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MAN WITHOUT A HOE.

A poor man knocks at a rich man's door; For a crust of bread he doth implore. The rich man scans with searching eyes, And thus unto his wants replies: "March on your way with weary tread; You'lb soon be numbered with the dead; Your progress now is very slow, And have you, sir, no place to go? Have you no ground to till and hoe? These are the things we'd like to know."

"No; though I'm of the human race, I have no home or friendly place Where I can rest my weary head, Or even earn my daily bread; From house to house I ne'er would go, If I but had a place to hoe."

"Keep on thy way, take heart and know There's many a man without a hoe."

"I've marched these long and weary years; At times my path is dimmed with tears, And progress is so very slow— No friend or guide, not e'en a hoe, But ever onward do I go. This aimless wandering to and fro-Sometimes I think, why are things so That I can't have at least a hoe To lean my weary limbs upon, And help to bear my load along-My load of sighs and silent groans; Of weary flesh and aching bones; My wrinkled brow bowed down with care; My face, it once in youth was fair-But now, alas! no hope or fame; My fate is told like that of Cain. Then, forward, march, nowhere to go, But search, I yet may find a hoe. Sometimes it dawns upon my brain[blame That something's wrong, someone to For I with cheer did hoe my row, But others reaped where I did sow. Is this the curse of Adam's fall, That some should sow, ne'er reap at all? That others reap but never sow? And some walk aimless to and fro, In search of what, they do not know, And care they not which way they go? Perhaps we all would have our share If all were honest, just and fair; But some for others take no heed; Their life is spent in selfish greed: They're always ready for the spoil, To reap the fruit of others' toil; And then they close their selfish eyes, As if the truth they can disguise. Like ostrich, to escape the man, Will bury up his head in sand, And think because he cannot see," The man is just as blind as he." Now the rich man speaks as people do Who wish to hide the truth from view: "But you did not economize; You ate hoe-cake and pumpkin pies; Also beef and pork and beans, And ham and eggs and mustard greens. Your clothes are dirty now and few-They once were bright and clean and new; Enough you had to keep you warm, And from the best of sheep 'twas shorn; And naught would make your soul more wroth Than mixing shoddy in your cloth. Your boots with holes that toe sticks through, Were made to order, sir, for you-Were fine enough for any dude---They're from the calf you killed for food; And now you're here without a cent, Because you were extravagant.

To think that he was scared at chaff. A lion, sir, would fly in rage And try his best to break his cage; But when he really found the cause, A mouse could sleep between his paws. Although I'm here without a cent, There's naught for which I would repent. In all my life I do take pride To know that I have never lied For sake of gain or worldly pelf, Or e'er by fraud enriched myself; And now to-day I'd be afraid If you would offer souls to trade, Although I'm old, downcast and poor, And stand a beggar at your door; But wealth you'd give in great delight If you but had my appetite. In yonder world so bright and fair, Where poor will face the millionaire,, Where souls are known for what they're worth,

And not for coin, or royal birth. But for the deeds that they've done here, The aid and comfort, hope and cheer They've lent to mortals here below, As on their weary march they go. How sadly then you'll meet the poor That you have driven from your door. Your wealth and pride, exalted name, Will but increase your cup of shame, And when both souls are in full view, I would not, sir, trade souls with you.''

"I raise my cane; now you be gone." "If coat don't fit, don't put it on." G. W. SANFORD, Verdugo, Cal.



minds me of a similar occurrence that took place in a machine shop.

A young man was engaged in some work in a stooping posture, directly under a heavy iron pulley on the end of a revolving shaft. Suddenly he felt a sharp pain in his back, causing him to straighten up like a Jack in a box; then this pulley fell, to the ground, barely missing his feet, and had he remained in this posture two or three seconds longer, he would undoubtedly have been killed.

Query: What caused this sudden pain in his back? This happened in Fresno county, Cal. I could give you many very similar cases in my own experience, but will not trespass further. These things can be numbered by thousands all over the world; will people ever learn to realize from whence—or from whom—these warnings come? The best I can say is that they learn very slowly. The words; 'or from whom?" as used above, may sound strange to some, but I think I will let it pass.

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Phantom Marriage.

Residents of La Crosse, Wis., are watching with great interest the developments in the phantom mar-

riage case which was brought to

the attention of the authorities and

the La Crosse Spiritualistic soci-

nights each week a ghostly couple

It is stated that upon various

ety a few days ago.

appear at the Norwegian Lutheran church, the eastern part of La Orosse, are married and suddenly disappear. Each night large crowds of citizens watch in the vicinity for the appearance of the specters. One night fully 150 people were upon the scene.

