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REFLECTIONS.

Be not discouraged if you fail In your endeavor to do right; Guard well your thoughts, right will prevail, Though you may pass through darkest night.

In any land beneath the sun, There's none that's perfect—no, not one, For all at times have gone astray; All can reform—commence to-day.

Then sigh no more for days that are gone, For life is like a river;

Restless currents bear us on, And point once passed is passed for-

When will men learn how to row, And face the bow the way we go, Instead of looking backwards; We can the better steer our boat, Avoid the shoals, keep her afloat, If we are looking forwards.

Sometimes 'tis well to backward look, To see the source from whence we came,

Like the reviewing of a book, That we may more of knowledge gain. But looking back through doubts and

And vain regrets and scalding tears, It but obscures our path to-day, And thus retards us on our way. G. W. SANFORD, Verdugo, Cal.

In most cases it disappears through a door or wall, though often it merely fades out of sight in a shadowy mist. Sometimes the figure is seen as if illuminated on a dark background. At other times the outline is very indistinct, resembling a luminous cloud.

SPIRIT OF JOHN RANDOLPH.

In the House wing of the Capitol there appears regularly at certain intervals in the year the spirit of a tall, distinguished-looking gentleman carrying a sword cane. Its resemblance to John Randolph of Roanoke is said to be very striking. This is described as appearing like a magic-lantern picture, and its method of locomotion seems to be gliding. Its attitudes, actions and gestures are said to be very lifelike, and quite frequently it appears as if it desired to convey some message.

HAUNTED HOUSES.

The best known and the most remarkable haunted house is the "Octagon House." As the name implies, it has eight sides, and is situated on the northeast corner of New York Ave. and 18th St. It is a spacious and imposing residence. and 50 years ago was considered the handsomest dwelling in Washington. For many years it has been empty, though offered for the extremely low rental of \$15 per officer. The spirit of an old negro month. Its location being so desirable, close by the executive mansion and War, Navy and State buildings, it would be worth 20 times that price but for the spirits reveal the location of a large sum that are reputed to inhabit it. of money in greenbacks. The

Parties have frequently attempted to spend the night in the house, but, after most terrifying experiences, have given it up. In one case, it is alleged, a dog died of fright.

There are several contradictory stories to account for the haunting of this house. One of them tells of a slave who was whipped to death by his brutal master in the garret. Another asserts that the negro was starved and tortured in the cellar until he died.

A third story about this dwelling relates that the cruel owner opposed his daughter's wish to marry. A quarrel occurred, during which the girl either fell or was thrown down the stairs and killed. The strange disturbances seem to have a great deal to do with the stairs. Angry whisperings are heard in the night, followed by the sound of a body falling. Many people declare that from outside the house they have seen faces at the windows in the daytime and lights moving from window to window at night. Yet it is a certainty that no mortal can be inside.

A SPIRIT SATISFIED.

On H St., near the corner of 18th, is a house that for years was reputed haunted. It is now the residence of a well-known naval woman has appeared to the occupants on a number of occasions. It seems that her purpose, which was finally accomplished, was to

money was done up in an envelope and hidden in a mattress. The envelope was marked with directions to the effect that the contents should be given to certain relatives. The money having been found and so delivered, the phantom never came back.

The London Society of Psychical Research obtained sworn statements from several highly-connected persons regarding the truthfulness of this story, and it is now considered by them to, be, the best-authenticated story in their possession.

THE BLAINE MANSION.

In addition to the foregoing cases, there are several well-known houses in Washington that are said to be haunted. The most notable of these was the old Blaine mansion, on Lafayette square. The body of Philip Barton Key was taken into this house when he was shot by General Daniel E. Sickless. Soon after James G. Blaine purchased this residence his favorite son, Walker, died, then one of his daughters and then himself. After the death of Mr. Blaine the house was torn down and on its site was erected the Lafayettesquare Theater.

Not Dead, but in a Trance.

Christina Winneckie, the 17-yearold daughter of a Pole living southeast of Nashville, Ill., after a lingering illness, apparently died at 9 o'clock. The family made arrangements for the funeral, placed the body in a casket, and relatives and friends sat up all Sunday night and Monday night with the sup-posed corpse. At 2 o'clock Tuesday morning the girl awoke from what was only a trance, and her condition is even better than for several weeks before she entered the trance.

Coal-Throwing Mystery.

