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THE OTHER WORLD.

It lies around us like a cloud—
A world we do not see;
Yet the sweet closing of an eye
May bring us there to be.

Its gentle breezes fan our cheek;
Amid our worldly cares
Its gentle voices whisper love,
And mingle with our prayers.

Sweet hearts around us throb and beat,
Sweet helping hands are stirred,
And palpitates the veil between
With breathings almost heard.

The silence—aw! ul, sweet, and calm—
They have no power to break;
For mortal words are not for them
To utter or partake.

So thin, so soft, so sweet they glide,
So near to press they seem,
So faint to lull us to our rest,
And melt into our dream.

And in the hush of rest they bring,
'Tis easy now to see
How lovely and how sweet a pass
The hour of death may be.

To close the eye, to close the ear,
Wrapped in a trance of bliss,
And gently dream, in loving arms
To swoon to That, from this.

Scarce knowing if we wake or sleep,
Scarce asking where we are—
To feel all evil sink away,
All sorrow and all care.

Sweet souls around us! watch us still,
Press nearer to our side—
Into our thoughts, into our prayers
With gentle keepings glide.

Let Death between us be as naught—
A dried and vanished stream;
Our joy, be the reality:
Our suffering life, the dream.

MRS. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

BORDERLAND

A Haunted House.

Receiving information that peculiar psychic phenomena of a physical nature were transpiring near Bradford, in the village of Youlgreave, about four miles from Rowsley, on the Midland Railway, a representative of the *Two Worlds* journeyed to the hamlet in order to ascertain the facts of the case.

Accompanied by a couple of friends, we made our way along a country road, amid charming scenery, until we arrived at the scene. The information concerning the whereabouts of the "haunted" house was somewhat hazy, so inquiring for "Mrs. Wilson," that good lady, presently discovered, directed us to the house where the woman lived, who had a short time since vacated the cottage where the "knockings" had been heard.

Mrs. Johnson, the person in question, a hard-working woman with a little family, we found quite prepared to unfold to us the story of the happenings which had

caused such a stir in the neighborhood.

Her husband and self had left their old house because they were afraid to stay in it any longer. "My husband was scared and so was I, while the children were terrified," she said.

It appeared from her story that the house next to theirs had been occupied by an old gentleman named James Goodwin and his stepson, Arthur Evans. Last Good Friday the old man died, after invoking a blessing on the head of Mrs. Johnson, who had attended to his last requirements, and made his dying hours lighter, by all the means that lay in her power.

On the day he died Mrs. Johnson declares she saw a black shadowy object standing by the door at the foot of the stairs. While she looked the object beckoned solemnly to the old man three times; and she turned to a neighbor who was there and said: "Mr. Goodwin will die soon!" His relatives laughed at her fear, and declared he would rally and live; "but I was impressed he would die, and die he did," she said.

About five months after the funeral of the good old man, who sang hymns until he died, Mrs. Johnson had her first strange ex-

perience. While engaged in tidying the house for the step son, who still occupied the dwelling recently vacated by his father, she saw something black sitting on a box in the bedroom. "I thought it was a rat," she said, "but when I went up to it it had eyes like fire." It vanished from her sight, and she was somewhat scared. Some time after she saw something like a rat appear from under the door and disappear before her eyes. She said nothing to anyone about the first appearance, for she feared she would be laughed at, but on this occasion she went for a neighbor, but when returning neither saw anything.

Next day, while in the downstairs room, she heard coughing upstairs. Thinking someone was trying to frighten her, she ran up, but then heard the coughing downstairs. She told her husband she was nervous about going to clean the house, and instead of the noises decreasing they began to increase. Knocks came upon various parts of the walls and woodwork. One neighbor testified to hearing them "all over the place." Another neighbor corroborated Mrs. Johnson's statement that the furniture seemed "all on the dance," for she herself had seen a chair dance up

and down in the room. Another woman interviewed was positive the noises had occurred, as she had heard three loud raps on the door, followed by another three as she was passing outside, while no one was in the house to make the noises.

Finally the mysterious visitant, who could be heard walking about the floor and upstairs as though in his boots, extended his operations to the domicile of the Johnsons. Evans had asked to be allowed to sleep in their house, as the noises terrified him. This request was granted, but the knockings and sounds followed him. Upstairs it seemed as though the furniture was being moved, so great was the noise, although nothing was actually shifted.

Knockings came under Mrs. Johnson's feet and upon the walls, and skeptical neighbors, who went to hear, believing her to be making the sounds with her feet, felt the concussion beneath their own and speedily left the house.

A Methodist local preacher, who talked boldly, was invited to investigate, but upon hearing the raps hurriedly left the house.

Now groanings were heard, and sounds as of the heavy plunging of a load of coal tipped in the house, the whole fabric shaking.