The story, as told by an aged lady residing near the church, is that upon certain nights, after midnight, a phantom couple appear before the little one story church. They are dressed as bride and groom. They silently approach the church, and as they reach the door it is opened by unseen hands, and they pass inside. A faint light is seen, which gradually grows brighter and more distinct, until the entire interior of the building is flooded with radiance. Though there is no organ in the church, a phantom choir and the notes of a mammoth organ can be plainly heard. Suddenly all of this ceases, the lights go out, and the unearthly couple disappear.-St. Paul Globe.

The Dog's Spirit.

There has been a great deal of talk of late years as to whether a dog or other animals have a spirit. the same as a human being. A recent authentic case, whose details can be easily verified, is the death of the valuable Mexican poodle, "Grover Cleveland,"owned by the Eastern artist and spirit medium, Mrs. Adclaide P. Littlefield of Boston. This poolle was presented as a gift to the artist about eight years ago, while she was in Texas prosecuting a big law suit. The dog was brought up North, where he attracted a great deal of autention because of his peculiar beauty and rare aristocratic qualities. He had a passionate Southern disposition, but as he was always clever about showing it, no one disliked him. Lately the dog sickened. Everything was done which care or science could suggest, but still he did not improve. The writer was suggesting a new treatment for the dog, when "Red Blanket," an Indian control of the medium, came in and said: "It no use; dog soon die. He fill up, choke quick, have no pain." Little credence was placed in the prophecy, but in less than one hour's time the little dog started to walk from the parlor to the artist's sitting-room, and soon a young 'ady announced that" Grover had just died." Everyone in the suite rushed to the dog's side, and there was the artist on her knees weeping over her dead "Grover." In her tears she said that she had seen them take the dog's spirit.

Talk not to me about the laws, But look within yourself for flaws. If you had done as rich men do, You'd be as rich as they are, too; And for your life of sin and shame, There's no one but yourself to blame."

The poor man, filled with rank disgust, Opens his mouth and answers thus; "Your talk would make a donkey bray, And drive a mule from oats away; An eagle to his nest would fly, For fear of cyclone in the sky, But in his nest he'd sit and laugh

Warning of Danger.

The letter of H. C. McClure in the JOURNAL dated Jan. 4, 1902, giving his remarkable experience in tearing down an old house, re-

The Man with a Hoe.

from his body right through his little blanket or coat.

The same Indian, who an hour before had predicted the dog's death, when there was no signs of such an occurrence, so far as any human being could see, now took control again of the medium and said: "Yes; we took dog's spirit; give him to girl's grandma. She take care of him. Grow up in spirit-world," etc. (Grandma was the medium's mother. She loved the dog when on earth very much, and at the first seance she materialized in Mr. M. S. Ayer's house with medium Mrs. Huntoon, she could only say: "Birdie! Birdie!" which was the pet name she had given the dog when in Texas and was not known in the North. The test was regarded as wonderful and conclusive evidence of the spirit's identity.)

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Theology, the Foe of Science

Science as a pursuit of truth and knowledge is the foe of no one; but it is quite certain that The-

J. P. COOKE.

ology has been, perhaps is still, the adversary of Science. Among the ancients so little was known of the operations of nature that nothing like a general order or system of laws was suspected. The universal inner life was not even vaguely apprehended. The natural or material was not differentiated in conception from the spiritual, or, as they thought it, the supernatural.

It was only with the rise of modern science in the recent centuries that the idea of an order of nature began to dawn upon the world of thought. Copernicus led the way by destroying the geocentric astronomy, and with it the anthropocentric ideas that had grown up around it.

There are some moss-backs even to day who wish to promulgate the notion that the universe is christocentrio. Anything to keep anthropomorphic idolatry is vogue. Anything in the way of circumlocution to avoid the plain truth, of all spiritual and enlightened philosophy, that light, life, love; are God. The Copernican theory of the planetary motions opened the door to the conception of their true laws and causes. Kepler and Galileo verified and extended his work and prepared the way for Newton, who struck out the universal law of attraction, which explains the celestial harmonies. This closed the first gneat scientific epoch by the establishment of the principle of natural order throughout space. But if the order of the universe prevails through space, must it not also prevail through time? Inquiry now took a new direction, the current widened, new sciences arose, and another century of research revealed the grand truth that the system of order and law is as vast and perfect in its time relations as it had been shown to be in the relations of space. This mighty revelation of the workings of the Infinite Life we owe, not to those priests or theologians who devoted themselves professionally to the exposition of the plans and purposes of God, but to men of science, who got neither sympathy nor co-operation from ' that class.

discovery of new truth is not easy, and is too precious to be had for the mere asking. Under the best methods it is difficult, while the methods themselves were only attainable through long experience. Thousands strive, but few succeed in adding to the stock of original truth as known. The insights of spiritual science here are very important. Early students were constantly defeated by the inherited mass of errors and prejudices by which judgment was warped and the mental vision obscured.

