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GOD IS LOVE.

Love's power it is who rules the wave,
Who quells the winds when tempests rave,
Who bids the rolling waves, "Be still!"
And they obey the Master's will.
Infinite Power! Be thou my guide,
My shelter from the stormy blast,
When o'er my head the whirlwinds ride,
And with dark clouds my sky's o'ercast.

Hold Thou my hand when wild waves beat,
And tempests lash my trembling form,
Upon the rock plant safe my feet,
Carry me safely through the storm.

In night's dark hours, be Thou my light,
When ignorance and sin prevail,
Endow me with thy holy might,
Whene'er the foes of right assail.

Make me a Savior of the race,
As was the lowly Nazarine,
Who taught the Truth, with glowing face.

And dauntless heart, and humble mien;
Make me as strong, and brave, and true,
To cry down wrong, defend the right,
To give my life if need be, too,
To win the victory in this fight.

Endow with strength my puny arm,
My fainting heart with courage fill,
And if I thrill with wild alarm,
Say to my rising fears: "Be still!"
And as the waves on Galilee
Were calmed and quieted to rest,
With loving faith I'll trust in Thee,
And rest on Love's protecting breast.

LIZZIE DUCKER LYNESS, Portland, Ore



Remarkable Experience.

One of our prominent business men, recently deceased, related to me the following strange experience which occurred to him several years ago:

"At the time these incidents occurred my family were occupying the second floor of a commodious dwelling. My two children were ill, one of them seriously so.

"One evening I went down stairs for a pitcher of water. At the foot of the stairs, on the first floor, there was a door. On my return, as I was about to ascend the stairs, I saw the appearance of my dead father and mother. But the strangest part was, that in addition to these forms, I also saw two phantom doors, one on each side of the real door, and on the knobs of each of them I saw suspended bunches of black crape. I was considerably startled with this peculiar vision and thought it over with much anxiety. In a few days my eldest child died.

"Again I saw the same forms and the same phantom doors. I noticed, however, that the crape had disappeared from one of the doors, but still remained on the other. I soon interpreted what I had seen as an ill omen, fearing it to be a warning that I was soon to lose my

youngest and only remaining child, whose condition was becoming serious. A little later my little girl was released from her sufferings by death, and I never saw the forms nor the doors again. C."

A Clairvoyant Prophecy.

(Among the data upon which the philosophy of Soul Culture is based, I wish to include this, printed in the *Banner of Light* for Dec. 21, 1901).

During the Winter of 1897-1898, in Topeka, Kan., I used to experiment with a fine hypnotic somnambule. While in the trance state he was an excellent clairvoyant, and I had many manifestations that, familiar as I was with its phenomena, seemed marvelous. None of them have been published. Recent chemical discoveries lead me to narrate one of them which cannot possibly, by the opponents of Spiritualism, be accounted for, on the usual ground of telepathy. The subject was a young man of 17. He was a High School pupil and interested in electricity. Among the travels he made on the Soul-side of life, were several trips to the planet Mars. Upon his first journey, among other things he noticed that there was a method of electric lighting that was superior to our own. There was neither battery nor wire used. It was done by placing some chemical substances in juxtaposition. I urged him to learn how it was done. He could not ascertain. Upon a subsequent visit he became more inter-

ested in the matter, and I urged him to find out the process. At last he said:

"I cannot."

"Why?" I inquired. And there came this wonderful answer—wonderful had it come from a deep student of metaphysics:

"I cannot, for they guard it with all the power of their thought."

I asked: "Why do they?"

"An old man here tells me—"

Here I stopped him. "Tells you! Why, you do not know their language! You cannot talk with him?" Immediately the reply:

"We do not use language—we converse by thought." Then he continued: "The old man says that I cannot have it; that we on the earth must develop as they have and through necessity find out Nature's secrets. And now that I know it is possible, I can go back and find the secret for myself. Were I to tell you, you would lose the unfoldment that comes from seeking and finding. All life is for is the development of latent powers. Earth must develop as we have. We have found. You can."

This incident came to memory recently, as I read of the discovery of M. Henri Becquerel. As stated (in an extract going the rounds of the press from a French physicist, Emile Gautier), the discovery is as follows:

In 1896 Becquerel discovered that "the compounds of uranium emitted peculiar rays, and that the

emission was spontaneous and constant; that this matter held in itself its own light, and that light is eternal." These ores of uranium are expensive and are only obtained by hard and tedious labor. They are polonium, radium, actinium. They spontaneously generate electricity.

Thus at the time my somnambule saw the fact of spontaneous generation of electricity on Mars, it was discovered in laboratories here. He saw it easy of operation and plentiful. It was lighting the buildings and streets. So will it yet with us. Whether or not it be the same mineral is a question. Probably not. For I prophesy that it will be found that all minerals possess this quality of luminosity; that when chemists realize that all is Spirit, they will institute new methods, and release the Life in the atoms and have light at will. I only report the fact for what it may be worth to him who thinks.