The neighbors suggested rats, and some even declared Mrs. Johnson was trying to frighten the neighbors, and ought to be horse-whipped. But the poor woman's eyes filled with tears as she indignantly repudiated such charge, and denied the possibility of her making the sounds if she so wished. "Besides, sir, do you think I should be so silly as to leave my house if it was I doing it?"

We visited her empty house, but heard no noises, and could not gain entrance to the primarily "haunted" domicile, as the occupant was out. Although he still keeps the place, he refuses to sleep there, the noises being too appalling.

Mrs. Johnson is evidently a clairvoyant, for she declares she has seen shadows of various heights and has followed them.

There is no doubt of the main facts of the case, which were corroborated by many witnesses, especially a Mrs. Shimwell, who had been with Mrs. Johnson in the house when many of the manifestations had occurred. — *Two Worlds*, London, England.

Spirit Manifestations.

Your correspondent was told by the spirit Flowerette, one of the band of spirits around the artist, Mrs. A. C. Littlefield, that if he would go to Mrs. Carrie M. Saw-



T. G. Stowe

yer's seances, at 21 Yarmouth St., Boston, for full-form spirit materialization, that she would try and come, so that he could both see her and talk to her personally, while she was materialized in a solid form. No one knew that I expected to meet this spirit there, so when she came in her superbly materialized white robes, lace, flowing hair, and head decorated by an illuminated eight-pointed star, etc., I was greatly delighted at the personal evidence she furnished me of her identity and reality.

Mrs. Sawyer has been endorsed by some of the most famous men in the United States, notably by Paul Gibier, late of Pasteur's Institute, who held these seances with her in his institute, over a period of one year and seven months, after which he had contracted with the medium and her accomplished daughter to exhibit these grand phenomena in France, Egypt, etc. Other notables, both in politics, business, society, etc., have testified to me personally that they had each received perfect evidence that spirits from the world beyond the grave have come back and materialized for them. Diplomats, editors, doctors, business men and women, mediums, aristocrats, Harvard students and mechanics, have all told me the same story, and no one of education will dispute these people.

This phase of spirit power is so divine that human language is unable to do it justice. The fact that not one person in a million is a materializing medium probably accounts for the general ignorance upon the subject, while the difficulties of securing perfect conditions for the delicate work is well known to Spiritualists.

So materialized Moses and Elias on the Mount, prophet Samuel at the Woman of Endor, Christ after his death, and the hand at the feast of Belshazzar.

GEO. E. LOTHROP, JR.

A Pleasant Occasion.

These words can be spoken of the mass meeting in New York City on May 1, 2, 3 and 4. So great was the interest taken by the people that an additional day was added to the series by the management, on which occasion the people were even more enthusiastic than they were at first. The meeting was a success, financially and numerically, and will result in a renewed interest in the State and National organizations. The officers of the two bodies co-operated in the work of the convention and did much to restore good feeling among the local workers in Greater New York. A large delegation will go to the National Convention in Washington in October from the great metropolis of America.

This great gathering was a most pleasant affair in more ways than one to the writer. Here the editor of the *Light of Truth*, the editor of the *Sermon*, and the editor of the *Banner of Light* met upon common ground, and recemented the bonds of friendship that have so long united them. Brothers Hull and Austin were at their best, and aroused much enthusiasm among the people, while the *Banner* editor found himself too busy with the duties of presiding officer to do much in any other field.

The mediums, Mrs. May S. Pepper, Miss Margaret Gaule, and Ida Moore Courlis, gave scores of convincing messages, and created mild sensations whenever they ap-

peared. They made every test tell, and clinched their assertions with indisputable evidence of fact. They are entitled to great praise for their most excellent and unselfish work. The N.S.A. is fortunate in having such earnest and devoted friends.

Hon. A. H. Dailey, Mrs. H. T. Brigham, Prof. Wm. M. Lockwood and Mrs. H. J. Newton spoke ably and instructively at different sessions of the convention. Each one added many valuable thoughts to the store of those who heard them, and did much to awaken an interest in organization among the many people who listened to them. Too much praise cannot be given to the music rendered at all of the meetings. The singing of Robert C. Easton and Mrs. Jessie Graham was of the highest order, while the violin solos by Prof. Severn were most excellent in character. With splendid music, excellent tests, and able speakers, the convention could not be otherwise than a grand success. It has renewed friendship, restored harmony, and reawakened the flagging zeal of many of the workers in Spiritualism.

Two features of the convention must not be overlooked, and that is the hospitality of the people, and the opportunity to greet old friends. Brothers Hull and Townsend of the *Light of Truth*, Dr. Austin of the *Sermon* and the writer were well cared for by both mortals and spirits. All were the recipients of marvelous slate-writings through that gifted psychic, Fred P. Evans. In each case the writings came most unexpectedly, and without any solicitations for special sittings. The messages were direct, full of internal evidences of fact, and most complete in their references to matters of personal interest to the several sitters.

