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## FAITH.

T. SNEEDON ADAMSON.

I asked of the lingering star:  
"Last gem of the night's rich mine,  
What faith finds your flash so far?"  
The answer came: "I shine."

I asked of the upland stream:  
"Pray, what is the faith you know  
To lead you in seaward dream?"  
The answer came: "I flow."

I asked of the simple flower:  
"Say, what is the faith you hold  
To keep you in perfect power?"  
The answer came: "I unfold."

I asked of the slumbering seed: [night,  
"When you wake from earth-bound  
What is the faith you will heed?"  
The answer came: "The light."

When the ideal white peaks gleam,  
This is the faith we need,  
The faith of the star and stream,  
The faith of the flower and seed.

—*Universal Republic.*

## BORDERLAND

### Occult Powers.

Arden Dearbeyne, an Armenian, who has been in Battle Creek, Mich., for several months, possesses strange occult powers which are puzzling the investigators of psychic phenomena.

That which attracted attention to this Asiatic mystic was the fact that at a public meeting during the holiday time in one of his visions he described a calamity which was to befall this city by the destruction of a great public building. Since the verification of this vision by the burning of the sanitarium, more speculation has been aroused regarding the occult powers of this man.

Dearbeyne was born in Smyrna. From youth he possessed psychic powers. He seemed by this power commanded to come to this country. He found his way to Battle Creek, and has become a member of the Christopathian brotherhood, a new sect organized in Detroit about one year ago.

Dearbeyne is not a Spiritualist, and does not claim to be influenced by disembodied spirits. His powers are those inherent and latent in every human being—the psychic, which, if developed, will bring wonderful results to mankind. He claims the power of "soul flight," and can visit his old home in Asia and see what his friends are doing. He also claims to visit Mars and the other planets, and tells of the people, and what they are doing in the other worlds.

People who have had sittings with him have had him visit the home of friends at a distance and

relate what was transpiring at the time. It is claimed that what he related was afterwards verified by corresponding with those friends and finding out what they were doing at that particular time. "Soul flight" is the principal phenomenon connected with his occult powers. During his sittings he remains in his normal state, simply closing his eyes and placing himself in a state of repose.—*Detroit News.*

### Black Horse Sign.

Seventh Day Adventists are all wrought up and declare that the end of the world is near at hand, believing that the warning has been conveyed to them by the appearance of a black horse on the ruins of Kellogg's Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich.

Upon the side of a wall, which is still as white as before the fire, has appeared a perfect picture of a black horse burned in the wall. With extended head, open mouth, distended eyes, and the ears lying back on the head, the animal presents a fierce appearance.

Thousands daily visit the place and speculate on the strange sight. The Adventists, who lay great stress upon Bible signs, have been searching the Bible for a reference to the black horse. They have found just one reference, and that is in the sixth chapter of Revelation. This entire chapter refers to the end of the world, and the troubles to come, and ends with

this warning: "For the great day of wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?"—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

### An Amputated Leg.

A few weeks ago George Robinson, of Lonaconing, had a leg so badly crushed that it had to be amputated at the hospital. After the operation, and even after Robinson was able to leave the hospital, he complained of a severe pain in the remaining portion of the leg. The pain was so severe that he could not sleep. Some one suggested that the amputated portion had been buried in a cramped position, and when it was exhumed that theory was found to be true. The leg was straightened out, and again interred, and Robinson's sufferings at once ceased.

Similar cases have been reported before, and have even been dignified by recognition in medical publications and scientific treatises.

In the Civil War, for example, a soldier who had suffered the loss of his left leg by amputation, complained for weeks of discomfort about the toes of his right foot. The sensation, as he expressed it, was as if a blade of grass were twined about his toes. The sensation continued, and finally became a positive menace to his health and sanity. Finally some one suggested that the amputated leg be disinterred. This was done, and a blade of grass was found growing

between the toes which, on the other foot, had caused all the trouble.

What is the explanation of this sort of thing? There must be more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy.—*Boston Traveler.*

### Miss Whiting in Washington

There are numbers of interesting literary personages sojourning temporarily at Washington at the present time, but none more interesting than Miss Lillian Whiting of Boston, writes Marie Durham in the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) *Republican*. Miss Whiting says there are several places in the world that will do, but that the one place in which life is really fully worth living is Boston.

Miss Whiting has managed to keep her personality from the public more thoroughly than almost any other popular writer of the day.

The first thing with which one is struck on meeting Miss Whiting is her thorough womanliness, the all-pervading charm of femininity which characterizes her. She is petite, young, well-gowned. She is not ascetic, but blonde and sanguine, with light hair, a clear, healthy complexion, and clear young eyes. Her gowns are distinctly Parisian, and her manner is polished and charming.

Miss Whiting has come very close to the public, very close to the inmost heart of humanity, through that portion of her writing which relates to the life after death. If her philosophy of life is of the highest inspiration and help to those who seek the truest and best, the good part that can not be taken away, her philosophy of death and of the unseen life has been and is of infinite comfort and cheer to thousands of persons to whom her message of hope has come at the moment when most needed.

Personally, Miss Whiting is one of the most charming and delightful of companions. Her ready wit and vivacity of manner and conversation inspire the dullest to his best, and strike fire where the wit matches her own.

### Refreshment of Inner Life.

JOHN P. COOKE.

