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## MY GUIDING STAR.

Last night I had a vision strange—  
A call, to make a choice [world,  
Between sweet Love, which rules the  
And Intellect, so cold and bright.  
Methought I stood alone  
And gazed into the northern sky;  
Mine eyes strong riveted by a star,  
So bright that all things else were dim.  
'Twas then I heard a voice which said:  
"Dost know the meaning of that star?"  
'Tis Intellect, cold, brilliant and un-  
loving.

For Intellect is not of Love;  
It is a thing apart. [saw  
Now gaze into the south." And there I  
Another star, which threw a glow  
So warm and soft, it drew forth love  
Within my breast,  
And filled an aching void.  
'Twas not so bright, but a loving warmth  
I felt, as I gazed that way,  
As if a pair of loving arms  
Far stretched to reach my form,  
And hold me in a sweet embrace;  
And then I bent my head and thought  
And pondered on the thing.  
Again I turned my gaze to north,  
Spellbound I stood. "Oh, Intellect,  
Why thou so bright—so dazzling in your  
brightness?"

Then, shuddering at its cold, sharp gleam,  
I turned again to warmth.  
"Thou must be Venus! Love!" I cried,  
"For thou art Love, I know.  
The north star tempts me not from  
Thee,  
Oh, warm, oh, southern star!  
For Love is warm, magnetic, kind.  
'Tis to the south I'll rove.  
Fair star, I claim thee as my bride.  
My own! My choice is Love.

JESSIE E. WHITE.

Then the whole mine force was distributed through the mine. The first party found the apparition in its usual position. The spirit glided into the crosscut and the men followed on until they came to the party at the other end, who had seen nothing. A moment later most of their candles were mysteriously extinguished and the miners stampeded to the mouth of the tunnel.

## Haunted Oil Wells.

A special dispatch to the Los Angeles Herald from Santa Paula, Ventura county, Cal., dated March 3, reads as follows:

A teamster just back from the oil wells on Papineau creek tells a strange story of the experience of a couple of night-drillers working on a tower on the Sure-Thing oil wells. He says that William Rock-

well and George Malley declare there is a spirit haunting the canyon where these wells are located, and that Wednesday night it appeared in the top of the derrick and thrice displaced the rope from the top pulley.

Rockwell first discovered something was wrong, and upon looking about for the cause spied the apparition astride the top of the derrick. He called Malley, and they



The Sisters Planning for a Surprise Party.

## BORDERLAND

### Apparition in a Mine.

In a special dispatch to the Los Angeles Herald from Vancouver, British Columbia, dated March 5, we find the following:

Overcome by superstitious fears of the presence of a spirit in one of the tunnels, 35 of the miners of the Silver King mine, near Nelson, refused to go to work yesterday. James Crawford encountered the specter sitting in one of the crosscuts between two tunnels. As he approached, the gaunt, white figure, which was that of a man fully nine feet in height, arose from its half-stooping posture and, shading the candle it held in its hand, started for the crosscut and disappeared.

The frightened miner hurried to Rainsville, the mine boss, and both walked up the crosscut 100 feet. There the strange figure appeared as before, with its back against the side of the drift. By this time another miner came, and he and Rainsville followed the apparition. Rainsville advanced a step nearer, when it suddenly turned and disappeared.

attempted to adjust the rope, when the airy form seemed to float away on the air. When drilling was resumed the spirit returned and again threw the rope from the pulley. Thinking something was wrong or that the boys had planned a joke on them, Malley started to ascend the derrick, when the spirit form seemed to climb down to meet him. Rockwell, who was watching the work, picked up a small coupling and hurled it at the figure, when it again floated away.

As soon as it disappeared the rope settled to its place, but no sooner was work resumed than it again appeared and threw it off. The men began to feel somewhat "shaky" and Malley took his revolver from his tool chest and fired at it. With the report of the shot it seemed to pass away in cloud-like form and did not again appear.

To give relish to the story, old settlers now tell of a murder committed in the vicinity of the well some 30 or 40 years ago.