We had the pleasure of examining the slates received by Brothers Hull and Townsend, and found them as remarkable as our own. Dr. Austin reported the results in his case as wonderful beyond words to relate. In the case of the writer, Prof. Evans did not touch the slates after they were cleansed, but sat with his hands clasped behind his head, conversing in the freest possible way. The writer held two of the slates, while the others were scattered singly about the table. The messages received were clear-cut, and of a most unexpected character. There was evidence of fact in every word, and the seance will not be forgotten by the receiver. Like the wonderful tests of Mrs. Pepper, Miss Gaule and Mr. Courlis, this manifestation is another evidence of the ability of our spirit friends to make themselves known to their loved ones on earth. The true psychic is humanity's best friend, and should be rewarded accordingly. Spiritualism will be signally blessed when genuine evidence of the glorious truth of spirit return is given to every heart-hungry child of God.—*Banner of Light*.

Great Events Ahead.

MRS. J. L. YORK.

Hear you not the mighty tread of the hosts of the down-trodden and oppressed? A great upheaval is in the near future. The pent-up fires which have smoldered in the breasts of the oppressed millions of all lands are bursting their bonds, and are being fanned by the sympathetic thought which wells up in the hearts of downtrodden humanity everywhere.

Russia is honey-combed with revolt, and though the blood of those who dare to do and die flows like water, it is only the price which liberty has always to pay. The thrones whereon sit those who have held the masses as in their hands to do their bidding, are doomed. The hot tears of the oppressed has rusted their foundations and they are tottering. Thought is opening the great highway of progression, and its path lies direct through the thrones of earth, and as the right of way is accorded to every public good, they will have to be removed.

The people are learning to think for themselves; the atmosphere is permeated with thought, and the masses are drinking it in with every breath, and they ask liberty—liberty of conscience—the right of self-government. 'Tis evolution. The earth is becoming sufficiently matured to produce minds capable of self-government. While man was incapable of governing himself he needed a ruler; while he was incapable of thinking for himself, a priest arrogated to himself the right to think for him. But the world moves. In this, the morning of the Twentieth Century, the mists are clearing away and the hilltops of progression are plainly visible.

The battle is but just begun. Creeds, systems, empires, die hard, and Church and State will fight every inch of the ground for supremacy; but age brings childishness, and they will not always be able to cope with the growing thought of the day. But this restlessness is not confined to the old world. In America the waves of unrest and dissatisfaction beat and throb within the hearts of the masses, and why? The government is drifting into channels never intended by the founders of this republic. The people are not recognized only as steps by which those who aim to high positions can be raised into power. The aim of the government to day is not to protect and benefit the masses. Its object is wealth in the hands of the few—the system of banking by which the few are enabled to amass colossal fortunes, while, in like ratio, the poor must grow poorer, is a system which has no right upon American soil.

The day is not far distant when the people will be compelled to take the reins of government into their own hands. No party government for a free people, but a people's government must and will be established, and the United States will become what it was intended by its founders—a house of refuge for the oppressed of all nations.

The party in power to-day was born when peril threatened the government, and at the call from the noble leader who had been prepared for the work he was destined to accomplish, the loyal sons of America rushed to the front. From every dell and hamlet they poured forth, esteeming their lives as nothing when weighed in the balance with the land baptized by the blood of their sires, and nobly did the party accomplish its work. From its blood-stained battle-fields arose 4,000,000 lives freed from the chains of physical slavery. The right hand of the noble Lincoln struck the chains off the black man and bade him go free; but time has passed and much remains to be accomplished. Other chains of slavery have yet to be stricken off from the bond-men and bond-women of this land.

The chains of superstition, which bind the souls of those who look to Pope and Priest for salvation, have to be stricken off. Mental slavery binds more effectively than does physical, for the one controls only the body, while the other binds both soul and body in ignorance, bigotry and fear; but light will shine into the darkness of mental slavery, and those chains will also be stricken off, for the vanguard of progressive minds are wielding the battle-ax of truth, and light shall pierce the darkness of ignorance and error.

Another form of slavery exists which is even worse than the other, for it makes all other forms possible—the slavery of poverty—the slavery whereby man is compelled to employ all of his time to eke out a scanty pittance hardly sufficient to keep together soul and body, effectually preventing him from gaining that knowledge which could be his savior; and this can only be accomplished by the growth of mind, development of the brain, whereby man is enabled to devise laws which shall equalize the wealth of the world, preventing gigantic fortunes upon the one hand and abject poverty upon the other. Time and growth will accomplish this.