The idea that law is inflexible and universal throughout nature was long unrecognized, and special students only assumed it in their own fields of investigation. The great, ignorant masses thought that to pry into the mysteries of nature was idle, or irreverent and presumptuous. Such were some of the obstacles to be overcome. But they had other troubles of their own. The crude ideas by which the powers above nature were supposed to be constantly interfering with its operations were borne down by the current of tradition, and conforming to the general beliefs, were systematically maintained and defended.

Theologians, as special pleaders, claimed to expound the divine policy and claimed that the breaks and interruptions of the natural order were the greatest proofs of His glory; the ruptures disclosing divine intervention.

The scientists were left to work out the natural order to its completeness and to vindicate the wisdom and goodness which is witnessed not in the violations but in the perfection of His works and his methods.

It is the glory of the spiritual knowledge of this age to have shown that the rays of the Divine Light waft together and apart, that the breath or vibrations from this Infinite soul fills all space, permeating living forms in their inner life; the Divine Life constituting the Living Presence everywhere. The whole range of evolutionary science indicates and demonstrates this upward bearing order from darkness to the Central Living Light. As Dr. M. D. Conway has suggested: "Darwin's theory is that all the organic forms around us. from lowest to highest, have evolved one from the other by means of natural selection. This 'natural selection' is the obvious law that every power and trait which better adapts an animal to live amid its surroundings enables that animal to survive another which has not the same power or trait. The fit outlives the unfit. and because they outlive their inferiors, they more freely propagate their species." Offspring will improve by the transmitted traits which are advantageous. These advantages are cumulative. Those less furnished are crowded out. A sufficient accumulation of slight advantages amounts in the end to a new species. An accumulation of specific advantages sums up into a new genus. Striving to advance, to become human, the "worm mounts through all the spires of form." A truth in one branch of knowledge is capable of translation into every other department.

the stem, unpacking itself into blossom, swelling again to pulpy leaf called fruit. In the crustacean egg he sees the trilobite in the embryo stretching into the tiny lobster, shortening into the crab, and as these pass from one to the other, in this little egg world, as the new theory shows that they did in the big world.' the law is progress, by attraction, to the inner, deeper and finer grades of life. Onward and onward forever. Millions pass away, it is true, and millions advance. Beneath every touch and adjustment it ascends, until at last lodged for a moment in some rugged, manlike form, for combination, the selected, concentrated powers expand into man, the sum of every creature's best.

Man is the offspring, not of the ape alone, but of the animated universe. He is the highest and best which has come forth from the inner life of all things. As the higher evolution branches out, developing mind more than form, or physical power, the brain comes to adjust itself to the inner, spiritual realm of ideas. Man becomes heir to the richest bounties of the inner universe of mind. He is justified as the work of the matchless artist, the one Inner Life and supreme attraction. As creations, all previous forms were mere sketches and studies, trial trips for man.

Can it be thought that natural selection expels God from the cosmos? Does it even imply that amid all these formal worlds there is no intimation of a Divine Being? By no means. This great theory, founded on *facts*, has added fresh tints of love and brighter beams of reason to the known universe by opening our eyes to new aspects of its myriad beauties.

In this wonderful age it is ours to apprehend the purpose and intent of creation, to sense the rapport with the divine Positive Mind, "which sways the harmonious destinies of the world." Theodore Parker was might in maintaining that the three primary beliefs of religion—the being of God, the assurance of individual immortality, or eternity of spirit, and the reality of the ethical lawwere permanent, universal and definite facts of human nature found wherever man, as man, is found. Here are three implications-a living soul in nature, a conscious soul in man, and an eternal life of progress and attainment ethically. These are all assured by reason, and correspond to the three moments of Philosophy, namely: Being, not being, and becoming. Man, rising and groping his upward way from earth and darkness and quasi consciousness through the beginning of earth-life to the full birth into the Inner Life, the sonship of manhood's spirit.

Our Veiled Future.

ARTHUR F. MILTON.

While we have many assumances from spirits that they are our superiors in penetrating the future, it always remains a problem why they do not foretell our life's plan —our troubles or trials that are involved in it.

We receive warnings, beautiful truths, advice, comfort, sympathy and even scientific knowledge prior to discovery by experts in the art, and a que to lost articles, unknown to mortals; yet when we touch on our own future, the answers are evasive or to the effect that it cannot be told—being unlawful, beyond their power or unknown.