The my sterious coal-throwing in Myers St., Liverpool, England, which has up to now baffled the ingenuity of the police to detect. still continues at intervals. Unfortunately, it has now assumed a more serious aspect, a child having been struck on the head with a piece of coal in one of the bombarded houses. Two little boys who passed the place one afternoon were also struck on the head, and all had to be taken to the Royal Infirmary to have their injuries diessed. The people residing in the district are getting exasperated over the affair, and the other day a crowd attacked the back of one of the houses opposite the bombarded property, doing considerable damage:—Two:Worlds:

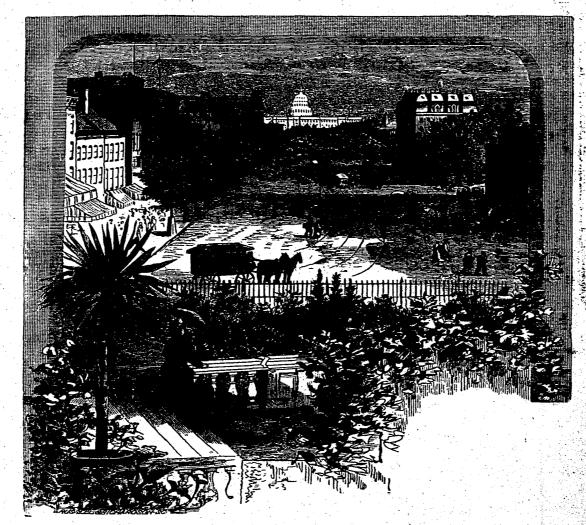


Apparitions in the Capital.

A committee representing the London Society of Psychical Research, by its recent investigations in Washington, D. C., has been the means of recording considerable information of a reliable nature concerning the materialization of spirits of well-known historical characters, and it also incidentally developed the fact that the city of Washington is full of alleged spirits.

SPIRIT OF DANIEL WEBSTER.

The Capitol building has for many years borne the reputation of being haunted. At exactly 20 minutes past midnight, so the story runs, the spirit of Daniel Webster is seen to emerge from his old committee-room beneath the Senate Chamber. Opening the door slowly, he silently closes it behind him and then walks noiselessly along the corridor with his head bowed as if in meditation. One of the Capitol watchmen, in describing the nightly visitations of the illustrious gentleman from Massachusetts, stated that the apparition seems to be clad in garments suggestive of the fashion prevailing in the days of its earthly existence. Rarely does its action show any clearly-defined purpose. Occasionally it is luminous, appearing actually to shed the light by which it is surrounded.



Washington, D. C., looking up Pennsylvania Ave. to the Capitol.

Rational Astrology.

W. J. COLVILLE.

Among the many curious and striking signs of the eventful period in human history through which we are at present passing, no single sign is more conspicuous than the intense revived interest now being manifested in almost every direction concerning ideas, theories and practices which only a few years ago were almost entirely relegated to the lumber room or limbo of antiquated and exploded superstition.

Astrology certainly claims first rank among the so called occult sciences which nineteenth century enterprise has largely revived and rehabilitated, and though it cannot truthfully be said that this ancient science of the Chaldeans, Persians, Hindoos, Egyptians, Greeks, and, indeed, all distinguished people of antiquity, has yet been thoroughly reinstated in the opinion of the modern world of culture and scientific attainment, it is certainly not stretching a point to say that year by year the attitude of the learned in all communities is growing more and more respectful toward this venerable candidate for readmission into the ranks of popularlyaccepted sciences. Though the justly famous astronomer, Richard Proctor, had no good word to say for Astrology, the no less famous Camille Flammarion is by no means disposed to treat it with disrespect, and it is not unsafe to aver that, like all else, Astrology must be studied and examined before one is in any position to pass judgment upon its claims and preten-

Astrology as a science is one thing; the vagaries of individual astrologers quite another, but the same may be said with equal reason of astronomy and astronomers. If it be contended, as it frequently is by the opponents of Astrology, that most of its calculations are based upon a geocentric fallacy, two answers are at hand herewith to reply to this assertion: First. There are no geocentric fallacies connected with medieval Astrology that have not been equally connected with Astronomy. Second, Every student of Astrology, from the days of Berosus, the Chaldean, to the present hour (doubtless from far earlier periods than the time of Berosus) has been familiar with a heliocentric as well as with a geocentric system of Astrology.