Yet another king reigns supreme over the world, and how shall his rule be supplanted?—intemperance, not only in alcoholic beverages, but in the appetites and passions of the masses, flooding the world with undeveloped humanity.

The subject of parentage is one which should occupy the attention of the thinkers of every land. How can pure bodies and pure minds be formulated from parents whose lives are wrecks from indulgence of the appetites and passions? There is no evil of greater magnitude to-day than intemperance; it covers the whole realm through which the appetites, desires or passions can be fed. Intemperance in eating leads to sensuality; intemperance in drinking leads to the same result; intemperance at the gaming-table leads to indulgence in stimulants and often death; too great indulgence in the yellow-covered literature of the day and in late hours and over-taxed condition of the mental lead to the same road.

It is not the man or woman whose weakness is the intoxicating bowl that is alone intemperate, but these conditions are due to the undeveloped conditions of the earth, and it is only through growth these conditions can be remedied. We pity and condemn the poor unfortunate whose life seems to us a wreck, whose morbid tastes and passions are leading him down the road to destruction; but how much is he to blame? The passions of generations past has made him what he is, and 'tis better that his generation should die with him than that he should add his quota to still curse the world with undeveloped humanity. The subject of parentage is a subject which should be taught to the young. The false modesty which, through ignorance, has closed the mouths of fathers, mothers and teachers in regard to this subject so vital to the happiness of all, is no longer an excuse, for to-day science is flooding the world with light, and the excuses of ignorance are criminal. The time has arrived when it is within the power of all to educate themselves upon this all-important subject.

There should be radical changes in the management of prisons,

reform schools, houses of correction, and in all places which are intended for punishment. The object of all should be reform. All criminals should be treated in the light of mental invalids, and the treatment adopted in their cases should be of a nature to arouse the dormant powers which nature has given them to become noble men and women. Those powers and capabilities are undeveloped. In most cases influences have been brought to bear which have developed to abnormal growth the baser passions, and their controlling influence has prevented the development of the nobler attributes of man. In a well-organized individual all the powers are noble; all are for use, and are necessary to a well rounded manhood. Sin is the abuse of our faculties. The sin is not against God, but against ourselves and our fellow-creatures.

The doctrine that we must atone to God for our sins and receive forgiveness, is false *in toto*. There is no forgiveness for sin; but that sin must be atoned for by reparation of the wrong done. Have you wronged your neighbor? If it is not possible to atone to him for the wrong done, you must do good to others until your sin is fully atoned for. Is the sin against your own body or mind? You will suffer condemnation until by right living you have outgrown the conditions into which your sin had plunged you. The building of costly churches or of offering long prayers to God will not atone for the errors of earth-life; but they will all be atoned for, not by the spilled blood of an only Son of God, but by outliving the conditions of earth-life. It is progression. The laws which govern make it not only possible, but a necessity.

There is no place in all the immense universe of nature where poor humanity is destined to suffer throughout all time the torments of the damned; the law of progression pervades the whole universe of matter. The most advanced spirits—those who have been longest inhabitants of the spheres—have never seen God. They have no conception of such a being, but they see and recognize everywhere the workings of law. The mind of the most advanced scientist of the spheres has never yet been able to calculate the immensity of the universe, or to bound with geographical lines the dimensions of space. It has never yet been possible to fathom its depths or to reach the heights of grandeur and sublimity in which man is destined to revel and bask in fields of knowledge. The mind of man will develop with every round of the ladder of progression upon which he rises, until he is capable of grasping the great secrets which nature will unfold to the progressed minds in untold ages yet to come.

But to return to the present time. As before said, there is much to be accomplished. The progressed minds who are leaders of the van, who, like the war-horse, can scent the battle from afar and realize and feel the needs of the hour, 'tis to them that light is given to lead on and out of the labyrinth of errors in which the people are enveloped, and they, like the Moors of old, shall go before guiding stars, wielding the battle-ax of truth, until the world shall be free from the superstitions and errors of the past. 'Tis growth; 'tis progression, and the world will move on. The wheels of evolution never turn back, but as ages

come and go upon the stage of earthly action, the plays will become grand dramas; the comic and the tragic of earlier ages will have passed and will no more be known, because earth will have outgrown the conditions whereby they could be produced. The great lever of thought is compelling the world to move forward; the scientists of earth are delving into the mysteries which they had been taught were not for man to know. They are flinging wide open the doors of the great storehouse of knowledge and bidding the world feed upon its inexhaustible supplies.

Oh, glorious morn! may thy rising sun shed its beams across all lands, and the risen savior of the world, whose name is knowledge, be the only ruler earth shall recognize, for with knowledge comes self-government, and when man shall learn to govern himself, no need of priest or king.

A Personal Experience.