### Spirit of a Drowned Man.

A special dispatch to the San Francisco *Bulletin*, dated April 9, reads thus:

A medium told Mrs. Esther Delaney, of St. Louis, that her son, John Joseph Delaney, who went to Nome in 1899, had been drowned during last Fall in Bering sea. She communicated with the local police, and as a result has corroborated the account of the drowning of eight persons in a small boat, which was supposed to have occurred off Port Clarence in Bering sea on Sept. 11 last. Last Fall the story of the supposed drowning of eight persons came as the result of the discovery of a water-soaked Japanese paper napkin, which was picked up off Teller City. On it was the following message:

"We are slowly sinking in a small boat and will go under in a few hours unless help arrives.— JACK DELANEY, LOUIS MACK, C. L. MYERS, JOHN DOLAN, C. M. DEAN, GEORGE THOMAS, H. THOMPSON, GEORGE FITZHUGH."

Mrs. Delaney's son had been in Alaska three years, and for over a year she has not heard from him.

### Views of Modern Sages.

J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

All religions originated in dreams, visions and other spiritual manifestations. The spiritual is the real. The basic foundations of Christianity itself rests upon a dream or vision. (Matthew 1:20.)

J. Herman Fichte, the distinguished German philosopher and metaphysician, writing of Baron Guldenstube, of Stuttgart, said: "As to my present position in regard to Spiritualism, I have to say that I have come to the conclusion that it is absolutely impossible to account for these phenomena, save by assuming the action of super-human influences, or unseen spirit intelligences."

Dr. Robert Chambers, of Edinburgh, said: "The names we are able to quote of men who have publicly acknowledged their conviction of the reality of the phenomena of Modern Spiritualism form only a small portion of those who are really convinced, every Spiritualist knows." In a letter of Dr. Chambers, addressed to Alfred R. Wallace, February, 1867, he says: "I have for many years known that these phenomena are real."

M. Thiers, ex-President of the French Republic, exclaimed in a public address: "I am a Spiritualist and an impassioned one, and am anxious to confound Materialism in the name of science and good sense."

M. Leon Favre, Consul-General of France, and brother of Jules Favre, the eminent French Senator, says:

"I have long, carefully and conscientiously studied spiritual phenomena. Not only am I convinced of their irrefragable reality, but I have also a profound assurance that they are produced by the spirits of those who have left earth; and, further, that they only could produce them. I believe in the existence of an invisible world corresponding to the world around us. I believe that the denizens of that world were formerly residents on this earth, and I believe in the possibility of inter-communication between the two worlds." I was for a week the guest of this eminent statesman in Paris. He was himself a writing medium.

Prof. C. F. Varley, the eminent English electrician, chief engineer to the Electric and International Telegraph Company, assistant in the construction of the Atlantic telegraph, in connection with Sir Michael Faraday and Sir William Thomson, was the first to demonstrate the principles governing the transmission of electricity through long deep-sea cables. Writing for the press in 1880, he said: "Twenty-five years ago I was a hard headed unbeliever. \* \* \* Spirit 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, as much as circumstances would permit, the possibility of trickery and self-deception. That the phenomena occur there is overwhelming evidence, and it is too late now to deny them. They clearly prove a future, conscious existence."

Dr. Miguel Sans Benito, professor of metaphysics in the University of Barcelona, is a devoted Spiritualist. He affirms and publishes that: "Spiritualism is the synthesis of the most important principles and discoveries of science; and that we may advantageously study it, with the firm assurance that it will open out new horizons to our intelligences; besides supplying our hearts with a beautiful consolation in those bitter moments in our lives, which are occasioned by a painful bereavement."

Prof. J. C. F. Zollner, scientist, author, professor of physical astronomy at the University of Leipzig, member of the Imperial Academy of Natural Philosophy at Moscow, was a pronounced Spiritualist, so declaring himself in these words: "We have acquired proof of the existence of an invisible world, which can enter into relation with humanity."

Dr. Ashburner (one of the Queen's physicians), lecturer of great eminence and author of "Animal Magnetism and Spiritualism," affirmed that "the phenomena of Spiritualism was established beyond doubt."

Alexander Aksakof, Privy Counselor to the Czar of Russia, author of several works, and editor of *Psychic Studien*, is known on both continents as a devoted Spiritualist.

Prof. M. T. Falcomer, of the Technical Institute of the Minister of Public Instruction at Alessandria, in Piedmont, is an enthusiastic Spiritualist, declaring "the

spiritual phenomena afforded the only positive proofs of a future life."