HENRY HARRISON BROWN.

Now office, San Francisco, Cal., November, 1901.

Warning of Death.

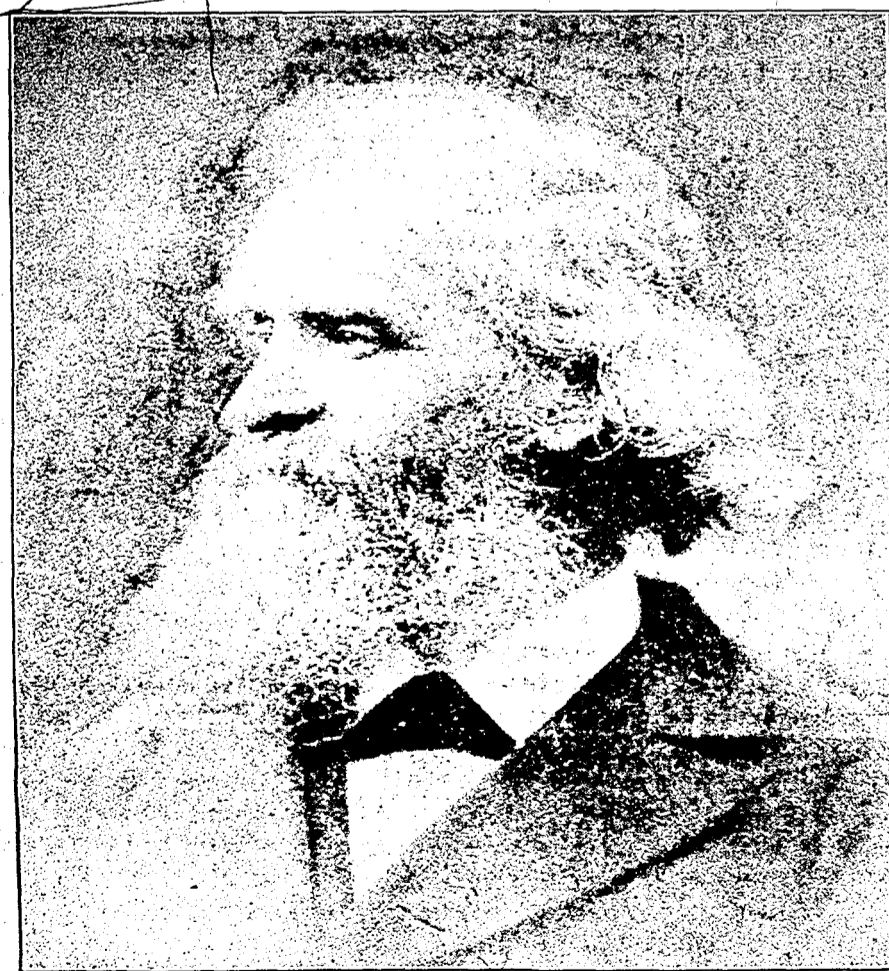
Only a short time ago I had a disquieting dream, in which I thought I was looking out of my window and saw a funeral procession standing in the street before my house. This dream afterward disturbed me greatly, for I feared it was a warning of a death in my family. A few days later a neighbor died, who, at the time of the dream, I did not know was ill. On the occasion of his funeral the procession stopped before my house and appeared exactly the same as I had seen it in my dream. C.

Letter from Spring Hill, Kan.

TO THE EDITOR:

A brief account of the work in producing a *third* book (the two former being "Rending the Vail" and "Beyond the Vail") may be of interest to your readers. At this writing 16 seances are already held, giving to us mortals such instruction as is the most needful to escape the miseries experienced in the spirit world by so many millions of earth's children when they have passed into spirit life.

There is evidently another object in view in presenting this work to the world, namely: in giving a system of philosophy of Spiritualism that will serve as a check to the tendency now so prevalent of branching off into new speculations and theories under the name of New Thought which have their rise in those who still dwell in the flesh. Since they are as variant as are other speculative the-



Professor William Denton, the Noted Scientist.

[See letter from Spring Hill, Kan.]

ories, they promise but little benefit to mankind. But in the work here going on, we see and hear the veritable men and women *in persona propria*, with voice and pen, typewriter and artist pencil, in the most wonderful manner, and without the use of the medium's organism, free, direct and unbiased.

What can be more impressive or instructive to mortals than to sit in the actual presence of these dwellers in the higher spheres who come down from their happy homes to reveal the grandeur and glory of the higher realms? And yet, how few of earth's children appreciate or even care to understand these divine revelations!

A few, indeed, do appreciate and seek to understand them. From various States of the Union come true and earnest seekers after truth, and none leave without full and joyful satisfaction. At this writing, a gentleman from Los Angeles, Dr. Rhea, is here at the request of Prof. Denton, whom he met at a seance in Los Angeles. Dr. Rhea intending to go East, was requested by Prof. Denton to stop over at Spring Hill and attend a few seances, at the first of which Prof. Denton addressed him by name and called him up to the cabinet. The doctor is highly pleased, and being a man of intelligence and an earnest investigator, he will undoubtedly make a report of his experience at Spring Hill on his return to California.

