the *Revue Spirite*; James Tissot, the distinguished artist; Monvoisin, who is likewise a painter of high repute; Capellaro, the sculptor; Drs. Durand de Gros, Baraduc, Boucher, Gyet, Flaschoen, Dupony and Chauvet de Tours, Judge de Montant; Puvis, the poet, Cruzet, Cordurie and Ladame, all of them members of the French Bar; Mme. Lucie Grange and the numerous ladies and gentlemen who constitute the governing body of the *Societe de Librairie Spirite*.

Dr. Charles Richet, the eminent French scientist, writes, when speaking of that well-known English work, *Phantasms of the Living*:

"It is the first time the future life has been scientifically studied; and to deny the facts herein related, is to condemn science to inertia, and to substitute routine for progress."

Father Lacordaire, the famous preacher, whom all Paris flocked to hear; when he occupied the pulpit of Notre Dame, wrote:

"In all times there were methods more or less rare, of communicating with spirits; only formerly, a great mystery was made of what is to-day a popular formula. It is thus that God proposes that man should not forget that there are two worlds—the one of the body, the other of the spirit."

M. Baissac, a distinguished French author, sees in Spiritualism the power which will enable the mind, which is in man, to triumph over matter, and the foundation stone of the great church of the future which will comprehend the entire human family within its limits.

Father Roca, a canon of the Roman Catholic Church, declares Spiritualism to be the fulfillment of the Scriptural prophecies, and more particularly of those which

were uttered through the lips of Isaiah.

Dr. G. B. Ermacora (Padua.)

Dr. Giuseppe Masucci (Naples).

"I feel myself compelled to demolish the entire edifice of my philosophical convictions, experimentally arrived at, to which I have consecrated a good portion of my life. In short, I feel it to be my imperative duty to appeal to the nobler medical faculty to which I have the honor to belong, to lose no time in investigating these phenomena, and in bringing the causes of them into relation with the effects."

The Science of Spirit.

W. J. COWEN.

Fifty-two years ago, in an obscure village in the State of New York, the spirits began a work which has been increasing in scope and magnitude year by year. No doubt this event is familiar to most of you, but we will refer to it again briefly.

One night the family, whose name was Fox, was aroused by rappings which occurred in different localities of the house. An investigation into the cause of the strange noises revealed no apparent agency by which they could be produced. The rappings, however, still continuing, it occurred to the family that the cause thereof must be supernatural, and not natural; and acting upon this idea, it occurred to Mrs. Fox to question the agency which produced the rappings. Among other questions asked of the unseen intelligence, this question was the most prominent and most to the point: "Are you a spirit?" Instantly a shower of raps occurred on all sides of the room and on the ceiling. By planning a system of communication whereby three raps meant in the affirmative and one rap in the negative, definite answers were received to the questions and an intelligence appeared, unseen, unfelt, supernatural, which could make itself manifest. Calling in one of the neighbors, they, upon questioning the spirit, or unseen agency, discovered it to be a child who had passed out of the family a short time previous.

The two girls of the Fox family became mediums, and the rappings manifested themselves wherever they went. At a large meeting held in Rochester, in the State of New York, the Fox sisters appeared before an investigating committee, composed of divines, scientists, and prominent men of the town. In this hall, loud raps were heard in every location imaginable—on the walls, on the ceiling, beneath the floor, and even felt on the person of several present. This committee, being unable to discover the cause of the strange noises, disbanded, and a new investigating committee was appointed to expose the so-called fraud. This committee failed, as did the previous one, in discovering a natural cause for the spirit rappings. But enough on this point. We have given a brief history of the beginning of Modern Spiritualism.

To-day spirit rappings are a common occurrence in many homes and are the primary cause of drawing many to the standard of truth. If there were no other means of communication between mortals and spirits, the raps alone would be a conclusive proof of the existence of the spirit. If the unseen intelligence can answer questions by rapping upon the table, revealing an individuality in its answers, what more proof do we need in

regard to the spirits returning to the earth and communicating with us? I can testify to the importance of spirit rappings as a manifestation of spirit power. It was the first demonstration which the spirit-world gave us, that the mortals of earth still lived in a conscious state in another sphere of existence, and as such should be given a place of honor in the list of spiritual phenomena.