The flippant nineteenth century know-it-alls who arrogantly and ignorantly claim that there were none but "dark" ages before their own time, might derive much profit from a diligent perusal of such a pamphlet as "The Lost Arts," by the silver-tongued orator, Wendell Phillips, who gave a lecture on that subject before nearly all the distinguished lyceums in America in the palmy days of the lecture-bureau system of public enlightenment.

No thoughtful person can read Sayce, Max Muller, or any other genuine modern scholar of deserved renown, and surely no one can study the accounts of recent excavations in the Valley of the Euphrates, the Nile delta and wherever else ancient civilization has left its ineradicable footmarks. without being speedily convinced that however much the present may exceed the past in general, allround, widely extended culture. there were wise men of old and centers of learning in ancient centuries, equaling, if not surpassing,

the much-vaunted universities and academies of to-day. Astrology and Astronomy were in ancient days inseparable and they are equally inseparable to-day. Astrology is the psychical, while Astronomy is the physical side of one grand inclusive science of universal interdependency.

An Altruistic Faith.

J. P. COOKE.

The growing faith of our day is a faith in humanity—a faith in the power of men and women to accomplish something worth while, to make life worth living.

Faith, in this view of it, involves a triple aspect of belief—a belief in the spiritual power within ourselves; belief in the living power and integrity of the universe, and faith in the life which is incarnated in humanity.

Most people believe sufficiently in themselves. Many have a nebulous belief in some over-ruling power, Providence or destiny. How many believe sufficiently in the possibilities of human souls in the flesh? How many lives are dwarfed for lack of human encouragement?

We might never have had Geo. Eliot's novels had it not been for G. H. Lewis. He believed in Marian Evans, and he made her believe in her own powers.

It is a crowning glory of the altruistic faith of the New Thought to believe in the capacity of human souls for nobleness, for self-forgetfulness. Whether they know it themselves or not, it is there. It is a grateful service to our human kindred to show that we may, if we so choose, live to irradiate the shadow side of life—to warm the bleak spaces, to throw a gleam of gladness upon the sunless problems of her destiny; to walk the world with a living, loving heart, and to proclaim that heart side of life to our fellowbeings.

This is the tendency and aim of the newer thought as a reasonable religion, to be distinguished from a religion founded, like Romanism, on authority; or, as in some cases, upon sheer credulity.

It claims to subject the chronology, the history and miracles of
the Bible to investigation, and
judges it to be a compilation, and
not a single work divinely organized and inspired. It has no sealed
books. It reads all bibles, Korans,
Avestas, or Vedas, with thoughtfulness. It opposes alike a narrow, dogmatic evangelicalism, and,
on the other hand, a bald, materialistic intellectualism which may
be just as intolerant and unphilosophical in an opposite way.

In distinction from Calvinism, it believes that man's nature is radically good and only incidentally evil; that if this were otherwise, the human race could make no real progress, either in morals or in enlightenment. It recognizes in the heart and soul of man, with its instincts and its hope a divine, spiritual essence in the inner life. It sees a constant revelation in the phases of nature as elucidated by science, both material and spiritual.

We may dwell upon the influence of external nature, of art, of philosophy, of human emotions; of religion, as all being instruments potent to touch the heart, to open the portals of the transcendental world.

What is the ultimate issue of all this? The issue is the undoubted fact upon which the Spiritual Phil-

osophy, or the "Harmonial" Religion, is built, namely: that the spirit of man comes in contact with a higher spirit, a being, whose manifestations carry with them their own proof and are ethical in their nature and influence, out of time and place, yet they are enlightening, purifying and uplifting to the hearts of men.

This is the universal element in all religions worthy of the name, in the true sense of the word. For what is that sense? Certainly it is not a concatenation of formulas or creeds, or a tissue of speculations, nor a body of pulpit eloquence, nor the domination of an hierarchy, nor the supposed greatest happiness of the greatest number, nor a mere "stream of tendency," or any other catch phrase of the market place, but the true tie between our spirit and the Father of our spirits. The great primal soul of all—a transcendental mode of the soul, by which it soars into the empyrean and is brought back again in its soul consciousness to its eternal beginning.

This cosmic theism, or spiritual theism of the natural order, if you choose to call it so, has 10,000 sacraments, infinite and ever new symbols. All nature is full of its symbols, and each true man or woman may minister at its altar.