Several from other parts of the country are doing likewise. One from Nebraska, Mr. Graaff, a German, writes to me under date of Aug. 19, 1902: "I can hardly realize that the things I saw are true. They seem so strange to think about." He conversed with his father in German. He will soon return with his wife and brother. Others have expressed the same interest.

The book will require several months to complete it, and soon after, it will be published. Tuesday evenings will be given to visitors. All who intend visiting, can write to W. W. Aber, Spring Hill, Kan., for particulars.

E. J. SCHELLHOUS.

From Other Worlds.

GEO. E. LOTHROP.

Why is it that the clergy, who have been forced to admit the existence of over 70,000,000 other worlds in the universe than this one, still doubt that among all these vast worlds there is a power which has brought us thousands of messages from the strange people residing in those worlds, telling us about them?

Controls have received through messages from the next world, speaking through Mrs. A. C. Littlefield of Boston. The spirits sending out reports over this finely developed line say that there is no personal, angry, jealous God in the universe, such as people pray to, but that God is in the souls of all people, in the spirits of animals, in the flowers, grass, trees, stars, planets, etc. Wherever there is any life or any form there is a part of God spirit. To pray to God for favors, or to say God did so, "it is God's way," or to say God will forgive sin or even allow a person to sin and not pay the penalty, is manifestly without a knowledge of the latest discoveries. Clergy like to stand up and tell their God what to do. They prayed and begged him to save the lives of the three murdered Presidents, Lincoln, Gar-

field and McKinley. All good men. But we know their "God" did not answer their prayers, and all three died.

Great spirits and angels are working to "rend the veil" between the two worlds. Many have seen their dead friends' spirits materialize, and spoke to them. Have you?

The Effect of Thought.

ARTHUR F. MILTON.

The reason why we feel uncomfortable, disturbed or consciousness-stricken consequent upon sending forth unkindly feelings or uncharitable thoughts, is because the same is engendered in those whom we have in mind, and who reciprocate in like measure. To be the recipient of the reverse, therefore, we should guard against that which undermines our feelings of peace or contentment; for one such unhappy impulse may give us more concern than a dozen apologies can alleviate. It is also being believed that such thoughts or feelings react with compatible results on their progenitors, though unexpressed in terms to betray their origin to the one on whom directed or centered. If such be true—and many assert it—our peace of mind rests with us exclusively, and the reverse must also hold good. Genial thoughts and kind feelings sent out should return with happiness in their wake—like attracting like. But as appreciation of benevolent acts inspire to more benevolence, appreciation of good feelings or wholesome thoughts must have a similar effect on one's consciousness, and thus the renewed efforts and often inspirations that follow the first.

Spirit Communion.

WM. J. COWEN.

Communion with the spirit world brings us in contact with the great minds of those who once existed in the mortal form, and who once thought, wrote and planned their life-work as do we at the present time; we, who still occupy the mortal form. The spirit intelligences have advanced to higher realms of spirit-life, and have attained to higher conceptions of the forces which compose and govern the cosmos.

These higher conceptions of thought, of God, of the spirit, constitute knowledge, and knowledge of the laws which govern the varied phenomena of Nature is necessary before we can arrive at the truth which is the foundation of all thought.

We are brought into the world in a helpless condition. We are first infants, then boys and girls, then men and women. We must first learn our letters, then learn to place the letters together and form words, then combine words into sentences, and thus the author writes his book, the orator frames his oration, the professor composes his lecture. The infant does not realize the importance or value of the alphabet which it is obliged to learn, but as its mind develops and as knowledge increases with growth of years, it sees more clearly the importance of the progressive stages of learning through which it has passed. Did Benjamin Franklin conceive the marvels which have been developed as the result of his experiments with the electric force? We think not, but he did realize the importance

of taking the first step towards the development of this hitherto unexplored region of thought. Knowledge does not come to us at once, but is the result of a long life-time of experiences. Franklin pursued his investigations until he was called from earth to occupy a higher plane of thought-existence. His work was taken up by others, who began where he left off and developed, as experience brought knowledge, the many useful inventions which are the result of the study of electricity and the laws which govern its use.

The growth of the mind and the development of thought does not cease. When we have passed from our earthly condition, we are ushered into an existence whose increased facilities for obtaining knowledge enable the spirits who inhabit the spheres of spirit life to advance in thought conception much more rapidly than can we who still live upon the earth sphere, surrounded, as we are, by our limited sense perceptions.