The very learned Ockarowicz, professor in the university of Warsaw, began in 1894 to study the psychic phenomena under the most rigorous test conditions. He had long been considered an authority in magnetism and hypnotism—and now he was bound to get at the bottom of what was denominated Spiritualism. He put mediums under the most crucial tests; and after being fully convinced of the truth of Spiritualism, he remarked:

"I have found that I have done a great wrong to men who have proclaimed new truths at the cost of their positions. And now, when I remember that I criticized Alfred R. Wallace and branded as a fool that fearless investigator, Sir William Crookes, the inventor of the radiometer, because they had the courage to assert the reality of spiritualistic phenomena, and to subject them to scientific tests, I am ashamed both of myself and of others, and I cry from the very bottom of my heart: 'Father, I have sinned against the light.'"

Victor Hugo, the world-honored author and writer, was a firm Spiritualist. I met him but once and that was at a spiritual seance in Paris, Mrs. Hollis-Billings being the medium. "To abandon these spiritual phenomena to credulity," writes Victor Hugo, "is to commit a treason against human reason."

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, poet and author, was a believer in present spirit ministries. In writing of them she says: "We get over no difficulty, it seems to me, by escaping from the obvious inference of an external spiritual agency, when spirit phenomena are attributed, for instance, to a second personality projected unconsciously and attended by an unconscious exercise of volition and clairvoyance; I see nothing clearly but a convulsive struggle on the part of theorists to get out of positions they do not like at whatever expense of kicks against the analogies of God's universe."

William Lloyd Garrison, the author, orator and liberator, writing of Spiritualism, said: "The manifestations have spread from house to house, from city to city, from one part of the country to the other, across the Atlantic into Europe, until now the enlightened world is compelled to acknowledge their reality. \* \* \* We have witnessed these surprising manifestations, and our conviction is that they cannot be accounted for on any other theory than that of the spiritual agency."

William Howitt, the noted English book-reviewer and author of 70 volumes, was a writing and drawing spirit medium. It gave me great pleasure to sit in one of his seances and witness his automatic drawing. In the English *Dunfermline Press*, Mr. Howitt wrote thus: "Who are the men that have in every country embraced Spiritualism? The rabble? The ignorant? The fanatic? By no means. But the most intelligent and learned men of all classes." \* \* \* "Longfellow, now in England, and just treated with the highest honors by the University of Cambridge, and about to be feted by the whole literary world of England, is and has long been a Spiritualist."

When Longfellow was upon his European tour he attended spiritual seances at the house of the Guppy's in Naples, and at the palatial residence of Baron Kirkup in

Florence. I had this from Mr. Guppy, Baron Kirkup, and other gentlemen: Being a Spiritualist, Mr. Longfellow would naturally write thus:

"The spiritual world lies all about us, and its avenues are open to the unseen feet of phantoms that come and go, and we perceive them not save by their influence, or when at times a most mysterious providence permits them to manifest themselves to mortal eye."

"Though I close mine eyes, I am awake, and in another world, Dim faces of the dead and of the absent Come floating up before me."

"So from the world of spirits there descends A bridge of light, connecting it with this."

Prof. Robert Hare, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry and the Natural Sciences in the University of Pennsylvania, graduate of Yale, associate of the Smithsonian Institute, inventor of improvements in the oxy-hydrogen blow-pipe, wrote a large volume, entitled "Spiritualism Scientifically Demonstrated."

Arsene Houssaye, one of the most prominent of French poets and journalists, in his work entitled "Destinies of the Soul," 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."

Judge J. W. Edmonds, for years the pride of the New York bench, a jurist of unimpeachable integrity and keen discernment, accustomed to weighing evidence, as well as an authority in international law, was not only a Spiritualist, but a medium of fine clairvoyant gifts. Sitting in his seances a dozen times or more, I not only listened to his vision, but saw remarkable spiritual manifestations.

Hon. Luther R. Marsh, New York (once the law partner of Daniel Webster, the great Constitutional expounder of law), jurist, law compiler, writer and author, is a pronounced Spiritualist, still writing more or less for the press or magazines.

Prof. Elliott Coues, M. A., M.D., Ph. D., Professor of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy, Norwich University, and of Biology in the Victorian Agricultural College, writes: "Will you have the opinion of such persons as I have described, who for about ten years have studied, watched, and followed the phenomena of Spiritualism, and who speak from personal experiences? Then let me tell you that I know that the alleged phenomena of Spiritualism are true, substantially as alleged."