All men and women live more or less in their affections. No part of our nature is more faithful of blessings, and none inflicts such poignant sorrow. If we weigh together all that we enjoy with all that we suffer from this source, it is hard to say whether the one or



Miss Lillian Whiting, of Boston.

the other, the good or the evil, preponderates in experience. The deepest wounds received in the battle of life, the most incurable, are the wounds of affection. Love in its very nature has an element of sadness.

When happiest in its object and least disturbed by the accidents of life, its consciousness is somber; there is something like a sigh in its very fondness. Every affection, in proportion to its fullness and intensity, exposes the subject to imminent anguish. Every affection contains a hope which is liable to bitter disappointment. It may fail of an adequate return, or the object of it may prove unworthy, or death may interpose and rend the loved one from our arms. Each of these fatalities is a matter of daily occurrence, a familiar experience of life. The suffering differs with each one, but none are so insensible, none so entirely masters of themselves as not to be painfully affected by them. Most of us suffer more from this source than from all other causes of sorrow combined. To all hearts so wrung, the refreshment of the spirit, the Inner Peace, the "Silence," offers its matchless balm of rest. You may safely rest in the thought that no unselfish affection is ever wasted, for Love is of the Eternal Goodness and is the very attraction of God. Hearts may perish, but "hearts' loves remain," and that which affection sows in tears, it will reap in beauty and in joy.

To all who are burdened, who are stricken, to all who mourn, this inward comforter speaks with the noblest—yes, the holiest consolation. Sorrow may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Our safe refuge is in duty. Duty is the one unfailing panacea of sure and blessed effect. There is your balm for every wound, your refuge in all distress. Answer the call which is knocking at your soul to do the duty of the day and you shall find the light and leading that you seek. Do the duty which is at hand and to-morrow will care for itself.

As Matthew Arnold's "Self-Dependence" has it:

\*\*\* From the intense, clear, star-sown vault of Heaven,  
Over the lit sea's unquiet way,  
In the rustling night air came the answer:  
"Wouldst thou be as these are? Live as they." \*\*\*

"Bounded by themselves, and unregardful  
In what state God's other works may be,  
In their own tasks all their powers pouring,  
These attain the mighty life, you see."

"Oh, air-born voice! long since, severely clear,  
A cry like thine in mine own heart I hear:  
Resolve to be thyself, and know that he  
Who finds himself loses his misery!"

Thus solace, like a gentle dew from Heaven, shall descend from the first offering which you lay upon the altar of Duty.

Whether or not we will suffer in this world is not for us to say; it is ordained. But *how* we will suffer, whether slavishly or freely—whether we will take up the crosses which life brings to us, in patience and resignation, or have them forced upon us by inexorable destiny—that is for us to determine.

The world, indeed, has burdens for all who live in it. Life is often made up of sorrow and trials, who can escape them? To be human is to suffer. Life here and now is no garden of tranquil delights.

But while we are struggling amid the darkness of mortal life, we may still find strength and refreshment in the bosom of Infinite Spirit. So we are strengthened to go forth again upon the rough moorlands of benighted, earthly existence with that ever-present blessing and strength.

So this is the song I sing in my heart  
For hours and days together,  
No matter how dark the seeming may be,  
No matter how cloudy the weather.

My heart keeps singing this song of His love,  
That Good is the only power,  
And so as my thoughts keep time with the tune,  
It seemingly brightens the hour.

And so I sing, and sing in my heart  
Of God and his love and power,  
And it is to me, in my daily walk,  
What the sunshine is to the flower.

### Letter from H. C. Towner.

TO THE EDITOR:

The grand old JOURNAL still maintains its exalted standard as an able exponent of all that is brightest and best of that most glorious of the sciences, the science of Spiritualism, or the "Science of Life," for only let the incomparable teachings, the "Golden Rules" of this "Science of Sciences" be lived up to, for a couple of generations, and redeemed and regenerated, mankind would be started on such a career of growth and progress as the most enthusiastic of our optimistic prophets and poets have, as yet, scarcely dared to dream of. "Twere a consummation most devoutly to be wished," and the best of it is that it's sure to come. When? In Heaven's own good time. "Everything comes to they who wait," and the unspeakable glory of a world's redemption shall come to mankind, who have waited through all the ages of evolutionary development.

The JOURNAL dated May 31 contained an article headed, "Message from Jesus," which was written by myself for "Brick" Pomeroy's "Great West," 21 years ago, at our lumber camp on Buffalo Creek, 46 miles from Denver. I was acting then as an inspirational writer of some local note, and sent quite a number of messages, purporting to be dictated by parties in the higher life. I only know that they came from sources outside of my own consciousness.

This particular message was one of the best, if not the best, that I ever received, and singularly its publication brought me a letter from Denver, full of such terrible abuse as could only emanate from natures filled with the old medieval religious bigotry. Of the writers of the letter, whose names were signed to their frenzied denunciation, I have nothing but a most friendly regard. I expect to meet them all sometime, somewhere, and arrange the matter on an amicable basis.

"Ye whose heads are turning hoary with age," were my own parents. They both passed away in Santa Monica, Cal., full of such glory and honor as comes only from a life spent in honest toil and the practice of the highest principles of right and justice. Within the past few years my sister Mary, after seeing some "stormy times," passed over to meet him who had waited long for her.