It is without question that many mortals are guided in all they undertake, or solicit guidance and obtain wholesome advice, but it is seldom toward a direct achievement of the aim in view. They must rely on their own powers for final results.

The reason for the latter may be inferred. It embodies man's mission in his reaching out for perfection. Without it individuality would be sacrificed.

That spirits who are enabled to read the cause upon us can foreteld our future is also without doubt. The reason for not doing so most generally given is, that it is unwise, though the main reason seems to be that they cannot, even though they tried.

The cause upon us is the seal put upon every soul according to its needs for development, in which is veiled our future, and spirits endeavoring to unfold this to us, are repulsed in the attempt, for that is one of the effects of the cause or law governing the individual. Whether nature, a higher law or spirits beyond the earthsphere control us thuswise, is indifferent. The fact is that we cannot escape our destiny; and whatever good we may get out of our spirit friends, or however much they may aid us in our material affairs, there always remains that unknown life-line which we must follow nolens volens, and to which is tacked the program of experiences needed for our spiritual evolution. Resistance does not help us; shirking our duty only adds the number to the next on the program and the cause for it is intensified in the experience to follow. There is but one method of easing the way over, and that is to prepare for it in advance by self-knowledge. and consequent self-culture. It undermines the law to the extent of its practice, and those who have tried it realize this fact in timeoften in the passage over an experience — as inspiration vis an effect of the soul's self help in the matter. The internal desire of rising above the material, lends superior consciousness to the soul, and which constitutes inspiration per se. This inspiration then becomes the guide, and through which we may sense a whiff of our future by earnest desire and concentration. It may not always be encouraging, but it is an aid, and cannot be hidden from us if we so will it; for the cause upon us is a part of ourselves, and self study includes that in its interpretation.

Scientific students have encountered two orders of obstacles. The The ape or the monkey may be the jest of the ignorant, but the thinker and observer will see behind him the myriad forms which made him possible. Look how the sprouting of the leaf hardens to As Tennyson has sung it:

Where is one that, born of woman, altogether can escape

From the lower world within him, moods of tiger, or of ape?

Man as yet is being made, and ere the crowning age of ages,

Shall not aeon after aeon pass and touch him into shape?

All about him shadow still, but, while the races flower and fade,

Prophet-eyes may catch a glory slowly gaining on the shade,

Till the people all are one, and all their voices blend in choric

Hallelujah to the Maker, 'It is finishedman is made.'

without applause.

the Zoroaster, the founder of the Order of the Magi, asked for understanding not acquired through learning.

Transition of Mrs. Whipple.

Mrs. Eliza Leach Whipple, wife of Prof. E. Whipple, passed to the higher life from their home in Lakeside, San Diego Co., Cal., Jan. 3, 1902. The following is a report of Prof. Whipple's discourse on the funeral occasion:

It was the request of my wife ere she passed to her higher labors, that I should make a few remarks on the funeral occasion, and I trust the friends present will excuse my wide departure from established custom in such matters.

Mrs. Whipple especially desired me to thank the people of Lakeside for many tokens of their goodwill and for the many acts of kindness received at their hands.....

Eliza Leach Whipple was born in Hudson, Ohio, Feb. 7, 1827. At 7 years of age she lost her mother and one year later came under the iron rule of the proverbial stepmother, which brought many sorrows to her young life. In middle life, for 15 years, she participated in an active business and public career, in which she emyloyed many domestics, and her house was a social center where, I am pleased to say, many of the best minds in Cleveland were accustomed to meet for intellectual interchange. She possessed a noble ideal of personal liberty and uniformly protested against anyone calling her help servants. Her help always had the best there was in the house. Moreover, they respected her, were faithful in the performance of their duties and remained with her from year to year.

We both of us accepted the major facts of Spiritualism 50 years ago, and have never since doubted either the conscious existence of man beyond death, nor intelligent communion between this and the spirit world, though we have not been actively identified with the outward phase of the movement

cepts. For 25 years we have held the belief which primitive Christianity involved, but which the modern church practically rejects, namely: that the divine processes and purposes focalize toward the earth, and that these purposes involve the descent of the Divine Kingdom and complete establishment of its form of order in this world; that the prayer of Jesus shall yet be literally fulfilled; that man shall eventually be provided with an imperishable body of flesh; that all planes and octaves of universal movement, from the material to the spiritual pole of nature, shall be blended in the concrete organism of man, which shall contain a distinct organic zone for every plane and octave of expression in the universe.