This is what I mean by the religion of Spiritualism. It is what is meant by mysticism; by the religion of the heart, of John Wesley. It is the teaching of W. S. Lilly and Ch. H. A. Bjerregard; of all the true religious teachers from Plato to Emerson, and thence forward. It was this truth bursting into flame in the heart of Jean J. Rousseau, that much misunderstood man, who lit the flame of the French Revolution, and that will yet light other flames, until man is free, in spirit, mind and body.

By this heart-religion every great faith in the world has originated, and every great faith lives, and when the heart and life die out of it. its work is done, its days are numbered, it petrifles into formalism, and its place knows it no more.

Oh, Light of Truth, which lighteneth all And shineth all abroad, What favored soul or souls shall say: "Mine is the only road." Each hath his own, to him made known,

And all lead up to God.

Life Beyond Death.

Coming from any other writer than Ambrose Bierce, the subjoined statement in the San Francisco Examiner might be passed over as the emanation of a mind deficient in some of the essentials of complete development. Bierce, however, is a learned man, as learning goes in the material world, and this is what he says:

"In all countries but those in barbarism, all the powers of all the profoundest and most penetrating intelligences have been ceaselessly addressed to the task of glimpsing a life beyond this life; yet to day no one can truly say that he knows."

It is not so that no one can truly say that he knows. A more correct statement would be that no one who knows can demonstrate his knowledge to the satisfaction of one who does not know. That is a peculiarity of the knowledge, but it is knowledge, nevertheless.

If Mr. Bierce is ever to know, it must be through efforts conducted personally by himself. The case cannot be proved objectively. Then when he knows, he can tell others about it, but they will not believe

him, just as now he does not believe those who venture to inform him of the glad tidings. Some resistant natures appear predestined to remain in darkness, while others see the light with scarcely an effort.

If every man and every woman possessed as high mediumistic power as some, nobody would doubt the existence of a future state. Those who are gifted in that way are generally doubted, and the phenomena which they produce discredited, because the experience is so unusual and the facts so apparently impossible that the mind cannot resist the natural inclination to consider it all a fraud.

If there had been in all history but one earthquake and we had the most painstaking circumstantial account of it, nobody in this practical age would believe that any such thing ever happened.

If but a single meteor had ever descended out of the heavens to the startled earth, those with sufficient hardihood to affirm the fact would be vigorously denounced as credulous or liars.

The mind of man is so constituted that the phenomenon which is familiar is the phenomenon that is true, and the phenomenon which is unfamiliar is the one that is probably a fraud.

That is why we say that if everybody were as strongly mediumistic as many have shown themselves to be, the phenomena of Spiritualism would be generally accepted as establishing beyond all question the existence of a life after this life. But the circumstance that everybody is not so gifted does not alter the value of the phenomena produced by the few who are. It only causes them to be discredited, which even Mr. Bierce must confess does not prove anything.—

Stockton Mail.

Pernicious Teachings.

In the Literary Digest of July 20 an estimate of the late Joseph Cook is quoted as follows from the Advance - Congregationalist: "He leaves a place in the world of religion and reform that no other man of the present time can fill."

It may be inferred that the critic of Mr. Cook did not refer to his address at the Parliament of Religions at Chicago when he challenged the faiths of the world to "wash Lady Macbeth's red right hand." His restatement of the mossback traditionalism disgusted the audience, or that portion who are out of the swamp of mossback-ism.

The editor of *Unity*, in an able editorial, demolished the false rubbish of Cook, properly terming it as "tampering with the book-keeping of God." Not only is the dogma of the atonement subversive of morals, but contrary to the cult of the faith which Mr. Cook pretended to represent. "Every man is to be judged according to deeds done."

The address of Prof. Drummond referred to a certain author who said that the average scientific man worship a more awful, and, as it were, a greater Deity than the average Christian. That the teachings of such men as Mr. Cook are pernicious is evident to all well-informed and unprejudiced theologians—they brought a stain on American theology. It was said that the theology of the Cook stripe made many of his audience ashamed.

It is to be hoped that the pamph.

let of Rev. Mr. Jones on Mr. Cook's theology can be circulated, thus to cure the false and pernicious declarations of that wrong-headed preacher. QUAKER.

The Power of Thought.

MRS. M. E. VAN LUVEN.

Human thoughts must act upon human minds and human lives. "As a man thinketh, so is he," or, better expressed, "As a man thinketh, so he lives," or such is the life he unconsciously lives. "Do men gather figs from thistles?" Can we gather inspiration to live a pure, exalted life by consulting a person who is morally and spiritually debased? Impossible! We gather pure thoughts from pure minds and evil thoughts from evil minds.