Of myself, I need only say that I'm here yet, and do not know when my summons will come to join the innumerable caravan. I am comparatively young yet, a little past 60, and may have a good many

years of, I trust, useful labor before me in this earthly life. I have been studying lately the principles of indefinite length of life on this earth-plane, as laid down in Mrs. Helen Wilman's *Freedom*, and am becoming convinced it is entirely within the power of intelligent man to prolong his mortal existence at his own will and pleasure. In fact, I am beginning to know that omnipotent, omniscient man may do anything that he wills to do.

I hope, in the near future, to be able to give more at length, through the columns of the JOURNAL, of my views regarding length of days, in this earthly spirit-life.

H. C. TOWNER.

### THE PASSING OF WAR.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

The roar of cannon, the hiss of shell,  
The tread of armies, the battle yell,  
And God's voice answering: "All is well!"

Aye, all is well: this mighty sound of war  
Which echoes and rebounds from sea to sea

Is but the great crescendo at the close.  
A few more clashing chords, a final burst  
Of loud staccato—then the hush of peace.

The world's best thought has grown  
Ashamed of war,  
Where once it was the glory of mankind!  
And warriors now seem like the player folk,

Without the players' talent and excuse.  
Tricked out in costume, strutting with  
false airs,

A part and parcel of a passing show:  
Ignoble envies and malicious spite,  
Unmanly strifes for precedent and praise,  
False standards and ambitions based on self—

These things are bred of military life.  
The wise, progressive thought will do  
away

With armies and with wars, for they  
belong  
To untaught nations and disordered  
times.

The grand new creed of kindness must  
prevail,  
For love is waking in the hearts of men.

The roar of cannon, the hiss of shell,  
The tread of armies, the battle yell,  
And God's voice answering: "All is well!"

—San Francisco Examiner.

### ALL IS NOT WELL.

THOMAS H. B. COTTON.

An old book gave us a myth called God  
A name that has drenched the earth  
with blood

With dire superstition's vengeful rod.  
No other name since Time first reared  
his head

Above the mists of dim oblivion  
And traced his scroll upon the brow of  
man

In history, can point with such success  
To deeds of crime and horror, as that  
name,

And with the climax of perverted zeal  
Say: "All is well!" No other, did I say?  
Ah, now methinks I hear the name of  
Nero;

And yet another name of one whose pen,  
Wielded by woman's hand with magic  
skill,  
Has wrought unmeasured good for suffer-  
ing man.

This grand name self-enrolled with that  
of God  
And Nero—discord strange! Yet in their  
ears

The music of war's cannon is but sweet,  
Though loud crescendo. Flames of  
burning Rome—  
The roasting lives, but incense most  
delicious!

Ah, Ella Wheeler Wilcox! Why should  
you,  
Sweet charmer—kissed by dangerous  
luxury—  
As poisoned victim, whisper: "All is well!"  
Crush that foul falsehood! Break the  
fatal spell!

"Till lasting Peace shall seal the mouth  
of hell,  
And wars are ended, say not, "All is well!"  
The old book gave us a myth called God,  
A name that has drenched the earth  
with blood,

With dire superstition's "chastening  
rod!"

San Francisco, Cal.

### Progressive Lyceum.

My only apology for claiming your time to present the interests of the Progressive Lyceum is my earnestness for the growth and advancement of our Cause. No argument is required for the need or advantage of Lyceum work; the children of Liberalists and Spiritualists should not be found in places where faltering faith and musty superstition is taught. As Spiritualists, we are expected to give more to the children by demonstrated fact than institutions of faith and fancy, and we can if proper organization is followed.

The plan which I have for you is the furnishing of a weekly lesson sheet in connection with Hudson Tuttle's and other Lyceum Guides. This sheet will begin publication the first Sunday in September and will be devoted to the life-study of our respected Poughkeepsie-seer, Andrew Jackson Davis; each month following will be devoted to "Life Studies" of our own workers, thus giving us the experience which they have had in the vineyard of Humanity, and will benefit the workers by arousing in the minds of the children and others a sympathetic vibration for them in their labors.

What can be more interesting than the life of our own workers, and what can be more instructive than the experiences of those who have devoted their life to the promulgation of our philosophy of knowledge and comfort? Cards bearing the picture of the worker whose life we are studying, and a favorite saying, will be issued each month in connection with the lesson leaf. The price will be nominal: Davis' cards are now ready at one cent each. I hope to hear from Spiritualists everywhere as to this important department of our work, with advice and suggestions. We are certain to succeed and we want you to join with us.

JOHN W. RING,  
Spiritualist Temple, Galveston, Tex.

GALVESTON, Tex., May 4, 1902.

Let us freely express ourselves as to why we conduct a Progressive Lyceum.

Most likely the first object is companionship or association. This point should be very carefully considered, for we are largely estimated by the company we keep. By bringing the youth and grown person into congenial companionship, as here in the Lyceum, the fresh and beautiful unfolding of the young will stimulate and inspire the older, and the young will form character by what is obtained from the older persons. Here is a grave responsibility for the young men and the young women and for grown-up folks.

The plastic mind of the child is molded very largely by observation, and you are the example, to a marked degree, for the children here, who will in many ways imitate you.

A charge, a trust, then, here is given,  
To form and fashion lives;  
To show as much on earth of Heaven,  
In good and kindly deeds,  
In filling human needs,  
As "promised land" provides.