We might also name Gustav T. Fechner, Professor of Physics in the University of Leipzig; Lord Raleigh, F. R. S., Professor of Physics in the University of Cambridge; Prof. Shreibner, teacher of mathematics in the University of Leipzig; W. E. Webber, Professor of Physics in the University of Göttingen; Dr. Franz Hoffman, Professor of Philosophy in the University of Wetzberg; Prof. Wagner, Geologist, University of Russia; Prof. Butlerof, Chemist, Russia; Prof. Nees Von Esenbeck, President of the Royal Academy of Sciences, Germany; Prof. William Gregory, Edinburgh; S. C. Hall, the English writer and book-reviewer; Lord Dunraven; Lord Adair; Blake and Flaxman, painters; Hiram Powers, the famous sculptor; Hon. George Thompson, the bosom friend of Garrison; N. P. Talmadge, ex-Governor of Wisconsin; Senator Simmons, of Rhode Island; Hon. J. L. Sullivan, ex-

Minister to Portugal; Capt. R. F. Burton, African traveler; Epes Sargent, author and scientist; James G. Clark, writer, poet and musical composer; Joseph Jefferson, the celebrated actor; Dr. Kane, the Arctic explorer; Countess Caithness; Lady Cowper; Baron and Baroness Von Vay; H. I. H. Nicholas, Duke of Leuchtenburg; H. S. H. the Prince George of Solms, whom I last met by a beautiful fountain on Pincian Hill in Rome, were Spiritualists.

Prof. William Denton, geologist, psychometrist, author; Prof. A. DeMorgan, President of the Mathematical Society, London; William Gregory, M. D., F. R. S., Professor of Chemistry in the Edinburgh University; Dr. Garth Wilkinson, F. R. G. S., F. A. S., author and eminent physician; Dr. William Hitchmann, LL. D., F. L. S., Consulting Surgeon in Leeds Hospital; Dr. Robert S. Wyld, LL. D., scientist and author; Robert Dale Owen, author, and American Minister to Italy; W. Stainton Moses, M. A. (Oxon) of London University, writer and author; Rev. John Pierpont, poet, author, Unitarian preacher; W. T. Stead, editor of *Review of Reviews*, traveler and author; Prof. S. B. Brittain, writer, author, scientist and psychometrist; Prof. J. R. Buchanan, professor in medical colleges, discoverer of Psychometry, author of Sarcognomy and other occult studies; Rev. Charles and Thomas K. Beecher, both of whom were Spiritualists. The last time that I met Thomas K. Beecher was in a spiritual seance at Watkins' Glen. Prof. E. D. Babbitt, Dean of the Eclectic College of the Finer Forces author of "Principles of Light and Color," and other volumes; T. P. Barkas, F. G. S., F. A. S., naturalist, scientist and author, are also Spiritualists. This last distinguished scholar and scientist says: "I have investigated and experimented under every kind of reasonable tests my ingenuity could devise. \* \* \* Notwithstanding all tests and precautions, spirit phenomena have taken place that are utterly inexplicable by reference to any known physical or psychological law. All this I have done with the cold eye and steady pulse of a scientist." But enough!

Here is a golden chain of testimony, streaming like pearls down through all the centuries past to the Hydesville rapping concussions, and later. It is a misnomer to talk of Spiritualism as being modern. In some form and under some name it is as old as the pyramids, as all the historic ages, and the above names of notables are but a tithe of those I might mention if space permitted.

It may be said that certain of these eminent scientists, statesmen, jurists, philosophers and authors, though investigating the occult, had not or have not openly given in their adhesion to Spiritualism. Quite likely! Should any of them complain, we shall be pleased to make due correction. It may not be amiss, however, to say that during the past 50 years or more of travels in foreign countries, including the Orient, I have personally met or sat in seances with a large majority of the above-named celebrities, and they were outright Spiritualists in private, if not in public.

When in Cairo, Egypt, I sat in the very spiritualistic seance organized by Madame Blavatsky before she had reached either London or America. She was a strong physical medium—an eccentric

character, brilliant, forceful; daring, profane at times, and something of a fraud. The wheat and the tares to-day, as of old, grow together.