The student must begin at the a, b, c, of any branch of learning which he may desire to pursue. He must at first receive those lessons which the most readily reach his understanding and which he can comprehend easily. Then, step by step, he can ascend the ladder of knowledge, until he is capable of receiving and comprehending the more difficult and intricate lessons of the study of his choice.

The investigator who is desirous of studying the subject of Spiritualism must first lay the foundation of his knowledge concerning the existence of the spirit, by a study of the object lessons, or the phenomena which demonstrate to his physical senses, the truth of the continued existence of man. The first step is a series of object lessons which are taught by the phenomena of the science of Spiritualism. The second step is a study of the philosophy of spiritual truths and principles. Thus, advancing step by step, the student is preparing himself to receive and comprehend the more difficult and deeper phases of spiritual science.

From Whence Came Man?

DR. MAX MUEHLENBRUCH.

There has been much speculation when trying to answer the question, "From whence came man?" Many accept the allegory of the Bible, and conclude that man came into existence through Adam and Eve. This story cannot be relied upon because it contradicts itself by stating that Cain was driven into the land of Nod and there got himself a wife. From whence came this wife? This leads thoughtful ones to surmise that man existed before Adam and Eve, and some history has been found which dates many centuries before the Bible chronology, hence we will not consult the Bible in order to find an answer to the question, "From whence came man?" but will delve deeper into the matter.

Many accept the Darwin theory that man evolved from the monkey. Darwin was searching for the missing link between man and monkey, but I will say that there is no missing link at all. I will endeavor to explain the philosophy of man's origin, and while I may differ from both theories heretofore expressed, I will make it so plain that all may see the argument.

Man originated from protoplasm, through vegetable, mineral and animal stages, into human. For aught we now know we may have had many incarnations, in order to reach the point of intellect where man stands to-day. The Rev. B. Fay Mills remarks as follows: "Man is no hog, for hogs look down; man is no animal, for animals look ahead; but man is an aspiring creature, for he looks up." While we are yet upon the animal plane, still instinct impels us to look for higher things, and helps us to acquire intelligence.

I have stated that there is no

missing-link. Many people resemble the orang-outang, which undoubtedly nearly resembles man, but there is another species which comes still nearer to man; it is called the yellow baboon. This species of monkey has a language, while other monkeys have not, proving that evolution, in the race of monkeys and animals, goes from step to step until finally it reaches man. There is a still stronger fact concerning this evolution: these monkeys have no tails.

I have investigated the monkey races, and have found an instinct in some of them which is nearly human, and I have also studied lower humanity, that is, those people who live upon the material plane in whom I have found a very low intelligence or mind, nearly akin to animals.

Past history shows that man's intelligence is steadily advancing. Our mission on this planet is for the progression and cultivation of our higher nature, and how often we may have to return depends upon the progress we make. You may ask: "How do we know we will have to return and take on a physical form?" I answer: If evolution is true, which no one can refuse to admit, then evolution must remain in force until all eternity, and through evolution all progress will be made step by step. Oakland, Cal.

Vaccination a Curse

AND A MENACE TO PERSONAL LIBERTY.

This last book of Dr. Peebles', just from the press, not only bristles with facts and figures—with the horrors, deformities and startling deaths from vaccination from calf-lymph virus—but it abounds in that spicy pithiness and bold front to medical poisoning for which the Doctor is so noted. He came near losing his own life from vaccination in San Francisco, Cal., in 1860, since which time he has been gathering statistics showing the dangers and the deaths from vaccinating virus in this country, England, Australia and the far East.