We are but now in the primary stages of development as regards our knowledge concerning the spiritual nature of man, the spiritual forces of the Universe. The spiritual knowledge of the world has been confined too long to that department of thought which we call religion. Religion has always alienated itself from the world, and has tried to establish itself upon a higher plane of thought. This is a mistake. Any phenomenon of nature is as important in the composition of the Cosmos as is God himself. The religious world has shut itself in and has refused to study the phenomena of nature and the laws which govern its manifestation. For this reason religion has failed in its efforts to advance mankind and to keep up with the advanced knowledge of the students of nature. While the greatest strides toward the development of thought has been made, the church still remains undeveloped, and is striving with all its power to crush knowledge and the benefits to humanity which accrue therefrom.

The advent of Spiritualism has wrought many changes in this respect. Considering all questions from the knowledge which we have of the different phases of thought which are brought to our notice, we are better enabled to reach the truth regarding those questions which are constantly confronting us.

Spartansburg, Pa.

Southern California Camp.

WILLIAM LOVEGROVE.

The third annual camp-meeting of the Southern California Spiritualist Association opened under the most auspicious circumstances on Sunday morning, Aug. 17. The efficient management had prepared a program which would command appreciation and ensure a successful season, and this expectation has been more than realized on all hands.

The inspired addresses of Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe-Watson have elicited general appreciation from all quarters. Mrs. R. S. Lillie has delighted thousands with her eloquent and philosophical lectures and answers to questions on important subjects. These two ladies are exceptionally gifted with inspirations of a high and noble order, and their logical, inspired utterances are always listened to with the utmost mental avidity.

They have commanded large audiences, as was to be expected, and their approaching departure, after their two weeks' service, will be deeply regretted by their thousands of hearers.

We have also been favored with addresses of a high order from Col. J. L. Dryden, who is invariably forceful, logical and interesting; from Mrs. Von Freitag, who is always soundly philosophical in her inspired discourses; from Mrs. Mae Hunt, who is eloquently convincing in argument and statement; from Mrs. Julia Knox, whose pure, inspired utterances are grandly uplifting and unfolding; from Mr. G. D. Parsons, who is acutely logical; from the always eloquent Prof. W. C. Bowman, and from Mrs. E. W. Marchand, who delivered one of the most profound lectures of the season. So far this lady's discourse was specially distinguished for its thoroughly scholarly tone and profoundly philosophical sequence of thought, and was really delightful to listen to.

The morning conference meetings are one of the most agreeable features of the occasion, and are greatly appreciated. Various speakers and mediums take part in them, making short addresses, some giving tests, and others relating personal experiences, etc. These conference meetings are of an exceedingly uplifting character, and are greatly enjoyed, especially by those Spiritualists who dwell on the higher planes of spiritual thought, feeling and aspiration.

The mediums provided by the Association for public work at the various meetings are all of high character and repute. In securing the services of Mrs. R. Cowell, of Oakland, an opportunity has been afforded us of witnessing the public platform work of one of the finest test mediums in our country. I personally consider Mrs. Pepper, John Slater and Mrs. Cowell the three best public test mediums of this continent. I will not dilate upon Mrs. Cowell's ability as a test medium, but simply remark that she has given unbounded satisfaction. She is also popular socially. Mrs. Von Freitag is too well and favorably known as a ballot medium to require any eulogy from me. Let it suffice to say here that her readings have been distinguished for their usual fulness and accuracy. Mrs. Mae Hunt has officiated on several occasions as a test medium, and has given entire satisfaction. Mrs. M. C. Vlasek is much appreciated for the accuracy of her tests and readings.

Special test seances have also been given by Mr. J. W. Henley and Mrs. Von Freitag.

Of the mediums for the phenomena, we have with us Mr. Wyllie, the renowned medium for the production of spirit photographs, whose tardy advent has been hailed with delight by all. There are many mediums for various phases of mental phenomena on the grounds, among them Mrs. Mae Hunt and Mrs. Mary Morrell of Chula Vista.

Materializing mediumship is well represented by Mr. Charles G. H. Brower, who is giving positive proof that the so-called dead do return in materialized forms.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 28, 1902.

The greatest problem that confronts the present is how to give healthy bodies and healthy brains to future generations.

Experiments of M. de Rochas

J. STANNARD, PARIS.

There is much excellent material in a new book just published by Colonel A. de Rochas, entitled, "Les Frontieres de la Science." Smaller in volume than some of its predecessors, it contains a re-issue of one or two lectures and papers (which have already been published at various times), that are here brought up to date by a few additional notes and quotations. In the preface we are informed that it was the author's original intention to prepare a work on the basis of thought incorporated in the matter presented, to be called "Les Fantomes des Vivants, et les Ames Morts" (Phanoms of the living and souls of the dead); but this idea had to be abandoned owing to the fact that opportunity for a sound study of the phenomenon of materialization has been denied him. Colonel de Rochas says:

"In spite of every effort on my part to obtain the phenomenon of complete materialization, such as has been witnessed by other experimenters through Eglinton, Home, Madame d'Esperance, and others, I have been unsuccessful; consequently I could only touch upon this phase of work by quoting from authorities whose conclusions have been frequently published before."