It is hoped that our next object is mental, moral and spiritual culture. Reading and studying the uplifting and inspiring literature produced by great minds, we will unfold a pure mind, which is the certain foundation for a noble life. We long since learned that thoughts are things, and those thoughts

which occupy our mind create the emanations which form the life. By so esteeming ourselves that we would stoop to naught beneath the dignity of our highest conception of Goodness and Justice, and conceiving in every human being the possibilities of and equal superiority, is the highest type of morality. It is said that a boy loves his mother better than his father, and a girl her father better than her mother, so if each boy will think of mother's inimitable life and her teachings, he will recognize himself as the protector of women, and pity rather than blame any weakness in the expression of her life; girls will learn to respect and trust the men, since they have a picture of true manliness in the memory of father, and the world will be made brighter and happier by such ethics.

As spiritual entities may not depend upon mental development or moral culture, but the true expression of the spirit depends largely upon the mind, which, in turn, is broadened and beautified, or cramped and clouded by one's moral condition.

So we may conclude that we conduct a Progressive Lyceum for the cultivation of the best in our natures, that we may enjoy a perfect freedom, which means Heaven here and now—"each for all and all for each."

*Little Folks:*

A little boy was once given permission to spend one hour in town. He was looking at the prettily dressed windows, when a larger boy, in company with a boy about the age of our story's hero, proposed that they go to a large park, where there was a lake and boats for hire. They arrived at the lake, found a boat loose, and no one looking, so went out on the water. None of them knew how to manage a boat, and they were soon in the water with the boat upside down. They were rescued by the park policeman, who took them dripping wet to the police station, to hold the oldest boy for misdemeanor, and the other two were so frightened that they could not tell where they lived. Our hero reached home late that night; his parents, much worried after a long search, were compelled to pay damages for the boat. Fright from possible drowning, several hours in the police station, soiled clothes, anxiety of parents, and payment of money, all because one little boy kept bad company.

Gem of Thought—"Keep good company and you will be one of the number."

Sunday, May 11, 1902.

Last Sunday we decided that the Progressive Lyceum is conducted to bring into activity the best of our nature; so to day let us consider how this may best be accomplished.

Every substance in Nature is used to make up our body, hence we are related to each of the several kingdoms of Nature. We are doing well to learn the anatomy of our body, to understand better how to apply our will that we may cultivate the desired and overcome the undesirable qualities of our nature.

As human creatures we stand between the animal and the spiritual. The gross animal manifests itself in jealousy, selfishness, anger, and many other unbecoming attributes, which may be conquered by recognizing our spiritual birth-right.

We are spirits to-day, and this mortal condition in which we live is for us to control if we but know the law whereby to conquer. No deed is done unless first pictured in thought; so our thoughts very largely determine our acts. Every law of spirit tends upward and for good, so if we patiently trust the all-pervading Law of Love we immediately place ourselves *en rapport* with the current of Health, Prosperity and proper growth; also with the arisen loved ones who have come to understand many laws which will assist in the forming of our character.

Let us learn, then the desirable traits of character and cultivate them one by one, for as they unfold, the objectionable ones disappear.

To persevere we must adhere  
To law with patient trust;  
Thus without fear, and goodness near,  
We will to life, the dust.

**LITTLE ONES.**

**LEADER.**—You need not wait until you are men and women to do much good.

**CHILDREN.**—What can we do while we are so small?

**L.**—You are now forming the basis of your character. By being obedient to your parents and diligent in the study of your books you begin a noble life.

**C.**—To always obey and study is rather hard; we want to play.

**L.**—I know, and you should play; but many of the tasks imposed by your parents can be made almost play.

**C.**—Yes; when we think that we are repaying mother for her kindly love and father for his willing care, the tasks we have are very slight.

**L.**—And your lessons—what of them?

**C.**—Well, we must study and learn to be of use in the world.

**L.**—Yes, you are right. Take that for your Memory Gem: "To be useful is to be happy."

**Spiritualism in Los Angeles.**

MRS. E. G. CORNIC.

The two principal meetings in Los Angeles are the Truth-Seekers and the Harmonials. The latter hold meetings at 139 West 5th St. At the meeting last Sunday Mrs. Maud L. von Freitag, the pastor, said that she would give as much time as possible to the phenomena because so many want *proof*. She said that she believed everyone possessed more or less mediumistic power; the forces in some greater than in others. We love to demonstrate our religion. Spiritualists ought to live the sweetest and purest lives, for we know our loved ones are with us. \* \* \* Should live pure lives, so that others, seeing our lives, will say: "I will investigate." Spiritualists are lighthouses; they should keep their lights trimmed and burning. No one lives to himself alone; they must influence some one. Shall that influence be for good or evil?

The question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" is often asked. Yes, for your life will influence. The speaker was reminded of a little story of a farmer and his little son, who started out one stormy Winter's day to look after the cattle. The farmer plodded along through the snow, followed by the child, and suddenly the little one cried out: "Father, I am following in your tracks; take short steps, so I can follow you easier." So many are following in *your* tracks. Take

short steps and true steps so you will lead them right.

All Spiritualists ought to pay a great deal of attention to the education of their children. Many Spiritualists allow their children to attend orthodox Sunday-schools, in spite of the fact that we have here a lyceum for the children. If our religion is good enough for us, it should be good enough for our children. \* \* \* The education of children should begin 20 years before the child is born. Let men and women live from girlhood and boyhood pure, true lives, and we need not fear for the future child. Like the basket of thistles that are scattered cannot be gathered because scattered to the four winds of Heaven, so unkind and uncharitable words cannot be unsaid. Then live true, upright lives, doing the best we can, and we will live at oneness with our brothers and sisters and at oneness with God.