Besides having power to produce good or evil—thoughts are also creators. We become like that which we think most about. Misers have a miserly expression; criminals a hard, cruel look; clergymen have an air peculiar to their calling, and so on indefinitely.

As thoughts act upon individuals, so they act upon concourses of people, and with a mighty sweep reach around the world, touching all who have minds conditioned to receive the mighty influence thus created.

Living things are created by thought and become as real as truth itself to those who constantly think upon the same subject. Thus millions of people become psychologized simply by the great force of thought. Suppose we had power to force a thought of the real truth into each of the thousands of Epworth Leaguers recently gathered in San Francisco —that the world needs no Savior: that their Christ, their devil, hell and heaven, are theological myths, simply a creation of thought—do you think they would accept such a suggestion? They would immediately say: "Get thee behind me, Satan; I cannot, I dare not entertain such thoughts, for I will be the sin of becoming conscious of 3 the idea.

living truths, and what are living truths to them are simply houses of imagination built upon a foundation of ignorance, only to be swept away by the onward force of natural law. They have these doubts of the truth of their religion often. always prompted by reason; but reason is called Satan, and thus this psychological condition continues and will continue until science can demonstrate it to be a fallacy; then the thoughts of these millions will change and the Christian redeemer dogmas will die. Then the truly great redeemerthe creation of true, noble character, the desire to understand natifeet. Though willing, aye, ever ural law and to live in harmony with it-will become the true religion of the day.

Spiritualists to day, considering the cause of a decline in the local interest of societies, might learn a wholesome lesson by contrasting methods of propaganda with these great Christian organizations which possess such a mighty influence. We hear some one say: "Oh, they are under bondage to their religion and Spiritualists must be free, and we cannot use their methods." We are not churchy, but system is surely lacking in our mode of procedure to carry out a project of form movement.

Nations never overthrow governments without a great consecnation of the lives and sacred hor or of the people. Spiritualists will never establish a religion which is antagonistic to orthodoxy without this same consecration. They will never establish its beautiful philosophy which. I am sorry to say, is understood by the minority of Spiritualists as long as material tests are placed in the lead. The great body of so-called Spiritualists have a very meager conception of the philosophy and harmony of higher Spiritualism.

All life's pleasures and pursuits are running along the surface, in the majority of cases; thus a great many people get a few tests, as it were, drink from the shallow waters of the brook, never thinking to follow it to the deep waters of the mighty river of life — the great philosophy of all life. Only a few care to study its philosophy.

Now, the great question is: Will the onward sweep be toward the deep spiritual significance of the question, or toward material tests, which seems to be the trend of the times at present. Have Spiritualists enough force of character to consecrate their lives and sacred honor, to battle against error and establish truth? Can they concentrate their thoughts into a mighty psychological force that will carry conviction home to investigators? If so, the battle will surely be won for truth, liberty and happiness.

Oakland, Cal.

The Mission of Spiritualism.

ADELAIDE COMSTOCK.

In a late JOURNAL I read an article stating that "The Creeds Are Dying Out," and an editorial beginning thus:

"Probably the reason why Spiritualism has never been organized thoroughly is to keep it from crystalizing and forming another sect. Instead of this, the philosophy has permeated the religious thought of lost!" Such then immediately ask, the world, and it is wonderful to forgiveness from their Lord for see how thoroughly that is now being accomplished."

The above is exactly as I have To them theories have become viewed it, for I have long had full faith that to this end the spiritworld is working, and I watch with the most intense interest the growth of liberal thought and the enlarging of spiritual ideas throughout the world.

If Spiritualism allows itself to become confined in the limits of a sect, it will be held accountable for the barnacles that cling to the spiritual keel for sordid gain and selfish ends. Let us not suffer our beautiful faith to be overshadowed by the reflection of our mortal weaknesses, but guard it as a sacred flame, that it may be a light on our pathway and a guide to our anxious to do all in my power to advance spiritual truth, still I prefer to have "every tub stand on its own bottom." The Cause will be the gainer by it.

Spiritualism covers a broad ground, and its tenets are hard to define. It is too broad for the confines of creedal restraint, and too expansive to be covered by any declaration of principles. individual life alone can establish the standard of each soul's development. Character must be the measure.