This latest book by Colonel de Rochas is, therefore, more or less a resume of scientific and philosophical thought drawn from prominent authors in physical research, and traces the history of the movement, as he studies it, from Mesmer's time to the present, revealing the actual position of things as they are in the world of psychical thought to-day.

Deductions are drawn from the writings and discoveries of men like Reichenbach, Maxwell, Puysegur, Deleuze, and modern researchers such as Crooks, Lombroso, Aksalaw and Baraduc.

If Rochas, Aksakow, and others can claim to have proved that the complete exteriorization of a fluidic form or principle in the individual is demonstrable, it may also be said that Lombroso, Dr. Paul Joire, Baraduc, and others have detected the presence of certain invisible emanations from the human body by means of mechanical apparatus or through special photography. From every side in the experimental world of psychology we are presented with fresh discoveries and observations relating to the fluidic forces inherent in the human organism, and the time cannot be far distant when physiologists will be forced to recognize and comment on these declarations made after much patient study by men who are specialists in this domain of research.

Designated by many names and possessing various attributes, the ethereal double has been always known to profound occult teachers as that link or intermediary principle which connects higher and lower manifestations of life. The investigations of Colonel de Rochas in this particular line have exceptional value, and are too well known and appreciated to need repetition; and it is worthy of remark that in his new book generous tribute is paid to the genius of that great scientist, Reichenbach, whose discoveries and theories concerning the "od" force have probably given many a happy inspiration to later workers. The conclusions finally laid down by that great savant are quoted in extenso by Colonel de Rochas, whose many years of study enable him to practically substantiate those declarations and to affirm, with others, that—

"Radiations from the human body are positive phenomena. . . Under certain circumstances they can be seen, and appear to present certain and co-existent characteristics. . . In form they resemble the projections of flames, and these can be focussed at the extremities of the body when they take longitudinal form. . . . Certain other character-

istics are variable according to the sensitive with whom the experiments are carried out, such as length, intensity and coloration. These elements constitute individual characteristics and can be modified in each subject by hypnotic suggestion. As, therefore, suggestions has been found to alter in a certain measure the description of the emanating fluids, great care must be exercised to eliminate this possibility of error."

Mention is made of a sensitive discovered by Colonel de Rochas in Dr. Luys' clinic at the Charite Hospital at the time he happened to be assisting that savant. The sensitive, a young man, apparently possessed abnormal powers of vision, being able to perceive the "odyle" rays of some people in the daylight. A certain stage of hypnosis was necessary in order to obtain this power, which was induced through the simple fixation of the eyes. The eye-ball was then examined by means of an ophthalmoscope, when a morbid degree of excitement and energy, known as "vascular erethism," was detected. The subject happening to be able to draw, Colonel de Rochas thought out an excellent method by means of aquarelles to fix his perceptions and obtain more precise descriptions than the rather vague ones he had previously given. The results of the interesting researches through this particular sensitive are to be found in the work, by Colonel de Rochas, on the "Exteriorization of Sensibility." These researches would have been carried still further had not the authorities at the Ecole Polytechnique put a stop to the work.

It is not generally known that Colonel de Rochas, like many other enthusiastic pioneers in scientific thought, has had to suffer considerably at the hands of superiors in office. Academic conventions, with their narrow limitations, have been constantly imposed on him, and more than once seriously interfered with his experiments. When, therefore, a short time ago an order was made that he should cease altogether further study and psychical work, he decided to resign his position and leave Paris. It is with sincere regret, therefore, that Parisian Spiritualists find they must lose one of their best workers. This breaking up of long-established conditions is all the more regrettable as he will have to relinquish some important work in a new direction entered upon a few months ago. Psychologists, however, of other countries will entertain the hope that he may now have opportunity to visit their centers, and in any case the change of situation will enable him to obtain needed rest and give him a chance as he expressed it, to spread his wings a little. Arrangements have been made by a specially selected group of observers which Colonel de Rochas joins, to carry out a series of seances during the coming autumn with Politi, the Italian medium for materializations. These meetings will probably take place at Grenoble and be most rigorously supervised strict conditions being laid down for both sitters and medium. The results we shall hope to have duly communicated later.

In the course of one or two pleasant chats with Colonel de Rochas he outlined something of his latest achievements and future plans. The fact that he is to leave several exceptionally good sensitives, who have shown great devotion in allowing him to carry out long and valuable experiments, troubles him most, as it has often meant months of patient, persistent work before his facts could be considered as firmly established. It was during the illness of one of these assistants that he chanced upon a somewhat startling discovery; he found that a pronounced curative effect could be obtained by acting on those parts of the exteriorized body which correspond to the disaffected portions of the physical organism. His first attempt to heal was undertaken at the request of the medium herself and quite against any belief on

his part that the experiment would prove beneficial. Using caution, however, and as his instincts dictated, he imposed magnetic action and then restored the sensitive to her normal condition. The result, he affirms, was astonishingly satisfactory, and the medium declares herself quite cured from that time. Since then two more opportunities to experiment in this new branch of work presented themselves, when he again tried and again obtained excellent results. The facts are too isolated and insufficient in data to be made public, but they are interesting enough to be recorded. Whether these cures were effected through suggestion on the sub-conscious mind of the hypnotised individual, or whether Colonel de Rochas did actually transmit nerve force to the physical body by means of the double, it would be impossible to decide—time alone can throw light on the modus operandi which produces phenomena of this order.