W. J. HULL.

While in New York City recently, in company with James B. Townsend, we both had the pleasure of meeting Fred P. Evans and his estimable wife at their home on 42nd St., and enjoyed their hospitality at an elegant dinner in company with President Barrett of the N. S. A. and the able psychic and lecturer, J. William Fletcher.

Mr. Evans' career has been a remarkable one. In early life he was a sailor and rose to the rank of second officer on an ocean liner. His development in mediumship would fill a volume, and is, in fact, preserved in his great work entitled, "Psychography," which every Spiritualist and investigator ought to have and read. It is the most complete exposition of the marvelous phenomenon known as "independent slate-writing" extant, and is an ornament to spiritual literature.

Mr. Evans is a type of that nobility in man too often smothered by adverse circumstances. He, however, is stronger than circumstances, and his work in holding up the banner of pure Spiritualism right in the heart of New York is one of the most commendable, though not fully appreciated, features of the propaganda.

During our stay in the city Mr. Evans tendered Mr. Townsend and myself a little seance, and the *modus operandi* of this kind of slate-writers' work is the object of this article. I want to place on record one of the simplest experiments, and yet fraught with the most tremendous consequences, I have ever witnessed; simple in the way it was done, and important in its significance as a phenomenon, to the world.

Mr. Evans' manner is the height of *sang froid* and confidence in his wondrous powers as a medium. His seance-room evidences his simple yet æsthetic taste, and everywhere about him there pervades a sweet influence, but nothing of the nambly-pamby. He is a vigorous and powerful advocate and defender of his principles if the occasion requires them. He is meeting almost daily many of the most influential men in New York, and people travel from a distance to see him by appointment. Judges, lawyers, financiers, clergymen, doctors, and all down the line to the poor and needy, for whom he does much in a quiet way.

Following is a description of the seance: A small plain table, un-

painted, stood against a desk. Upon the table there was a simple tray holding some pieces of pencil, bits of colored crayon, etc. Mr. Evans was seated at one side of the table, Mr. Townsend and myself at the other, the room lighted by two large windows. While engaged in conversation the medium placed a number of small slates, thoroughly washed and dried, upon the table with a bit of pencil under each slate. For the most part, Mr. Evans walked the floor, and the talk was upon matters not at all in connection with the psychical work going on under the slates. At times Mr. Evans would pause and take up a slate, and in every instance the slate would be found filled with writing. Some of the writing was done in colors, and all of it pertained to matters in which Mr. Townsend and myself are deeply interested, making it very precious to us. In this way and in the course of a few minutes six slates were covered with these messages and signed by the communicators.

It is too late in the day of inquiry to cavil over the question of genuineness regarding this wonderful performance. That Mr. Evans had nothing whatever to do with it other than as a passive and wholly unperturbed instrument, is certain, and I am not writing this as an apology to the coarse questioning of the average skeptic, showing him how and why fraud was impossible. Too long have writers on spirit manifestations sought to knock chips off the shoulders of scoffing opponents rather than magnify the simple truth of what they set out to write about.

Skepticism is all right and is to be commended at times, but in the presence of phenomena such as occur with Mr. Evans, every barrier to a free and open conviction of the mighty truth is broken down, and in place of doubt there creeps in upon the soul the answer to and the consolation for every query that can harass an honest mind regarding life and responsibility beyond the grave.

With all due consideration for the claims of other mediums, in my opinion Mr. Evans is the king of slate-writers. Always affable, filled with a quaint, bubbling humor, a perfect gentleman, a well-developed athlete, a trusting nature and a thoroughly reliable medium, never making any failures, quiet and apparently unconcerned during the seances, nothing uncanny about them—in fact, everything is thrown about them to make them natural and acceptable to the most critical inquirer—such is the man who is meeting, single-handed and alone, and yet surrounded by a cloud of witnesses invisible, all the prejudice and ignorance of the hosts who visit him, and is making Spiritualism, for which he lives and labors, respected.—*Light of Truth.*