Small-pox and how to treat it, childhood vaccination, blood-poisoning, eczema, and various zymotic diseases are all momentous questions, and few, if any, are more competent to deal with them than Dr. Peebles. This exhaustive work of his against vaccination, of 328 pages, just printed on nice cream-colored paper, illustrated with childhood deformities from vaccination, elegantly bound, treats in its various chapters of Jenner's inoculation system; of poisonous vaccine stock; of clearly-proven deaths from doctors' lancets dipped in calf-lymph virus; of the 'optional clause' in England; of the battle and victory in San Diego, Cal., of anti-vaccinationists over the health and school-boards; the decisions of courts against compulsory vaccination; the unconstitutionality of the compulsory law; the names of distinguished physicians in this and other countries who oppose vaccination; the 10,000 deaths in England alone caused by vaccination; the proofs that it does not prevent small-pox, but does cause skin diseases, ulcers, boils, tumors, carbuncles, cancers, consumption, leprosy, etc. All these subjects and others allied thereto are treated, and the crime, the unparalleled crime of vaccinating children is fully and heroically exposed.

The following are brief selections from the book: "I must plead guilty to the charge," said J. W. Hodge, M. D., of Niagara Falls, N. Y. "Before discovering my mistake I had vaccinated more than 3,000 victims, ignorantly supposing the disease I was propagating to be a preventative of small-pox. Having taken for granted what my medical teacher had asserted, I was a staunch believer in the alleged efficacy of vaccination as a prophylactic against small-pox. I remained in this blind and blissful state of ignorance for several years, and not until acquired experience in the school of observation and reflection did I discover that my face was pinned to a shameful fraud. (Page 291.)

"Dr. J. A. Hensel, late surgeon of the German army, says: 'In June, 1888, I was on duty in Strasbourg and over 2,000 small-pox cases were in the pest-house; every one successfully vaccinated but three months before, for the third time. J. myself, was laid up for five weeks, although I had been vaccinated for the seventh time successfully. I am convinced that vaccination is no protection against small-pox.'" (Page 320.)

"This vaccination law is so odious, so dangerous to health that it has never been enforced to any considerable extent in California. It never will be, as it is an unmitigated curse. The people are too progressive. Petitions are now being circulated for a legislative repeal. The English Parliament, be it said to the glory of old England, recently made vaccination 'optional' with the parents." (Page 154.)

In the English 'Digest of Parliamentary Returns, No. 488, session of 1878, entitled 'Vaccination Mortality,' we find the startling statement that: '25,000 children were annually slaughtered by disease, inoculated into the system by vaccination, and a far greater number are injured and maimed for life by the same unwholesome rite.'" (Page 139.)

William Tebb, that distinguished Englishman, was prosecuted 13 times in the London police court for refusing to have his children vaccinated. These prosecutions so aroused his parental manliness that he fought the vaccination law with others till it was reduced to a mere matter of option with the parents. "A census had been taken in 80 towns and districts in England, with a return of 2,138 cases of injury and 546 deaths from vaccination recorded up to the end of 1889. Among the papers brought before both houses of Parliament was one from that eminent medical authority, Dr. Schieferdecker, who, in speaking of the dangers of vaccination, says: '1. It directly endangers life. 2. It nurses and develops latent diseases. 3. Children frequently do not thrive so well after as before vaccination. 4. It introduces new and serious diseases into the system of vaccinated patients.'" (Page 154.)

"Dr. Chas. Pigeon of Forchambault says: 'Of 40 children there vaccinated, nine died within 48 hours. . . . On March 13, 1885, Dr. Andrieux, of Aspricres, vaccinated 42 children. All were attacked with fever, and on the following day six were dead. Their bodies were covered with black patches.'" (Page 154.)

The first man purchasing this new book was Mr. Steudor, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and this is what he writes under date of Dec. 4: "I consider this volume the best, the most important book for humanity

ever published. It should be in the hands of every board of health and every legislator in the country." (Signed) J. M. STEUDOR.