Meanwhile we shall hope to hear many more interesting things from Colonel de Rochas during his travels. He takes with him many good wishes from friends and admirers, none of which we feel sure will be heartier than those of his friends, the Spiritualists of Great Britain.—*Light.*

Key Thoughts.

LUCY A. MALLORY.

Life is a success, no matter what form it takes.

Your thoughts are your spiritual capital.

You can only know the Divine in the Silence of your own soul.

Creation is dependent upon union; destruction, on disunion.

The wrong thinker fears; the right thinker trusts and has faith.

The hatred manifested toward criminals is itself a criminal madness.

Whatever the mind plans the body builds, either within or external to itself.

We are all noble by Divine right, but we ignore our nobility for a mess of pottage.

The pathway of the Divine commences with a good suggestion, that, if cultivated, leads to Universal Power.

Let it be posted up at every corner that mental and physical cleanliness is the only sure disease preventative.

The mind-spirit builds up the body according to its degree of Wisdom, and if it is ignorant, it destroys; hence, death.

What you do to others you do to yourself. This is why kindly acts makes you feel good, and a cruel act makes you feel hateful.

Suffering must be as long as we are negative to any evil. When we have learned to become positive to evil, then suffering ceases.

The patience of Love never fails; the hateful are always impatient—they have no patience with anything, because hatred blinds them.

The greatest thing in life is self-experience. Bibles and spiritual teachers are guide boards to be followed, and not to be idolatrously worshiped.

You have to dwell within yourself to all eternity; therefore, to make yourself harmonious and agreeable is of more importance than anything else.

Every man's actual God is that which he recognizes himself to be. Thus he may see his God as kind, loving and true, or revengeful, angry and hateful.

If one is not angelic in the seen and known, he certainly cannot be an angel in the "unseen" and "unknown." No one can be growing a demon and reap an angel.

In a dream a man sees without physical eyes, hears without physical ears, speaks without a physical larynx. He does these things spiritually. Dreams are foreshadowings of the life of the spirit.

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SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER 13, 1902

Our Thanks are hereby tendered for the many letters of congratulations that have been and are daily arriving concerning the improvement of our physical condition and eyes. Much as we would like to do so, we cannot make separate acknowledgments, and therefore take this method of showing our appreciation of the kind words expressed and the fervent wish for perfect restoration of our vision. What we owe to Dr. Beighle and the "powers" operating through her can never be expressed. Words are totally inadequate.

Milton Rathbun, a prominent Spiritualist of New York and well known throughout the United States on account of his fasting something over 40 days, on several occasions, passed to spirit-life last Sunday. This information we have received by telegraph just as this issue of the JOURNAL is made ready for the press, and next week we will give a biographical sketch prepared by his son, together with an engraving of our esteemed friend and brother, now translated to the higher life.

Cassadaga Lake camp meeting has changed hands. The Hon. Athelston Gaston, who has for many years been President of the Association and owner of considerable stock in it, has sold his holdings to Mrs. Abby L. Pettingill, of Cleveland, Ohio, who is a rich and influential Spiritualist. With this transfer of stock the President will resign, together with the following Board of Trustees: Arthur B. Gaston, F. G. Neelin, D. B. Merritt and Thomas J. Skidmore.

This will leave Mrs. Pettingill in supreme command, and it is understood she will spend thousands of dollars in improving the camp.

The State Convention.

Which was held in San Francisco on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Sept. 5 to 7) was a grand success in every way. Unbounded enthusiasm was shown every day, and it ended on Sunday in a blaze of glory. The official report of the work done appears in another column.

Propaganda work will be commenced at once, and mass meetings will be held all over the State, where the philosophy and phenomena will be presented. The spirit-world has unmistakably indicated that the time has arrived for this work to be successfully done, and that good results will follow the work they have outlined.

The PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL will faithfully aid the work, and assist the new State Board in this grand work.

The new officers are imbued with this missionary spirit, and are formulating plans for doing the work. They have engaged Mr. Allen Franklin Brown, an experienced organizer and inspired lecturer, and his work is already begun. Spiritualists all over the State who desire to aid the Cause, should correspond with the Secretary, W. T. Jones, 305 Larkin St., San Francisco, and arrange for active work in their localities.

A Propaganda Fund has been started, and we feel sure there will be no lack in this particular, for "enthusiasm is contagious."

Let every Spiritualist in California take hold of this work at once, for the time has come for a powerful awakening, and a forward movement and the upbuilding of the Cause on the Pacific Coast. The inspiring words of Lord Nelson at the historic battle of Trafalgar Bay, more than a century ago, we will paraphrase thus:

"Spiritualism expects that every man, this year, will do his duty." Be faithful to your trust, and the results are certain.