If belief in Spiritualism does not lead to the building up of charac-

establishing Spiritualism as a re-ter, it is of little value to the believer. Even knowledge of the fact of spirit communication may not of itself be uplifting. Unless it lead to spiritual aspiration and honest purpose on this plane of existence preparatory to a higher, there is no real gain through a mere knowledge of the fact. It may amuse, it may gratify curiosity, it may even have proved a consolation in sorrow, but if not made a stepping stone to higher life, it avails but little. It falls short of its mission if it fails to give tone to daily life as a recognized call to come up higher.

Mediumship is a grand and glorious gift) in olden times recognized as "the spirit of the Lord," and the "power from God" acting on man) when applied to worthy purposes. Prostituted to unworthy ends, it is sure to prove a delusion and a snare that in the end will bring confusion and sorrow to its possessor. And when fraud is connected therewith woe to the defrauder! The consequence to him or herself will far outweigh the wrong inflicted on a victimized public.

Ventura, Cal.

All the Material Progress of the world has been made possible by utilizing to the best advantage the material means at our disposal. The most vivid imagination cannot imagine what the progress of the world will be when the spiritual elements that now lie latent, and for the greater part neglected, in the mind of man will he likewise utilized. — Universal Republic.

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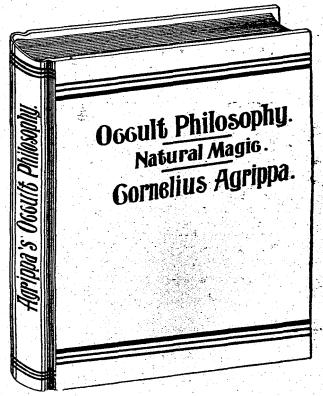
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Scorching Heat.—The Eastern and Middle States have suffered untold miseries during the past month, under the terrible heat of a scorching wave. The burning rays of the sun have destroyed vegetation, and rendered life a burden. At the same time heavy wool-lined underclothing and Winter overcoats have been comfortable in San Francisco. Rain in the East has now ended the drouth.

W. J. Colville writes to the London Light that he will leave Australia early in August, on the Canadian Pacific steamer for Vancouver, en route for England, where he expects to arrive before Dec. 15, and commence his labors in London about that time.

A Spiritual Temple is to be built in Blackburn, England. The foundation stone has just been laid, and the Temple will be built at once. It will be a large, commodious and handsome structure. We are glad to witness this indication of prosperity in England.

A Spiritualist Community project is on foot, to locate on 50,000 acres of land in California, "which will be purchased and contributed by wealthy persons residing in England, France, Austria. Germany, Russia, Australia, New Zealand and the United States."

The project is said to have emanated from the spirit-world during the past six months, and is now taking form. Those who wish to know anything further of the matter, may send to Alice Wolverton Eyre, Santa Rosa, Cal., who will forward a 12-page circular, giving full details concerning the proposed community.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates are in Minneapolis, Minn., and their address is 1516 Hennepin Ave. They are missionaries for the National Association.

A Pre-Historic City is said to have been unearthed on the Navajo Indian reservation, between Durango, Colorado, and Farmington, N. M. The daily papers have a telegram from Los Angeles, dated July 20, which gives the following particulars:

The Hyde Mer. Co., controlled by two brothers from New England, has been exploring the territory in question for some time. A short time ago the searchers found a palace of a prehistoric age containing, it is stated, about 1,000 separate apartments, some of them in most excellent state of preservation. Another stone castle unearthed is said to contain something like 100 separate apartments. In some of the rooms inspected were found the finest woods and other relics of a most valuable character, specimens of which have been gathered and sent to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington. The find is said to be exceptionally valuable from a scientific and ethnological standpoint.

Prof. Ross was dismissed from Leland Stanford University because he entertained independent views of man, and dared to express them. Even professors must not think, or, if they do, they must not express their thoughts, for the theological craft is in danger of disintegration, if investigation is allowed a free course.

Always live up to your highest, says the *Elevator*, and adds: Always do your best in everything that you do. Never let anything that your mind or hands have fashioned leave you until it is as perfect as you can make it. Live today, up to your highest idea of manhood or womanhood—to your very highest, remember! For by so doing you can live that much better to morrow. Thus you improve and grow from the good of to-day into the better of to-morrow. Nothing that is beneath your very best is worthy of you. Always aim to live up to your highest ideal the highest that you are capable of, and never the lowest. Always do and be your best, not only appearing to put the best foot foremost, but see that every foot is the best.