The test seance followed, being of unusual length and more than ordinary interest, a great number of very convincing tests being given, and the seance closed with the manifestation of blood-red writing upon the medium's arm, two names being given in that manner and the word "Yes" written in answer to a question by one of the audience.—*Medium.*

**A Thousand Million Suns.**

At the Glasgow meeting of the British Association Lord Kelvin interested a large audience with his calculations of the probable total amount of gravitational matter in the visible universe. He showed that if 25,000,000 years ago 1,000,000,000 masses, each equal to our sun, had been distributed through a sphere about 18,000,000,000,000 miles in radius, they would now have acquired velocities about equal to those known to be possessed by the stars visible to us. Therefore, it is probable that the total amount of gravitational matter in the visible universe does not differ much from that of 1,000,000,000 suns.

E. W. Sprague has just published in pamphlet form, a reply to a sermon preached against Spiritualism, by Rev. F. J. Freed, pastor of the Christian (Campbellite) Church of Remington, Ind., together with "Twenty Important Questions for the Clergy to Answer." Send ten cents (silver or stamps) to E. W. Sprague, 618 Newland Ave., Jamestown, N. Y., and you will receive a copy by return mail.

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SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 21, 1902.

Mr. W. J. Colville in May delivered a course of eight lectures in Jersey which proved to be quite a revelation to the Channel Islanders. He commenced his last term of work in London, England, on June 15, at the termination of which, in July, he will depart for America. Mr. Colville expects to be in San Francisco during the coming Winter. His many friends will be glad to learn this item of news.

Miss Lilian Whiting, whose picture adorns the first page of this week's JOURNAL, writes as follows about the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL:

My printed matter comes in avalanches, but the JOURNAL is always individually read and preserved. What a splendid article was that of Mrs. Sara A. Underwood recently! I always read everything from her pen with the deepest interest, and with a sense of incalculable profit! With every appreciation for the JOURNAL, I am most faithfully yours,  
LILIAN WHITING.

Rest for the stomach is often of more value than medicine. A short time ago a letter from the manager of the Methodist Publishing House at Tokio, Japan, stated that one of their missionaries had been laid aside with nervous prostration for a number of years. He sent him a copy of "Perfect Health," he read it, he fasted 30 days, he was restored to health, and can now do full work and is feeling many years younger. This valuable book can be obtained at this office. See notice on page 6,

## Laws of the Universe.

A writer in the *Chicago Record-Herald*, in refutation of the statement that an Infinite Being directs all the events of life on the planet, says:

The world, we know, is full of injustice. The great and powerful prey on their weaker fellows in a thousand ways while God looks idly on.

A city is overwhelmed and many thousand lives snuffed out in an instant, while this supposed all-powerful God of love and mercy does nothing. Yet I am told that such a God exists and that anyone who does not think so ought to be avoided by all who do think so.

War, pestilence and famine have hung like a pall over the world since it became the habitation of man. The best and the worst have been remorselessly destroyed together and no God has shown Himself equal to the task of preventing it.

Nature ever works by law. Every cause has its effect. When millions of gallons of water are thrown by an earthquake upon billions of tons of molten lava, gasses and steam generate and cause an explosion! Then millions of tons of earth and lava are thrown out, and that is called a volcanic eruption, but all that is the operation of a law of Nature.

Jesus is said to have rebuked those in his day who attributed such events to the vengeance of an all-powerful Deity, by asking: "Suppose ye that those upon whom the Tower of Siloam fell, were sinners above other men?" He answered his own question by emphatically saying: "I tell you, nay."

If we improve the race, if we make men more humane, more honest, more just, more spiritual—much of the destruction, want, poverty and war will cease, and concord and plenty will be the result.

Then peace shall wave her scepter high,  
And love's fair banner greet the eye,  
Proclaiming victory for all.

Another Outrage has been committed under color of law by the indictment of Mrs. Helen Wilman's Post, Col. C. C. Post (her husband) and Mr. C. F. Bergman (her son-in-law). The charge is a trumped-up one, that of "fraudulently using the United States mails," in sending out circulars about absent treatments for the ills of the body. Bigoted and non-progressive physicians and old foggy Christians are, of course, instigating the indictment and influencing the Grand Jury in making it.

Such persons would have indicted Jesus of Nazareth for the same reason if they had been in existence 2,000 years ago. By the force of mind (spirit) he cured the centurion's servant without even seeing him while a long distance from the place where he was, and then told the centurion: "See, your servant is healed." Others, we are told, touched the hem of his gar-

ment and were healed of their diseases; and he remarked: "Who did touch me? I felt virtue (influence or spirit-power) going out of me."

It is high time now that the officials of this government should be given to understand that it ought not to be run upon prejudice or for the benefit of any click or clan, but for the whole people in a broad and enlightened sense.

In these days, when we are getting the demonstration of the power of spirit and mentality by wireless-telegraphy, thought-transference, and other kindred discoveries, it is a poor commentary to have to record such acts as those chronicled above by the Postoffice department of the United States of America. Evidently we are going back instead of keeping pace with this progressive age.