The Press Committee of the State Board has furnished the following for publication, which will prove interesting to all who love the Cause in California:

In another column will be found a detailed report of the proceedings of the seventh annual convention of the California State Spiritualists' Association, one of the most happy and successful conventions in its history.

It is therefore unnecessary to recapitulate here the work done; suffice it to say that a feeling prevails of eminent satisfaction with the results. The new Board of Directors had no sooner been elected than they selected officers, and adopted a plan for the coming year's work.

The Board will hold special meetings on the first Saturday evening in each month, and has pledged the members—especially those in San Francisco—to regular attendance.

It has also resolved to hold mass conventions throughout the State, and has already commissioned an organizer and missionary, Mr. Allen Franklin Brown, the noted Spiritualist lecturer, to go out and ar-

range for them; to organize new societies to be affiliated with the State society; and visit and encourage those already in existence.

In this work the Board has resolved to call upon all Spiritualists, wherever they may be located, to lend their assistance; to send to Mr. Brown or to the Board Secretary, Mr. W. T. Jones, at 305 Larkin St., the names of any and all persons or places desiring to take part in the formation of such auxiliary societies, and of mass conventions.

The Board has also resolved to hold at least once each month a general public conference of Spiritualists, to which all who have the well-being of the Cause at heart, are invited.

Beyond this the Board expects to commission and place permanently and actively in the field other organizers, so that the work of organizing the spiritualistic forces of the State shall go rapidly, aggressively and progressively forward.

In this work there is much to encourage. The convention not only succeeded in paying off all debts of the Association, but it has enabled the new Board to start its work with a neat balance to its credit.

Hence they feel free to appeal to all sincere well-wishers for the Cause of spiritual truth and unfoldment, if they have a complaint to make; if they have a suggestion to offer for the common good; if they have money or time or talent to give to the work of uplifting, educating and converting mankind to the glorious truth of their religion, to make themselves known. The latch string is out, the door is unbolted, and those within are ready to receive them in the name of fraternal and spiritual truth.

Berkeley is the first to indicate a desire for a mass convention. Where shall the next be held?

Spirit Kate Field has induced Miss Lillian Whiting to send some autograph letters to Mr. Stedman for the biography of Poe. Telegraphic dispatches on Sept. 4, from New York, make this announcement which has been published in the daily papers throughout the country.

Upon being interviewed by a New York *Herald* correspondent, she said:

Recently I gave the Boston Public Library a collection of autograph letters which had belonged to Kate Field. Suddenly, one day, before the collection had been sent, I heard Kate's voice say, as plainly as if she was in the room: "Lillian, give the Poe letter to Mr. Stedman." (Edmund Clarence Stedman). I heard no physical sound, but the impression was as vivid as if some one had actually spoken. I did as I was directed.

Not long afterward I received a letter from Stedman, in which he said: "But how did you happen to send it? It is just what I need to go with my collection of Poe's manuscripts." I had no knowledge of the value the letter would be to him. I have had other communications with Kate Field.

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Not Fit Reading.

Carleton F. Hodge, editor of the *Assumption* (Ill.) *Independent*, is threatened with prosecution for publishing improper literature because he has undertaken to print the Bible in his newspaper. When he had reached the fifty-fourth chapter in his publication of the Bible on the weekly installment plan, Hodge received a letter from a prominent official of the St. Joseph Savings Bank at South Bend, Ind., informing him that the appearance of such "matter" in a newspaper was illegal, and he threatened to start a lawsuit.

Mr. Hodge proposes to continue, and says: "I consider that anything that is fit to be the basis of Christianity and to be taught to children in Sunday-schools, is good enough to be submitted to newspaper readers along with news items of the day."

The Body is the physical part of our being. The spirit is the ego which occupies the body and controls or directs its every act—the real man. The soul is a term which represents the spirit and body united as a living, acting personage.

The body is as essential in the scheme of the Universe as the spirit, because it is the expression or manifestation of the ego. Therefore, to love honor and adorn the body, we honor the Infinite Creator of our existence—or the creative energy. The body is a wonderful piece of mechanism, and to understand it, to take care of it, to protect it from harm, is the duty of every human being.

To each individual, the most wonderful, the most sacred, the most adorable thing is its own trinity—body, soul and spirit—which transcends every other thing in the Universe because it is the manifestation, the expression of divinity—as sayeth the Scriptures—"God manifest in flesh."

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Now, come with me!
And I'll shake from my mane
The spray of the-sundown sea,
And I'll carry you on
Across the plain,
Where the breeze is light and free,
Until we ascend
To Sierra's heights,
And up to her snowy peaks,
And on by crags,
And canyon's sides,
Where circling eagles shriek,
And checked with my brakes
Above sleeping lakes,
As down the grade I reel,
And over the gulch
With a scream and a lurch,
For the iron road I feel.