Mrs. Eddy says she is not going to die, but she refuses to see strangers. This shows that she is economizing her forces, and in a measure admits that they need such economy, on account of her age and infirmity. It will take time to prove that she does not die, like ordinary people.

An Improvement.—The Psychic Century says that a majority of the Presbyterians have voted in favor of such revision of the Presbyterian creed as will eliminate the repulsive doctrine of infant damnation. When the change contemplated has been effected, adults may elect themselves to be saved or damned, but the babies will go to heaven. This is an improvement. but a further revision is needed.

Col. Olcott and "Fairies."

In a lecture in Chicago, Col. Olcott, referring to a former address delivered in Dublin, Ireland, reiterated his belief in fairies, and, as reported in the Chicago Chronicle, added these remarks:

There were fairies, and there are fairies to day. They hover through the air and have power over various phases of animal and vegetable existence. They influence our lives. They can be called forth by certain influences and made to exert their power in the same way in which they are accredited with doing in the tales we tell our children. Some of them are good fairies and some of them are bad fairies. They can be used by bad influences and they can be used for moral purposes.

There are plenty of men who can call these fairies and make them do their bidding. All the stories that are included in the folklore of the nations are true or are based on facts. This is my candid belief, and I believe that I am upheld in it by scientific facts. When I first made the statement that I believed in the denizens of the air, one of the London papers said: "Col. Olcott must be a very courageous man to express his belief in fairies at this period of civilization." Well. I am a courageous man, and I assert solemnly that I believe in fairies."

The Ever = Present Help. which can be obtained by every person in need of assistance, while sustaining the trials of life, is thus described by an exchange:

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Helen Wilmans, in Freedom, thus writes of her present condition

See here what an advantage the vears give. Seventy years old and still learning like a child. How much better is my position now than it was 30 years ago. It was about 30 years ago that I began to magnify men by studying myself. It was then that I became introspective, and oh, the fascinating study! So very fascinating that I gave up all thought of dying either of old age or any other weakness. and began to have a deathless object in life. Such happiness; such renewal; it was a search for heaven in the right direction; and now I have reached the pearly gates and they are swinging open so that I see indescribable vistas of beauty, spreading out endlessly.

Bastian, the medium, who was popular in America some years ago, has returned from London, England, and is at Hamburg, N. Y.

The Reviewer.

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DEATH AND AFTERWARDS, by Sir Edwin Arnold, M. A., K.C.I.E., author of "The Light of Asia," with a supplement. New York: New Amsterdam Book Co., 156 Fifth Ave., publishers. Price, 75c. For sale at this office.

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The author says that all the religions affirm immortality, but no safe logic proves it, and hence he endeavors to prove an after-life from a philosophical and evolu-

tionary standpoint.

The author says that the origin and growth processes of physical life, animal and vegetable, are more wondrous and inexplicable than any conception of a spiritual existence after death. To prove this he cites several instances, and avers that it is within the range and not beyond the rights of the imagination to entertain confident and happy dreams of successive states of real and conscious existence, rising by evolution through succeeding phases of endless life.

He argues that to call such a life "heaven" or the "hereafter" is a temporary concession to the illusions of speech and thought, for these words imply locality and time, which are but provisional conceptions. It would rather be a state, a plane of faculties, to expand again into other and higher states and planes; the slowest and lowest in the plane of life coming in last, but each, everywhere, finally attaining.

This book is a masterly production—an unanswerable argument in favor of the continuity of life beyond death. The thinkers and literary men of the age are all coming to the same conclusion.

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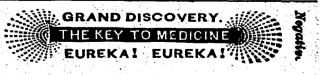
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Mrs. R. S. Lillie will begin a year's course of lectures in Occidental Hall next Sunday evening under the auspices of the First Society of Progressive Spiritualists. This inspired speaker will doubtless be welcomed back from her vacation by the host of eager truth-seekers anxious to learn more of the higher life.

Unity Hall, 856½ Isabella St.—The Oakland Spiritual Society held its usual meeting on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Rebecca Stewart opened the services by an invocation. Mrs. Palinbaum read a poem, followed by the entrancement of Dr. Palinboum, who gave some fine tests. Mr. Preston spoke on "What has Spiritualism Done for Individuals?" Mrs. Jacobs gave some good spirit messages, and Mrs. Stewart gave an inspired address. Dr. A. L. Astor, Sec.