Earthquake Shocks are reported in Sicily, Alaska, the Sandwich Islands and other points. The earth is evidently greatly disturbed in its interior, and more volcanic eruptions may occur at any moment.

Great changes on this planet are now taking place, and what may be the outcome, no one can tell at present. The mental, political and material conditions are in upheaval generally—all indicating that some great event may be hourly expected. Of its nature or character we are, of course, uninformed, but it will be startling and effective. The thought of the race is evolving, and the physical and material conditions are changing, at the same time.

Last Sunday Chicago was visited by a fierce storm, attended with thunder and lightning. Church steeples seemed to prove lightning conductors, and the churches were found to be wrecked after the storm was over. One in which a Sunday-school was being held at the time caught fire, causing great consternation among the children, but fortunately no lives were lost, though many were injured and all badly frightened.

If God had anything to do with the lightning or thunder, was it not strange that he should attack his own places of worship? The thought suggests that there is no truth in the assertion made by many orthodox Christians, that God directs the thunder and lightning, and is responsible for the damage done, making it a chastisement for wrong-doing.

A Book may be a perpetual companion. Friends come and go, but the book may beguile all experiences and enchant all hours.—Lilian Whiting in "The World Beautiful in Books."

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## The Reviewer.

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Miss Lilian Whiting has written a new book entitled "Boston Days," which is now being printed, and will be published next October. The price will be \$1.50, postage 15c extra. In it she aims to crystallize into literary record the unique phrases and exceptional movements which have stamped their impress upon the City of the Puritans—the period of Emerson, Peabody, James Freeman Clark and others. The remarkable ministry of Phillips Brooks will be a distinctive feature of the book.

The great world event of June, the coronation of King Edward VII. of England, will picture scenes that have had no parallel in the lives of the present generation, and for this reason an article by Sir Edwin Arnold on the Coronation Festivities, and a description by the late Sir Walter Besant of the Pageants of London, in the July *Delineator*, are especially timely and interesting.

Frank Harrison, who has heretofore edited the *Magazine of Mysteries*, has severed his connection with that periodical and will start another called the *Christian American*, which will be published in Providence, R. I. The *Magazine of Mysteries* will be continued as usual in New York City.

"The Dream of Self-Consciousness," by Frank H. Sprague, is the title of a pamphlet of 16 pages just issued by the Metaphysical Pub. Co., 110 West 32nd St., New York. Price, 10c.





**New York State Convention.**

The fifth annual convention of the New York State Association of Spiritualists was held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31 and June 1, 1902, in Elmira, N. Y. The officers and trustees elected are: H. W. Richardson, East Aurora, president; Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Westfield, vice-president; Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, Troy, second vice-president; Herbert L. Whitney, Brooklyn, secretary; Mrs. Milton Rathbun, Mount Vernon, treasurer; trustees—Mrs. Laura A. Holb, West Potsdam; E. G. Reilly, Syracuse; Miss Marie J. Fitz Maurice, New York; Mrs. Harriet Duhl, Elmira. Spirit messages were given by F. Corden White, Lily Dale, and Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds.

The speakers were: Moses Hull, Mattie E. Hull, Lyman C. Howe, Harrison D. Barrett, Harvey W. Richardson, Mrs. Mary C. Von Kanzler, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Mrs. Harriet Duhl, Mrs. Lizzie Brewer, Mrs. S. Comstock Ellis, Frank H. Flood and Herbert L. Whitney.

The music was under the direction of McHenry's orchestra.

H. W. Richardson, Mrs. Milton Rathbun and Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing were elected delegates to the N. S. A.

The following amendment to the By-laws was adopted unanimously: "Whenever individual members of the State Association in same locality shall unite as a social body auxiliary to, and for advancing the best interests of the Association, they may register with the secretary as an auxiliary society under sanction of the Board of Trustees; and when so registered at least 60 days prior to an annual convention, they may be represented by delegates on same basis as other members of chartered societies."

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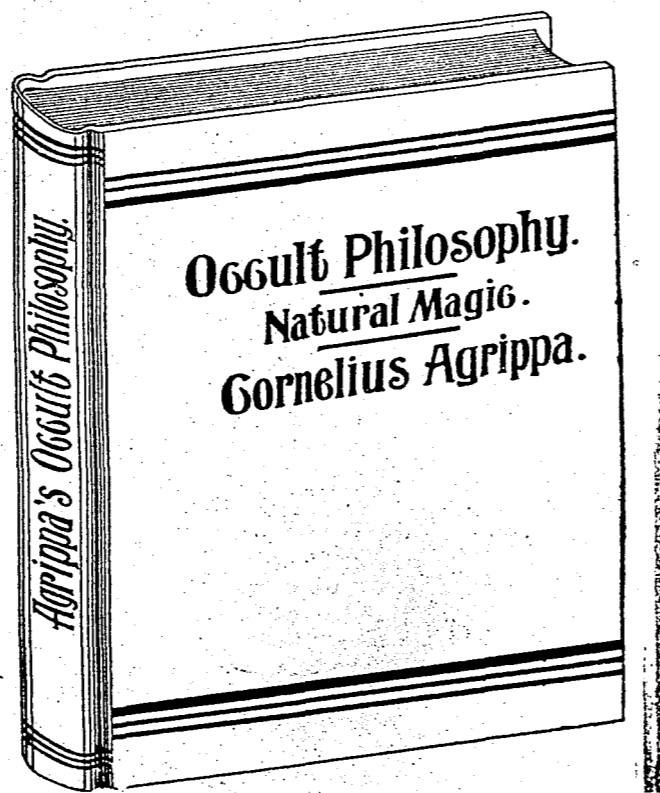
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## Local News Summary.