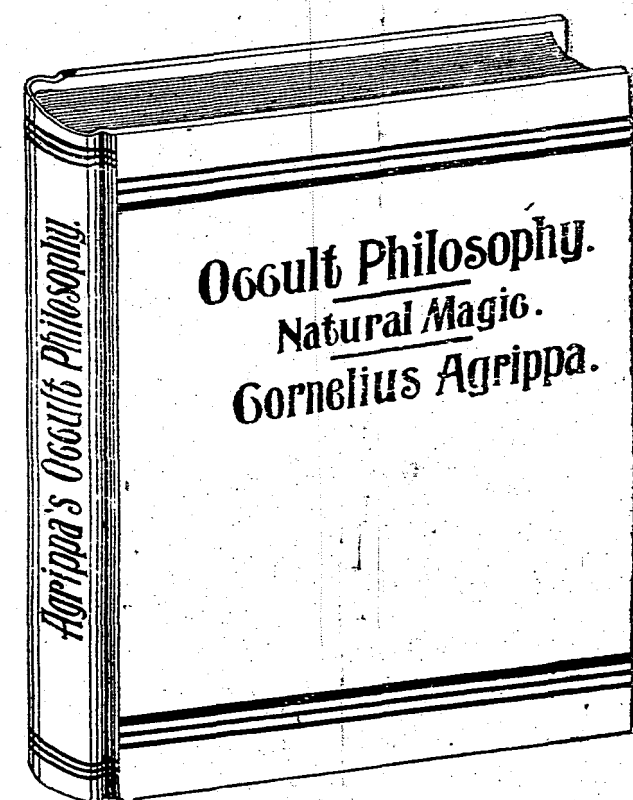
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The End of the Century.

The Nineteenth Century, one of the most eventful eras, has now rounded up its years and ends in a sea of glory. The rolling years of this era have been filled with accomplishments in art, science, invention and discovery, making it, beyond all former periods of time, the peer, because of its astounding inventions.

While retiring, in order to give place to the Twentieth Century, it bids humanity in every clime, country or division of the world to look with reliance and joy upon the incoming era, which must and will be even more fruitful and all-inspiring, with inventions and discoveries, because we stand in the portals of time more ripe for progress and improvement than all preceding centuries. What the coming era may bring to view is yet unknown, but the possibilities are so great, so astounding, that we may expect most confidently that its events will transcend all former records.

The angel, standing guard over the portals of the coming century, bids us all to look with hope and confidence, and at the same time promises the greatest rewards to the energetic and progressive men and women of the coming era, whose watchwords are "desire" and "expectation."

When the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL greets you again, its face will shine with the radiance of a new century. We often wondered, in youthful days, how it would seem to "change centuries." We feel that we have been, and are most highly favored to have lived and labored in this progressive age; and in the next issue we will try and explain how it seems to "change centuries," from our standpoint.

Good-bye, Nineteenth Century.

The Modern Babel.

Since the history of man has been preserved even by legend, there is evidence that he has been in communication with unseen intelligences. These supernatural beings were called gods, angels, devils, demons, or any other name which the character of the communication seemed to suggest.

Modern Spiritualism proclaimed to the world nearly 53 years ago, that these communications came from the spirits of men and women who at some period of their existence had inhabited the human form on this material globe which we call the earth. Having passed on into other states of being, under other conditions and environments, they still hold communion with the earth plane.

If only the spirits of departed Spiritualists could communicate, then Spiritualism might be held strictly responsible for the character of the communications. But after a half century of patient and often expensive labor, there have been developed a mighty army of sensitive media, and through them speaks the mighty spirit hosts, of every age, from every clime, every possible condition and state of development, from the cave-dwellers to the Christian Scientists. And what is the result? In these very last days of the most glorious century in the history of man, we stand aghast at the spectacle—a modern Babel!—a confusion of tongues!

The people have reasoned, that whatever came from spirits through mediums must necessarily be Spiritualism. So each has taken unto himself that portion of the whole most pleasing to him; crystalized it, built his altar-fires and prepared to worship, and called it Spiritualism.

Of the ten that were healed, at least one came back to give praise. Only a few are strong enough to enter the mystic flame and escape unscorched; few can meddle with hypnotism without being hypnotized. But there are a few; and with these few who can pronounce the Shibboleth, the great battle for mental and spiritual liberty must be fought.