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Mmc. Young's Hall, 619 McAllister St., was well filled last Sunday night with those desiring messages from their friends in the spirit-world. After an inspired lecture from Mrs. Seal, Mme. Young read articles psychometrically, which had been brought by the audience for that purpose. Profs. Young and Bothwell-Brown furnished the music.

New Sunday Meetings have been started at 909 Market St., San Francisco. Three sessions are held (at 11 a.m. and 2 and 8 p.m.) It is expected to organize a new society for permanent work, and apply for a charter from the State Spiritualist Association.

The State Convention of Spiritualists has been formally announced by the distribution of thousands of cards throughout the State of California inviting the co-operation of all Spiritualists. The convention will be held in Oakland, on Sept. 6, 7 and 8. The magnificent Maccabee Temple has been secured for the three days' session, and there is promise of a revival of interest in things pertaining to the well-being of the spiritual cause on this mundane sphere.

The three spiritual societies of Oakland will unite in giving a grand reception and banquet to the delegates, in Fraternal Hall, on the evening of the first day of the convention. Begin now to elect your delegates and pay your per capita tax and otherwise prepare for the great annual event.

The Mediums' Meeting at Loring Hall, Oakland, was addressed by Mr. Shaw on Wednesday evening, July 24. Dr. Turman answered written questions, and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Booise and Mrs. Knapp gave messages of a high order of merit. The meeting was very successful and the attendance all that could be desired.

Friendship Hall, 335 McAllister St., was well filled last Sunday evening. Mrs. C. H. Renne furnished the music, and gave some psychometric readings, followed by Mrs. Meyer and Mr. Sinclair.

Mrs. F. A. Logan. 1218 Railroad Ave., Alameda, Bay Station (broad gauge) writes as follows: "I am quite at home again, slowly recuperating, so that I hope to live to see my 79th birthday (Aug. 31, last day of Summer). For 9 years my home has been open to all, without special invitation, on that day to enjoy soul communion. Tea and coffee will be served; the friends will do the rest.

Oakland.—The afternoon meeting of the Union Spiritualists at Fraternal Hall, Sunday, July 28, was addressed by Dr. Turman, who took for her subject, "The Magic Wand," and demonstrated its utility by healing a number of afflicted persons in the audience. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Booise, Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Nelson followed with well-recognized messages. Mrs. Jennie Robinson occupied the platform in the evening, giving some remarkable messages and closing a very successful engagement of four weeks. Dr. Turman will speak next Sunday at 3 p.m., to be followed by a mediums' meeting in the evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with unabated interest—their monthly socials on the last Fridays are very pleasant and enjoyed by all present.

Dr. George W. Carey writes from the Winthrop, 330½ So. Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal., that on account of the excessive heat in the Eastern States, he will remain there for the present, and possibly all Winter. He has been speaking for the societies in Los Angeles for several Sundays, and last Wednesday gave a lecture at Long Beach, and next Sunday he will lecture at Redonda. He writes:

"The annual Spiritualists' Camp-Meeting commences Aug. 8 at Sycamore Grove, near Los Angeles. Extensive preparations have been made, prominent speakers and mediums engaged, and a very large audience expected. The illumined waters of the Pacific along the coast from Santa Barbara to San Diego is the wonder of all and the despair of science."

The Psychical Society will resume morning meetings at Woodmen Hall, Oakland, on Sunday next at 11 a.m., Mrs. Lillie to occupy the platform, after an absence of two months. We believe a new inspiration will touch each member and the coming year be the most successful in membership and true spirituality.

Sec.

At 3 p.m., "Power of Thought" under discussion was handled scientifically by local talent. At 8 p.m. Mrs.E.H. Vigars of San Francisco gave messages to a large audience with astonishing effect. She will be with us next Sunday at 8 p.m. C. F. VAN LUVEN.

Mrs. Gillingham's Meeting last Sunday evening held as usual in her parlors on the fourth floor of the Supreme Court building, was full of interest to those "looking for a sign." Answers to questions and messages from spirit friends occupied the evening.

Dr. J. L. York spoke in Occidental Hall last Sunday evening to a good sudience on "Strikes and Their Remedy." The lecture was full of interest to those seeking a solution of the industrial problem and was well received. This is the last of the short course, which will be resumed later on when the lecture season opens.

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Dr. Muchlenbruch will commence a short engagement at Fraternal Hall, Oakland, on Sunday, evening, Aug. 11.

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