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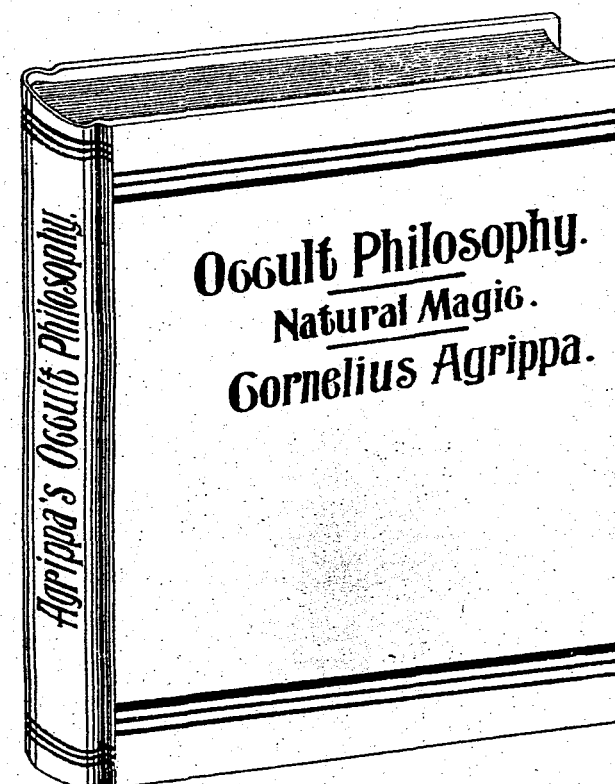
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The President, Mrs. McKinley, the Cabinet and their guests left for Washington last Saturday morning. Their stay in San Francisco had been prolonged for a week on account of Mrs. McKinley's illness. California entertained them right royally.

Onset Camp-Meeting opens on July 14, continuing to Sept. 1, 1901. Programs with full information concerning the lectures, entertainments, and how to get there, may be obtained by addressing the Onset Bay Camp-Meeting Co., Onset, Mass.

While the Number is rapidly increasing who do not desire to get drugs into their systems, some benighted legislations try to make a law to compel everyone to swallow drugs when not feeling quite well! This attempt must be futile.

Have Animals Souls? is the question being discussed in the daily papers now. The writers seem to be very ignorant of the correct primary definition of soul. It is simply an organized being—not an entity separate from the body! In all ancient books, including the Bible, it is used interchangeably with "person" or "being." It is not an immortal entity! It says: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Hundreds of souls perished in the floods, etc.

When We Add to our cares of to-day those of the past and future, we act foolishly. Enough for the day is the burden thereof. The past is gone. The future has not come yet—when it really exists, let it bear its own share of cares. To do our best at every moment and forget the past, is our duty; then we may look forward to the future with joy and gladness of heart.

Healing Without Medicine.

Two weeks ago we stated that the President brought his wife to San Francisco two days ahead of the appointed time on account of her sudden illness. She grew rapidly worse, and, as a result, the intended festivities and journey to Oregon, Washington, etc., had to be abandoned.

Two or three eminent local physicians were called to consult with the family physician, who accompanied her from her home, and on Wednesday, May 15, her case was considered very critical. The bulletins issued by her physician were rather gloomy, and several "stories" were erroneously circulated, that she had even passed away.

Then she rallied, continued to improve, and was able to take the journey home last Saturday. This puzzled the doctors and surprised her many friends.

The San Francisco Daily *Examiner* stated that upon hearing the discouraging news, Mrs. Conger, wife of Minister Conger (who is a Christian Scientist) telegraphed to the President for permission to treat his wife. Upon receiving a telegram granting the request, Mrs. Conger began the work, and from that hour she steadily improved, called for substantial food, and within 10 days was able to undertake the journey homeward.

This incident, if it is fully corroborated, will do much to convince people that there is a mighty power in the mentality; and, when properly directed, it can control the physical body, drive out disease, make the weak strong, the sick healthy, and grant to those "given up to die," a new lease of physical life.

Who will dare to say that this prominent example of "the power of mind over matter," may not have been wisely permitted to teach the people a great truth?

Mental healers, take courage. At a time when 17 States have enacted laws against the exercise of your heaven-born gifts, the angels have come to the rescue, and shown by unmistakable proofs that such persecutions are unwarranted, and that the "laws" in question are unjust, unreasonable and pernicious.

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again! The eternal years of God are hers."

The Atonement, the most pernicious doctrine of Christendom, is repudiated by Lord Bolingbroke, who makes the following powerful argument against it:

Let us suppose a great prince, governing wicked, rebellious people. He has it in his power to punish; he thinks fit to pardon them. But he orders his only and beloved son to be put to a cruel death to expiate their sins and to satisfy his royal vengeance. Would this proceeding appear to the eye of reason and in the unprejudiced light of Nature to be wise, or just, or good?

Wonderful Invention.

Electrical scientists have become very much excited over the fact that Thomas A. Edison has invented a storage battery which it is said is destined to rank very high in the long list of valuable inventions which this wonderful man has given to the world, says an exchange.

It is possible that the new storage battery will be accepted as the very greatest invention of this inventive genius, and the importance of this is best understood when it is considered that Edison has taken out patents on more than 700 inventions, included in which number are the phonograph, the quadruplex, a device for sending four messages at once over a telegraph wire, and the low resistance dynamo for electric lighting.