Mrs. Eberhardt held a very successful meeting last Sunday evening at her hall, 3250 22nd St., San Francisco, giving many comforting spirit messages to her audience.

Mrs. Evelynne [daughter of Mrs. B. F. Small] has been brought back to San Francisco and is now in the hospital in a very dangerous condition. Her many friends in this city will be pained to learn of this reply.

Mrs. C. J. Meyer and others gave spirit messages to the audience assembled last Sunday evening at 335 McAllister St., San Francisco, satisfying many inquiring minds.

Hermetic Brotherhood, 509 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Cal. The open meeting on Thursday evening, June 12, commenced with a reading by Mrs. Myrtle Keenan, followed by a song from Mrs. Frances Rogers; then a lecture through Dr. Phelon, upon "Language Cabalistically Considered in Relation to the Symbols of the Four Great Angels." The subjects were ancient, the ideas up to date, in both dress and expression.

Mrs. Ada Foye's address is now 1731 California St., Denver, Colo. She will commence work at once for the society which she had built up in former days in that city.

Mr. J. R. Armstrong, who has been residing with his son at 2209 Webster St., San Francisco, for several years, has just had another severe illness, and is at present very low, not expected to survive. He is a bright, intelligent man and a thorough Spiritualist, and for many years was business manager of the Columbus (O.) Daily Dispatch, and was Past Chancellor of the State of Ohio Knights of Pythias.

Mme. Young gave spirit messages at Oriental Hall, 619 McAllister St., last Sunday evening to a large audience, after an interesting lecture by Mrs. Sarah Seal. Professor Young conducted the music.

The Oakland Spiritual Society met at 856 1/2 Isabella St. Wednesday eve with a good attendance. Dr. Palnbaum became entranced and gave a short lecture on "The good we can do in this life by our knowledge of the spirit-world." Tests were given by the Doctor, Mrs. Amanda Smith and Mrs. Neilson. Mr. Van Luven made a short address on the licensing of mediums.

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Mrs. R. S. Lillie gave an inspired lecture last Sunday in Covenant Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, San Francisco, on "The Influence Exerted by the Planetary System upon Human Lives." This was the regular lecture for the Progressive Spiritualists; Mr. F. T. Lilich presiding, and Mrs. Sadie Cooke, organist. This lecture from the guides of Mrs. Lillie was exceedingly interesting, as the subject concerned every individual. Some people inquire why we have to endure many things which do not harmonize with our ideals. As the planet Mars is now the ruler in the heavens, to a certain extent, contention, strife, turmoil and fighting are the result. The present upheaval in the mental world, as well as the material and political, are the results of planetary influence. Our environments, as well as the legacy coming from our ancestors, have had much to do with shaping our lives, and it is only by our utmost exertions that we can overcome, and master our fate.

The Entertainment on Thursday evening, June 12, in Grand Army Hall, Oakland, was a testimonial benefit to Mr. Chas. J. Anderson (the boy orator) and was a success. A good musical and literary program was rendered. Mr. M. S. Norton and Mr. W. T. Jones, president and secretary of the California State Association, were present and made brief addresses. Short speeches were also made by Mrs. Cowell and Mrs. Johnson [of Boston]. Mr. Anderson closed the entertainment with an inspiring address.

Last Sunday Evening a fine audience assembled in Grand Army Hall, 130th St., between Broadway and Franklin Sts., Oakland. This was the first of a series of lectures to be delivered by Mr. Chas. J. Anderson [the boy orator]. It was on "The Philosophy of Spiritualism," followed by psychic demonstrations. A short address was made by Mr. Jordan relative to the work Mr. Anderson is undertaking, and he urged those present to induce their friends to support these independent meetings, and in this way sustain the inspired orator and also help on the work of Spiritualism in Oakland. These meetings will continue until further notice.

Spiritualists' Temple Association, Woodmen Hall, Oakland, on Sunday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m., M. L. Carter delivered a fine spiritual discourse, followed by messages through Mrs. E. E. Neilson, Mrs. A. W. Gillette and Mrs. S. B. Seip.

Henry Harrison Brown's lecture Sunday evening upon "Spiritual Gifts" was listened to by one of the largest audiences that have gathered in Remembrance Hall. He held that since man is spirit here and now, he should develop those faculties that ally him with the purely spiritual life. That until he unfolds those faculties he lives only the animal life, or, what is the same, the life of the senses. Therefore, he should seek the way, and use it, of developing the power of hearing and seeing that which is not seen or heard by the eye and ear. This development is termed respectively Clairvoyance, Telepathy, Inspiration, Psychometry. These are capable of systematic culture. When one has developed them, he lives here and now the spiritual life, and manhood is the result. His next lecture is upon "Love."

Dr. H. W. Anderson lectured to a good audience at Fraternal Hall, Oakland, last Sunday, from the subject, "We Fall as Leaves; the Immortal Trunk Remains." Mrs. Gillette followed with well-recognized messages. At 7:45, Mrs. Gillingham read sealed questions and gave independent messages, and Mrs. Norris gave a scientific demonstration by reading from letters and numbers.