Let the heathen rage, and let the people imagine strange things, but our work lies straight ahead. The ultra-Christian on the one side, and the ultra-materialist on the other, each our deadly enemy—we occupy that favored realm midway between the two extremes where truth resides.

Not a Bad Idea.—Sam Smith in the *People's Press* well says:

An abstract truth may have no life or enthusiasm in it. Even the naked fact that Jesus is, or two thousand years ago was, the Christ and Son of God can, of itself, have no effect on our daily lives, while if we walk in the light through the medium of revelation, our souls and lives must become assimilated with God.

What Spiritualism Means.

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, in a recent discourse, gave the following definition of Spiritualism and its scope, which seems to be the true statement from a spiritual standpoint:

Spiritualism comprises all that relates to spirit, whether in this life, or the life to come. Its specific definition is, that it relates to the existence of spirits beyond the change called death, their progress and method of existence there, the inter-communion between the two states.

Usually people are satisfied with knowing that death does not end life. They do not seem to be so anxious to know whether birth begins life. This is natural from the state in which most human beings find themselves; that birth ushers them into an ostensibly conscious existence, apparently the only conscious existence of which they are aware; that death robs them, as far as their human knowledge is concerned, of the consciousness of where their friends are.

The Fool's Prayer.—We "commend to the prayerful attention" of our readers, the poem with the above title, found on page 6 of this issue. Mr. Sill was a scholar, and wrote some good poetry. In all his writings there is a depth of thought seldom excelled, except by the great poets who were "born, not made."

Good-bye.—The following from the pen of Helen Wilms, editor of *Freedom*, would indicate that there is something going to happen:

In the study of Mental Science we have come to the forks of the road, where we are going to separate ourselves from all our former companions, except those who, like ourselves, have proved the nothingness of past beliefs, and have resolved to investigate the entire unprospected realm of mind—if necessary—in order to find a position of more substantial positiveness in nobler truth. It is better to be cut off from our former friends and companions than to lose even a momentary glimpse of the mighty possibilities that are already opening before us now, even in this early stage of our new departure.

The Massachusetts State Convention will be held in Paine Memorial Hall, Boston, on Jan. 1, 1901. May they have a "Happy New Years" and may they meet the first day of the New Year throughout the coming century. Organization is no longer an experiment; it has become a necessity.

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Last Sunday evening we had the pleasure of meeting your co-worker from San Francisco—Mme. Montague Yates—and we were all delighted with her. She is a very charming lady, and we hope to see and hear more of her on her return from Europe, which will be next Fall.

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Friendship Hall.—Mrs. Meyer's meeting at 335 McAllister St. last Sunday evening was well attended. Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Meyer gave spirit messages which were appreciated. Mr. Meyer has been seriously ill, but is convalescent.

20 Eddy St.—The subject for discussion last Sunday afternoon was "Necessity." This subject has been discussed before, and the monotonous operation of thrashing over old straw was only relieved by the carefully prepared speeches of Mr. A. Mark Stoddard and Dr. Ohlwin on subjects foreign to the discussion. Music by Miss Lee.

Mme. Young's Meeting at 619 McAllister St. was addressed by Mrs. Sarah Seal, who spoke of the "mediumship of Jesus." Mme. Young followed with spirit messages of the most convincing character. The music at these meetings is instrumental and of a high order, furnished by Prof. Young, Prof. Bothwell Brown and Mme. Young.

B. Fay Mills spoke in Metropolitan Temple last Sunday evening on "The Religion of Jesus." Miss Roberts sang two solos very creditably. The subject for the last Sunday of the year and century will be "The Wonderful Century." This will be the last of the present lecture course.

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Oakland.—The mid-week meeting of the Union Spiritual Society met on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 856 1/2 Isabella St. Being so near the Christmas holidays, the audience was small, but appreciative. Dr. Palinbaum was called away, and Mrs. Amanda Smith conducted the services. Mrs. Smith gave some very fine spirit messages, especially to two strangers who were in the audience and who seemed to be delighted to get living and true words that could not be doubted from a brother of theirs who had died with consumption. Vox.

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