The two implacable enemies of Spiritualism are the weird vagaries of certain voluble expounders, coupled with the frauds and the mountebanks that steal the name "spiritual" to play their fantastic tricks for pelf, and to gratify gaping gatherings of test-hunting gullibles. The other enemy is the creed-cursed churches, the Roman Catholic being ever in the lead. Several councils, Ancyra, held A. D. 314, Laodicea, 50 years later, Trullo, held 692 A. D., and others, promulgated decrees against enchanters, astrologers, sooth-sayers, magicians and necromancy (talking with the dead). Right here the inquiry arises, if there was no possibility of converse with the dead—that is, with spirits—why should the church condemn it? Think of the consistency of condemning what did not, and what could not, exist!

Pope Alexander VIII issued a bull against the people invoking demons and the "unsaved dead" from their purgatorial abodes. On July 30, 1816, Pope Pius IX published a decree against somnambulism, clairvoyance and all forms of "divination." The Archbishop of Quebec in 1854 sent out a pastoral decree against all forms of spirit communications and consultations. The theological church has ever been a barrier to progress, a foe to education, and a hater of liberty, obstructing the march of civilization, while her hands have been crimsoned with the blood of murdered millions for the "sake of the Lord, Jesus Christ" Guizot, the French historian of civilization, tells us that "when any war arose between power and liberty, the Roman church always placed itself on the side of power against liberty."

How much better was Queen Elizabeth! Study the horrible secrets of that English Inquisition known as the "High Commission Court," and the Star Chamber. Through it heretics, scholarly Free-thinkers, were brought to the block; and mediums, called "witches and wizards," were burned and otherwise killed, according to the Scripture, which saith: "They shall surely be put to death." In later years John Bunyan was imprisoned, George Fox hunted and villified, and Ann Lee jailed. Persecutions, fetters, dungeons, fires, swords, gory blocks and inhuman butcheries, have ever been the attendants of Sectarian Churchianity, which is now effectually, rapidly, dying. The twentieth century will gleefully bury its morally putrid carcass.

#### Birth-day Surprise.

A most enjoyable evening was spent April 10 in the parlors of that staunch old veteran, Mrs. Hendee-Rogers, it being in the nature of a surprise, on the anniversary of her 83rd birthday. Loving and admiring friends delighted to show their appreciation of this dear old "Mother in Israel," who, by the blameless purity of her life, her sweetness of character, her faithful, untiring and unselfish devotion to the cause of true Spiritualism, her fearless denunciation of wrong and her courageous advocacy of truth, has endeared herself to all.

She has been a mighty power for good; her influence has been far-reaching; she has been in the advance guard in the army of progress; has bound up many wounds; has carried consolation to many hearts; has pointed many souls to the light, and now from the sun-crowned heights of her 83 years, working in loving co-operation with the angels, she is carrying the water of life to thirsty spirits, and to full parlors three evenings of every week, she is dispensing the light of truth, awaking slumbering souls and bringing the two worlds into a more harmonious relationship.

The evening was pleasantly spent in conversation, interspersed with singing, short speeches, spirit-greetings and messages and the inevitable light refreshments.

Mrs. Rogers in beautiful words welcomed her guests, and at the close her guides responded to the gracious words of appreciation, which, on behalf of those present and her many absent friends as well, were spoken by Mrs. Geo. Roberts, Capt. H. H. Brown and the writer. All honor to these old veterans. Let us not forget to weave bright garlands of loving praise, tender thoughts and kindly appreciation for them, while they still walk with us in the mortal, and when they hear the welcome call to "Come up higher," may their mantle of earnestness, steadfastness and courage fall upon us who are trying to follow in their footsteps.

LIZZIE DUCKER LYNNESS.  
San Jose, Cal.

#### Value of Experience.

Every experience is a nut placed in our hands that we must crack. The kernel within must be eaten by us, and is the knowledge to be acquired giving strength and power for future usefulness. If we fume and fret about the shell or burr of the nut, instead of getting at the reason for our having it, we are missing an opportunity to gain power and wisdom. We only know the character of the kernels that we have willingly accepted, opened and eaten: for we cannot tell the quality of the meat by the shape or color of the shell.