On Sunday, June 22, at 3 p.m., Dr. Anderson will lecture on Christian Science, and Mrs. Carman Gray of Portland, Ore., will give messages. In the evening Mrs. Gillingham will give messages, and Mrs. Norris will read scientifically from colors. Mme. Carrington of London, Eng., a lady of great musical talent, will sing.

Loring Hall, Oakland, was well filled last Sunday to hear the messages through Mrs. R. Cowell and singing by Miss Campbell. These meetings will be continued another month, when Mrs. Cowell will take a much-needed vacation before attending the Los Angeles camp-meeting next August.

The American Institute of Phrenology, incorporated 1866, opens its next session, Sept. 3, 1902. For particulars, apply to the secretary, M. H. Piercy, care of Fowler & Wells Co., 24 East 22nd St., New York. 27m8

### New Meeting in San Jose.

A meeting was held in Curtis Hall, San Jose, under the direction of Mr. Shaw of Oakland, at 11 a.m., and Dr. Raylin gave a grand discourse on "Charity," a subject given by one of the audience, followed by a talk from Mrs. MacMeekin and Mrs. Hendee-Rogers. The evening service was conducted by Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Lenot and Mrs. MacMeekin, short addresses and spirit messages. Mr. Shaw is influenced by the Christ spirit, working for the good of humanity, and has rented a hall for three months, and is coming from Oakland every Saturday. This is given all free to the public, thereby causing an awakening among Spiritualists and strangers. Spiritualism has taken a fresh start in San Jose, and all meetings are working in harmony for the good of all, learning to live the law of love. X-RAY.

Mrs. Otto Sippell of San Diego has been during the past month on a visit to Mrs. A. J. Riley of San Francisco, who was formerly the president of the National Ave. Society of Spiritualists at San Diego. Both ladies called at the office of the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL last Saturday, where we had a pleasant time talking over the affairs concerning Spiritualism in the southern-most city and county of this State.

Mrs. Sippell is the wife of the first president of this society, and one to whom it owes much of its success. She reports that the building used as a hall for the Society has been lately enlarged, renovated and beautified.

When Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley joined the Society some months ago, Mr. Wheatley was impressed to make arrangements to beautify the hall, and has painted several panels with pictorial scenes of the past ages, and presented them to the Society to ornament the sides of the platform, adding largely to its attractiveness.

Mrs. Mullen has been serving the Society as speaker for several months, and the numbers have been augmented and the interest more than doubled—in fact, the Society is in a very flourishing condition.

Prof. H. A. Streight, whose wonderful paintings have astonished the world during the past 40 years, has been spending a few days in San Francisco with his old-time friend, Henry Harrison Brown. The Professor is now making his home in Mountain View, Cal. He brought with him to this city several grand paintings, among them one of the Ruddy Sunset as seen from the Farrallone Islands, which for blending of colors and magical effect would be very difficult to rival. He paints these pictures while under heavy inspiration.

Transition.—Mrs. Mary C. Richardson, a Spiritualist medium and worker in the Cause, well known during the past decade in San Francisco, passed to spirit-life last Monday at her home, 350 Fifth St. She has been ailing for several years, but her friends did not suppose that there need be any alarm, and her passing away will, therefore, be a surprise to many of them. She was a native of Maine, but has been in California for many years. She was a grandmother to Alfred R. and Arthur D. Stevens of this city. At the time of this JOURNAL being printed, no arrangements had been announced for the funeral services, but we presume Mrs. R. S. Lillie will officiate, and that the funeral will take place on Wednesday, though we do not know.

Words That Burn, a psychic romance by Lida B. Browne. 366 pp.; cloth. Price, \$1.25. For sale at this office.

The Star of the Magi, a monthly exponent of Occult Science, art and philosophy, published in Chicago by Dr. N. E. Wood at \$1.00 a year, will be clubbed with the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL and both papers sent to any address in the United States, Canada or Mexico, for \$1.75. The Star of the Magi contains 32 large quarto pages and is filled with excellent occult matter.

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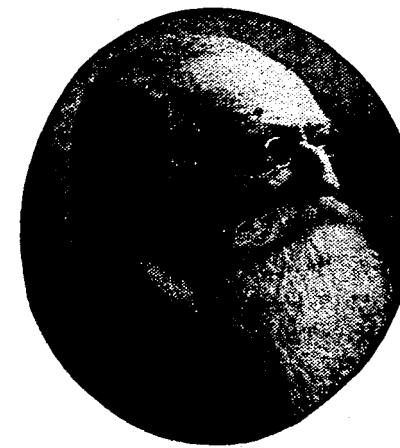
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## Societies and Meetings

### Society of Progressive Spiritualists

Holds regular meetings every Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m., in Covenant Hall, on the third floor of the Odd Fellows' Building, corner of Seventh and Market Sts. Mrs. R. S. Lillie is engaged as the speaker for the present season.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.—Headquarters at 1164 O'Farrell-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.

Children's Progressive Lyceum meets every Sunday morning at 909 Market St., San Francisco, at 10:30. Free spiritual library. Visitors welcome. O. H. WADSWORTH.

The Independent Free Thought Bible Spiritualist Society meets at 909 Market St., S.F., (front hall), every Sunday, 11 a.m. meeting, free. 2 & 8 p.m., spirit messages by local mediums. 10c.

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