Such great inventions as these have naturally placed the name of Edison on the highest rung of the ladder of fame; but despite his multiplicity of invention during the nineteenth century, he greets the twentieth century with an invention which an authority connected with the United States Patent Office, who is conversant with the battery, says, next to the telephone is the most important of the present century.

Lyman C. Howe, the veteran lecturer, voices the following very timely words:

I find that many of the substantial people who once supported the spiritual meetings now attend the churches and pay their money there. If Spiritualism dies as a special movement, it will be because those who have shared its blessings are recreant to their convictions and ungrateful for what they have received.

If Spiritualists will not occupy the position intended for them, by supporting an organization of high moral standing, then "the gifts of the spirit" will be conferred on others who will do so.

Dr. Tuckey, a prominent member of the medical profession of London, England, has just caused a sensation by announcing that he and another well-known physician have succeeded in communicating with the spirit-world through a trance medium. For several months Dr. Tuckey and his professional associates have experimented in the realm of spiritual phenomena. After many tests, they announce that they have established a species of wireless telegraphy between the two worlds—the material and the spiritual. They will later lay the whole matter before the Society for Psychical Research, when it will be published in the Society's Reports.

Missions.—An eminent Catholic layman recently said that he gave no money for Catholic missions in heathen countries. The doctrine of his Church, he said,

was that no one would be lost who remained in ignorance of the gospel. He did not propose to expose the heathen to the risk of eternal punishment by sending them a message which they probably would not receive. How magnanimous! As there is no such thing as an eternal hell-fire except in the imagination of the old-fogy creedalists, the heathens are safe, anyway! Their religion will compare very favorably with the Christian—far excelling it in many particulars! Foreign missionaries are not only unnecessary, but a positive insult and injury to the countries to which they are sent. They are generally followed by vice, crime and war.

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Wheat speculation, love and business are the motives of a great serial story by Merwin Webster, authors of "The Short Line War," which began in the *Saturday Evening Post* of May 25. Ex-President Cleveland will contribute to the following issue (June 1) an able paper on "The Waste of Public Money." In this article Mr. Cleveland sounds a warning note against National extravagance and reckless expenditure.

Maxfield Parrish's fine decorative design on the cover of the *Ladies' Home Journal* for June forms a fitting introduction to a remarkably attractive issue. Among the most interesting features of this number are a double page of pictures, entitled Where Golf is Played, showing some of the handsomest country club houses in America; a series of curious Love Stories of the Zoo, told by Clifford Howard; the first installment of a fascinating new serial, Alleen, by Elizabeth Knight Tompkins, and a touching full-page picture of The Passing of the Farm, by W. L. Taylor. Curtis Pub. Co., Philadelphia. 10 cents.

The *Independent Thinker* is edited and published by Henry Frank, 30 West 27th St., New York.

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Some Backwoods Preachers are telling their hearers that the Universalists and Unitarians are the dregs of society, and ought to be exterminated, while the Spiritualists and Freethinkers were beneath notice. In the federation of the churches in Detroit, Mich., was found no place for the Universalists, the Spiritualists, the Unitarians and Theosophists. The Antediluvians in control of the movement decided the four parties named were not Christians, hence must stay outside. None of the four will shed any tears over the matter, for they believe in progression, and do not care to be bound to the decaying corpse of ecclesiasticism.—*Banner of Light.*

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Mme. Young's Meeting was, as usual, held at 619 McAllister St. last Sunday evening. Mrs. Sarah Seal gave an interesting lecture, which was followed by psychometric readings and messages by Mme. Young. Professors Young and Bothwell-Brown furnished the music.

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Woodman Hall, Oakland, had good audiences last Sunday, notwithstanding the rain. Mrs. E. S. Lillie gave an eloquent lecture in the morning, followed by an improvised poem. In the evening Mrs. Jennie Robinson occupied the platform, giving the phenomena (readings and spirit messages) to the satisfaction of all.

The State Board meets on Saturday, June 1. See official notice in another column.

The Spiritualist Philosophy was eloquently portrayed at Occidental Hall last Sunday evening by Mrs. R. S. Lillie and Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie—the subject matter being the utility of communication between spirits incarnate and decarnate, showing conclusively that such are helpful and consoling alike to both. These speakers will occupy the platform of that hall for the State Association next Sunday evening, which will probably be their last appearance in public for the season, for both of them expect to leave for the East during the following week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie sang a beautiful spiritual song. President M. S. Norton was, of course, chairman and made a very interesting speech at the opening, before introducing the subject and the speakers. Mrs. Sadie Cooke presided at the piano. An appreciative audience nearly filled the hall.

Mrs. A. L. Gillespie, who will leave for the Eastern camps next week, was tendered a reception at Occidental Hall, San Francisco, last Monday by the Ladies' Aid Society. It was a farewell gathering—all wishing her a pleasant journey and a safe return.