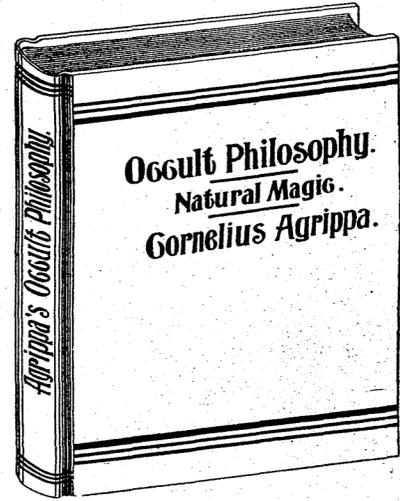
We cannot tell the good we are to gain from the experiences we have, by the way they appear to be. We must judge not by appearances, but judge righteous judgment; for the appearance is the shell, while the righteous judgment is the kernel. The experiences of life are both great and small, and each day is full of them; so we must nick the nuts clean, for a shell will never be presented to us again after we have eaten all of its kernel.—*Elevator.*

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**The Banner of Light**, dated April 13, is the anniversary number of that excellent periodical, noting its 44th year of existence. It contains a symposium on subjects pertaining to Spiritualism, from the pens of the principal writers of the present age. It is a valuable number, and the JOURNAL congratulates the *Banner* not only upon its attaining its 44th year, but on the excellence of its anniversary issue.

**The Christian Scientists** have dedicated their second church in Chicago. It is a beautiful edifice on the west side, erected at a cost of \$120,000. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 1,450. It is all paid for by the 4,000 members that are said to represent the Chicago constituency. Mrs. Eddy sent a letter of congratulation.

But the Spiritualists, who number over 50,000 there, have not even a hall of their own—all because they are not organized, harmonious and happy.

**The Creeds** are passing away. These fossil-eyed remains of antiquity can no longer hold the minds of the masses. Men will think and reason and outgrow the opinions and beliefs of their fathers. As an item in this direction, showing how the wind blows, we may cite the fact that among 188 presbyteries expressing an opinion about a restatement of the creed, 45 are reported to vote for a dismissal of the subject, while 143 desire some sort of change in their credal relations.

When conservative Presbyterians can no longer hold back the tide of opposition to the creeds of their forefathers, how can the more liberal churches hope to "stem the tide" which has now set in? Surely "the world is moving on," irresistibly.

## Life's Experiences.

Our environments are quite often misunderstood by ourselves, and misjudged by others. All our surroundings have a hidden significance intended to teach us in some way something beyond that which the senses recognize. Yet, how often do we, when seeing but half (or even much less than that) of the whole plan of the invisibles, come to erroneous conclusions, and complain of our fate. We act much like children who gather flowers and stick them into the ground, expecting them to grow, and feel greatly disappointed because they do not. Our angel friends, we should remember, are doing all that they can to give us ripe experiences and fit us for the great work before us. We should calmly await the outcome, ever remembering that,

Their purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flower.

**Mrs. Helen Wilmans**, in *Freedom*, very wisely remarks as follows on the power of thought:

Holding yourself in that condition of repose where you feel that your old beliefs are beneath your feet, begin to affirm of yourself such conditions as you desire: Health, strength, symmetry, beauty, etc. At this point a seemingly strange thing happens. You will find that as you make the affirmations of your desires, there comes a mental response saying: "You will have all these things now." This is the materializing power of the Word, when spoken in clear understanding of the Truth. It is the power that gradually begins to make you over after the pattern of your desires; it is the externalizing power.

**Joan of Arc**, a progressive mind which stirred France and made trouble for the Catholic clergy, is now declared by the Roman Congregation of Rites, to be a saint, says an exchange. Time may change the attitude of the church, but it cannot change the facts of the persecution by the church, of men and women who have dared to oppose her teachings. The making of saints is now popular; the persecution of them was the order of the day centuries ago.

Joan of Arc was a medium, and we commend to the thoughtful consideration of all, the excellent pamphlet describing her mediumship, by Moses Hull—price, 15c—which can be had at this office.

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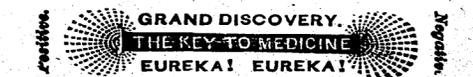
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### Local News Summary.

**Our Telephone.**—Those who may wish to telephone to this office will please call up "Jessie 1789."

**Children's Progressive Lyceum** meets every Sunday morning at 909 Market St., San Francisco, at 10:30. Free spiritual library. Visitors welcome. Regular social on second Friday of each month at 305 Larkin. C. H. WADSWORTH.