Now the land of gold
Lies far behind,
And I roar through the Silver State,
And the alkali stretch,
And the desert waste,
I cross at a "sixty rate."
And then by the salt
Of the dried-up sea,
And on through the City of Saints,
And over the desolate
Dried-up plains,
Where the weary traveler faints,
Then over the rock-ribbed
Breasts of earth,
That cradled Father Time,
And on to the summit
My song of steam
I sing and shriek in rhyme.

The emigrant trail
Along the La Platte
Is blotted by my rails,
And I sneer at the wrath
Of the mad cyclone
While the cowering settler quails.
Across the leveled
Kansas plains,
Past corn and wheat and rye,
I shout and sing
On my shining rails
Beneath a sultry sky.

The Mississippi,
Wide and deep,
Is bridged with an iron band,
And with a scream
Of fierce delight
I tried Illinois land;
And now to the South,
With the bit in my mouth,
And the breath of the Mexican Sea,
Lifting my mane
Like a hurricane,
I measure the earth in glee;
Until St. Louis spires
And her furnace fires
Catch the gleam of my fiery eye,
As morning sun
Gilds city's domes
And cloudlets floating high,
Now in the depot grand,
Quivering I stand,
With my comrades brave and strong,
And join the strain,
A glad refrain,
The locomotive's song.

What Would Convince?

The following incident is related by M. Jules Bois in his report of an interview with M. Camille Flammarion published in *Le Matin*, Paris, Jan. 17, 1902:

The tired medium had leaned her head upon the shoulder of the master of the house. Her hands were visible in the dim light upon the table.

There were nine or ten in our party—astronomers, a Russian princess, two English women, Adolphe Brisson, the two Baschet brothers, M. and Mme. Flammarion, and myself. No sound was heard except the noisy, panting breathing of the medium, while the red light which had been placed upon the floor of the room lent a strange, almost purgatorial look to all our faces.

Presently the curtain toward which the medium's back was turned bulged outward as though some mysterious presence behind it wished to make itself known. A book was lying upon the table around which we were grouped.

"Shall I offer this book to the curtain?" said I.

"Do so," replied Flammarion. Thereupon I held out the book toward the curtain, which seized hold of it as with a hand and retained possession of it. At the same time, fearing the cunning of the medium, I had her "controlled"—not only her hands, but her feet. M. Baschet very obligingly took charge of this duty. Curious to know what was going on, Mme. Flammarion arose and looked behind the curtain which still held the book. There was nothing there.

Then took place the most absurd and the most extraordinary material phenomenon that I have ever witnessed. Before my own eyes the book disappeared from my side of the curtain, and, without the slightest tear or opening in the stuff of which the curtain was made, it fell to the floor on the other side of it, where Mme. Flammarion picked it up.

By some inexplicable prodigy these printed pages had passed through the curtain quite intact.

"What do you think of that, Flamme?" said Mme. Flammarion familiarly to her husband.

"Zollner," replied the savant in a dreamy tone, "also saw matter traverse matter."

Afterward, in the Rue Cassini, far away from the salon of prodigies, I took counsel of my own conscience:

I, too, have seen, said I, and, like St. Thomas, I have touched. But am I convinced, nevertheless? Alas! no. I remain of the opinion of Auguste Vacquerie, who, after having witnessed the most extraordinary phenomena of spiritism, after having seen and touched as I had, nevertheless wrote: "I have always thought St. Thomas very credulous." B

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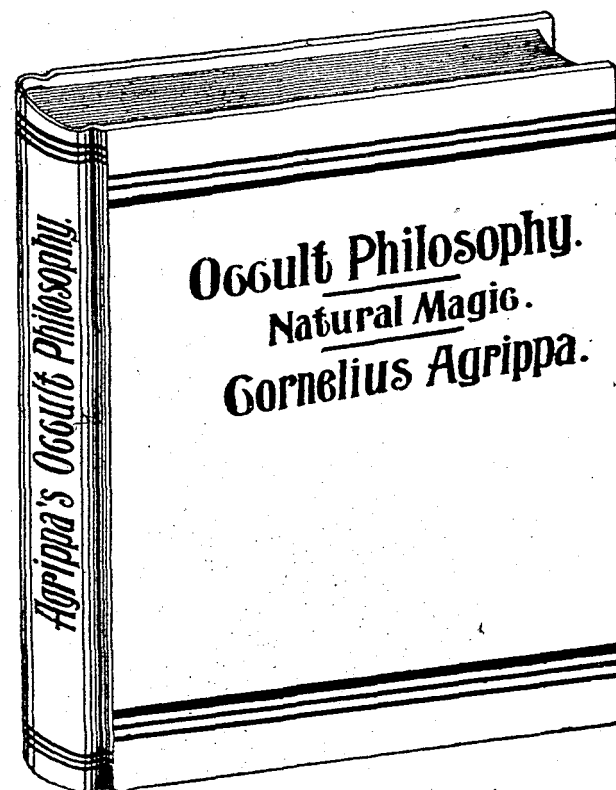
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