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Mrs. Jennie Robinson has removed to 509B Larkin St., San Francisco. She holds circles every Monday evening.

Eugene DelMar, the eloquent Mental Science orator of New York, gave a lecture at Golden Gate hall last Sunday morning before the Mental Science Temple. Subject: "The Purpose of Attraction."

A Pleasant Event occurred at the home of Mrs. Gillespie last Thursday, when a goodly number of her many friends of Oakland and Berkeley assembled to greet her with love and flowers, as we were royally entertained by our genial hostess, and the day was altogether too short. So said Mrs. G.—when we took our leave with a unanimous good wish for a pleasant journey and a happy return. EVELYN LANGLEY.

Oakland.—The meeting at Loring Hall, held under the auspices of the mediums of Oakland, is in a decidedly flourishing condition. The attendance on Wednesday evening, May 29, notwithstanding the threatening weather, was well up to the average, and the messages given by Mesdames Cowell, Stewart and Smith were all that could be desired.

Prof. Wm. Burgess has gone to the Eastern States again, where he expects to remain for a time.

Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Ravlin have returned from the East, and after a rest of a few days in San Francisco, they have gone to Los Angeles, where they will remain during the Summer.

Board Meeting.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Spiritualists' Association will be held at headquarters, 305 Larkin St., on Saturday evening, June 1, 1901. W. T. JONES, Sec.

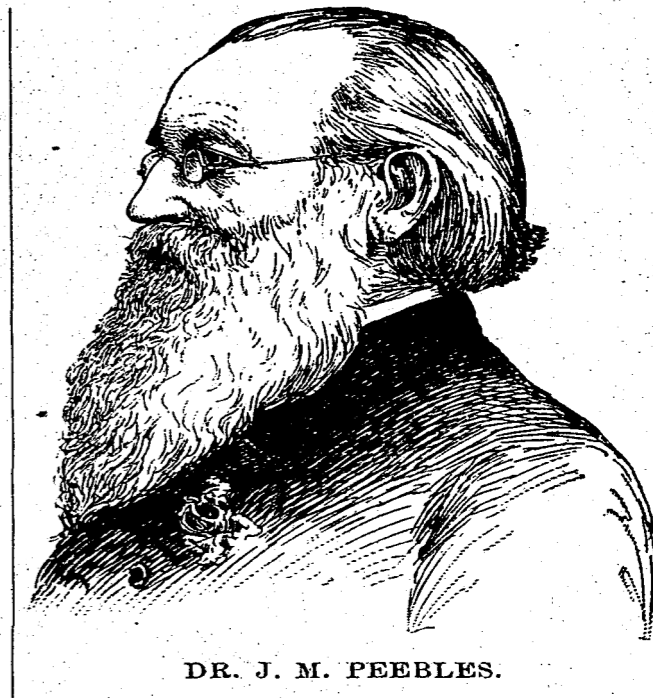
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San Jose Notes.

By request, I herewith send you a few notes. Mr. Graessle is unable to write. He is seriously ill, but the doctors, etc., do all they can to cheer him. Has enlargement of the liver and pleurisy, and not being very rugged and somewhat worked down. It is giving him a hard deal; he is very weak.

The society, First Spiritual Union, is still having full houses. Mrs. Cowell being the attraction. Within the last six weeks many persons have received their first light in the teachings of Spiritualism, and they seem anxious for more light. There is quite a number of our people on the sick list—President Graessle; V. P. Murray, though not confined to the house, is far from being well; F. C. Wissman has been bedridden for two or three weeks; Mrs. Milliard has been afflicted for three or four months. Mr. H. Hubbard, one of our best local mediums, a man who was respected by all who knew him for his integrity and worth as a citizen and a Spiritualist, passed to his spirit-home on May 22. He was a fine trance speaker. At his request Mr. Vinter will officiate at the funeral.

The weather is cold, damp and windy for May, which is very unfavorable for the old and sick.

The Ladies' Aid have in preparation a social for May 31. W. D. J. HAMBLY.

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Lyman C. Howe addressed a large audience in Battle Creek, Mich., on May 12. He is ready to answer calls for the coming Summer.

The Connecticut State Convention was held last week in Hartford.

G. W. Kates and wife will attend the various camps this season. They were at Wheaton, Minn., last week.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie and Mrs. A. L. Gillespie will soon go East to attend the various camp-meetings.

Georgia Gladys Cooley has been lecturing at Springfield, Ill., during the past month.

Prof. W. M. Lockwood has been lecturing during the past month at Philadelphia, Pa.

B. F. Austin, D. D., will speak at Sturgis, Mich., on June 15, and will spend the rest of the month at other places in Michigan, as may be arranged.

A successful mass convention has just been held in Lynn, Mass.

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