**Mission Lyceum** meets every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Mission Opera Hall, 2131 Mission St., San Francisco. Friends of the Lyceum movement are always welcome. The regular monthly entertainment is held on the last Saturday evening of each month. W. T. JONES.

**LADIES' AID SOCIETY.**—Headquarters at 305 Larkin-st., San Francisco. On the last Friday evening in each month dancing will begin at 8:30, interspersed with musical and literary exercises. Admission ten cents. Business and social meetings every Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. All are invited. Take the Elevator.

**It is with Much Regret** that we learn that Mr. Stephen D. Dye of Los Angeles is again very ill since his return. We had hoped that his trip to the Sandwich Islands would have so far recruited his health as to prevent any recurrence of his former trouble. We hope soon to be able to announce his full recovery to health.

**Whitney Hall** was again overflowing last Sunday evening, the audience being made up chiefly of investigators who were seeking to know something concerning the future and their loved ones who had gone before. Mr. Salisbury, through his medium, Mrs. Whitney, gave them interesting lessons and comforting messages as usual.

**Mrs. Meyer's Meeting** last Sunday evening at 335 McAllister St., San Francisco, was quite full of interest. Her psychometric readings of articles and flowers were remarkably good.

**Mrs. Maxwell-Colby** has returned from her trip into the mountains with renewed strength and vigor and has commenced her work again at her home, 1041½ Valencia St., San Francisco. Her friends will be glad to welcome her return.

**Oakland.**—The 3 p.m. meeting of the Union Spiritual Society at Fraternal Hall on Sunday, April 21, was opened by Dr. Bonesteel, followed by Mr. Clark, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Bonesteel; Mrs. Smith gave messages at close. The evening meeting was devoted to reading sealed questions by Mrs. Stewart, which was very satisfactory to all present.

**The Mediums' Meeting** at Loring Hall, Oakland, Wednesday evening, April 17, was largely attended. Messages were given through Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cowell, and everybody present seemed satisfied and loth to depart.

**Mrs. Eberhardt** gave her usual test meeting last Sunday evening at 3250 22nd St., to a large and interested audience.

### A Birthday Surprise.

The tribute of grateful appreciation and esteem with which every unprejudiced seeker after life and truth is ever ready to honor the faithful and fearless teacher, was beautifully illustrated on Monday evening, April 15, at the home of Geo. W. Carpender, M. D., 1422 Post St., San Francisco.

Fifty-two years ago Dr. Carpender was a minister of the Methodist church. The stories of the spiritual phenomena manifested through the Fox sisters caused him to investigate. Convinced of the truth, his great force of character led him to act upon his convictions. For upwards of 30 years Dr. Carpender has been a leader and teacher of men in the progressive philosophy of Spiritualism.

On Monday he celebrated his 78th birthday. In the evening a surprise was sprung upon the venerable Doctor; familiar faces began to pour into the parlors, until it seemed as though the upper rooms would be needed for the overflow, and Dr. Carpender realized, in some measure, the high esteem in which he is held by the people. Dr. J. R. G. Norman sprung the surprise in a brief address, and, after giving messages of congratulation received from a large number of friends who were unable to be present, introduced Mr. W. T. Jones, secretary of the State Spiritualist Association, as chairman of the meeting. The number of regrets necessarily exceeded the number present, owing to the very short notice.

Many touching tributes were paid to Dr. Carpender by those who addressed the meeting. Mrs. Rogers sang a beautiful controlto selection in her usual artistic manner. Mme. DeForest Lunt, a dramatic soprano, sang with great effect: Dr. F. C. Treadwell and Mrs. J. W. Hays gave humorous recitations; Master Raymond Hays, the boy soprano, sang a waltz song written for him by his mother; Mrs. J. W. Hays played an impromptu waltz, "Just as Young as I Used to be," in honor of her father's birthday, which was well received.

The program was closed by the chairman introducing Dr. and Mrs. Carpender, who both expressed the great pleasure it gave them to be so honored. Dr. Carpender dwelt upon "Co-operation," which called forth a very pathetic incident of the war, related by Gen. Russell O'Brien, which touched the hearts of all present. This very pleasant evening was brought to a final close with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Oriental Hall** was crowded to overflowing last Sunday evening. Mrs. Seal gave an inspirational lecture, and Mme. Young interested the audience with spirit messages and psychometric readings. Professors Young and Bothwell-Browne furnished the music.

**Wednesday Night's Meeting** of the free spiritual society at 856½ Isabella St., Oakland, was well attended. Mrs. Palinbaum read a poem entitled "Conscience." Mrs. Rebecca Stewart gave an invocation. Dr. Sol Palinbaum became entranced and gave spirit messages and then delineated character for several in the audience. The hour being late, Mrs. E. Stewart closed by giving an inspirational discourse on the "philosophy of Spiritualism." Vox.

**Mrs. Sarah Seal**, who has been seriously ill with congestion of the lungs and heart trouble, is convalescent and beginning again to attend to business. Her correspondents and patrons are requested to exercise a little patience and all will be attended to in a few days.

**Woodmen Hall**, Oakland, held a large and appreciative audience to listen to Mrs. R. S. Lillie's address last Sunday morning. At 8 p.m. Mr. Swan of San Francisco occupied the platform, giving convincing proof of spirit return. He will be with us next Sunday evening, April 28, the audience being greatly interested in his work. W.

**Los Angeles Camp.**—As secretary of the Southern California Camp Association, I write to inform you that we have decided to hold the camp-meeting this year, from Aug. 11 to Sept. 11. Further announcements will be made soon. NETTIE HOWELL, Sec. 139 West Fifth St., Los Angeles, Cal.

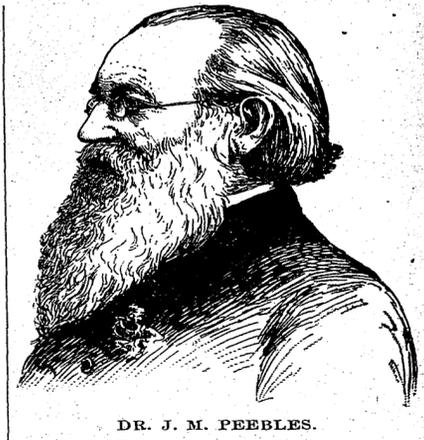
**Mrs. Maxwell** held another interesting meeting at Lower Scottish Hall, 117 Larkin St., last Sunday evening. Mrs. D. A. Dunkel presided at the piano. The audience was composed of intelligent and inquiring people who were earnestly seeking the light of truth. The following mediums occupied the rostrum: Mrs. Maxwell, Miss Lillie Mott, Mrs. H. D. Wrenn and Mr. Matchett. CAPT. BERT A. STOUT.

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**Mission Lyceum.**—The program for the April entertainment and dance is being distributed. It is a good one; don't miss it—Saturday evening, April 27. Mission Opera Hall, 2131 Mission St.

**Mrs. R. Cowell**, we are glad to announce, did not receive injuries as badly as it was feared from the accident, which we reported in last week's JOURNAL, and was able to be at San Jose on last Sunday, when nearly 400 people turned out to hear her. She is engaged with the First Spiritual Union of that city for the next three or four months, leaving Oakland Sunday morning, and returning Tuesday morning, giving readings Monday evening at Sleeper Hall. She has received a call to go to the Los Angeles camp-meeting in August, but does not know whether she will be able to go there. It is quite a relief to her many friends to know that the injuries she sustained were much lighter than they might have been under ordinary circumstances. We cannot afford to have this excellent worker laid aside. Her services are needed too much all over the Pacific Coast.

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The Spiritual and Ethical Society of New York celebrated the 53rd anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on April 7, 1901, in a most pleasing program.

Mr. Henry Frank gave a very happy speech on a subject given by the audience, "The Resurrection." His thought of the meaning of the word was exactly in accord with the teachings of our philosophy.

The violin playing of Mr. Herwege von Ende was exquisite. He is a master of his instrument, and tears of delight seemed ready to flow from all eyes at the sound of the sweet soul music.

Our youngest member, Neil Burgess Jr., aged 8 years, gave a recitation; his father (the well-known comedian) and his mother being members also of our society. He shows the budding talent of his father and mother and shows the easy grace which he has so evidently inherited. It was a beautiful feature of the entertainment.

Mrs. Nellie Brigham improvised some exquisite poems. Modesty forbids any mention of my own song, but the audience seemed to like it. The obligato on the violin by Mr. Von Ende was the most striking feature of it, and made the song sing itself. Altogether, our program was said to be the best we ever gave and all were glad they came. LOUISA TUTTLE, Sec.

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