The distinct tendency and ultimate aim of current Spiritualism, Theosophy, Mental Science, Christian Science, etc., is to shed the body for good, escape from earth and reach the final goal in the spirit-world, or in Nirvana. Per contra, the primitive Christian ideal honors the material equally with the spiritual side of oreation. Its hope is to perfect and sanctify the earth, achieve immortal flesh capable of functioning on every plane, and realize here below the divine dream of the brotherhood of man! For 25 years we have believed that the building of this perfect kingdom is near at hand, and hence have not been surprised at the signs now everywhere apparent at the falling of the timbers of the old order! War and tumult and social chaos must needs precede the inauguration of the divine order on earth. When the old shall be in ashes and ruins, then will the builders appear.

In 1877 it was our good fortuneas we believed-to be intromitted into a form of teaching from a very ancient brotherhood of Masons, who lived on earth long antecedent to the time of Solomon and Hiram Abiff, who builded the great pyramid and from whom the school of prophets descended. From these old Masonic masters we possess over 2,000 pages of manuscript, written in the most sublime, symbolic style, and which we prize above all the books of earth. Moreover, these old masters initiated and baptized us into their sacred order 25 years ago, and we have endeavored in the interval to embody their sublime teachings in our lives. Their mode of access to us need not be explained here. Suffice to say: Their major labors now consist in preparing the way for the visible advent of one of their number. Nor should I omit to say that other small groups of minds, distributed principally among the English speaking peoples, also receive teachings from the same source. And soon there will be instituted a more, general and extended form of teaching.....

things," and that "the purport of death is just as important as the purport of life."

All these hearts, as of fretted children, shall be soothed—

All affection shall be responded unto; The secret shall be told.

All these separations and gaps Shall be taken up and hooked and linked together.

The whole earth-

This cold, impassive, voiceless earth

Shall be completely justified. Nature and man shall not always be disjoined as now,

For the true son of God shall absolutely fuse them.

When my wife saw that the change was near at hand, she said to me: "I can no longer use this old house of my spirit for any useful purpose, and if it be the will of the wise powers, I am rejoiced to lay it down. I shall take up my work again at the point where I leave it here, and shall continue to serve under those ancient brothers who have guided our feet and counselled our lives for the last 25 years.

"Our labor is one, my husband, and we shall stand shoulder to shoulder in the duties of the day and hour."

To a neighbor who called, she said: "I am reconciled-not only reconciled, but happy, for the grandest door of all my earthly lives is now opening to me. The great fulfillment is just beyond."

Two children were born to her by an earlier marriage, both now living-Mrs. Harriet L. Fuller, who is now present, and George L. Williams, settled with his family on the old farm in Ohio. If she did not bequeath but a small portion of worldly goods to her children, she often expressed her gratification that she had at least bequeathed a fair modicum of honor and integrity.

And now a final farewell to this house of clay. Good bye, my beautiful dead. But thou art not dead! The phoenix has arisen from its ashes and plumed her wings for a loftier flight. My friends, upon occasions like this can we stand in the presence of death and feel that all is well? I do assure you that I have the faith which never fails. I rest in the arms of the Divine love and mercy as securely as a babe rests in the arms of its mother. I feel that God is both father and mother to me; that he holds me as tenderly as a mother her child. He is not only my shield and protector, but my tender counsellor and loving friend. I hold that this present life is only one link in an interminable series. I know the future has many good things in store for me -for you-if we are obedient to the divine voice.

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during the last 25 years, but rather with a special phase, of which I will presently speak.

We never connected ourselves with a church, yet religion has always stood for something specially sacred in our estimationnot Christianity alone, but likewise the elder religions: Judaism, the Sun worship of Zoroaster, the old Masonic religion of Chaldea and Egypt, the Builders of the Great Pyramid, the old Vedic scriptures of India of 5,000 years ago, and the still older Archaic scriptures of the north of Asia and region about the Caspian sea.

We have, indeed, long believed that God has vouchsafed to every race and dispensation a form of. His Eternal Word, adapted to the special needs of each, and that no sacerdotal organization now on earth has delegated to it a monopoly of God's Word to man. Through Confucius, no doubt, a fragment of the Eternal Word was spoken to the Chinese people, which enabled them to stand erect and preserve an unbroken national continuity while the Western historic nations were passing through the most sanguine religious and political mutations. Now, in our charity-or lack of charity-we call them heathens, and try to force a religion upon them foreign to their national type and habits of thought.

I will now specify in what manner our belief is a radical divergence from current Spiritualism. not in the fact of communion, but in its trend of philosophic con-

Now I must close with a few words of personal mention.

My companion's long and slow decline was fraught with many lessons of valuable experience to us both. In the midst of sorrow and self-denial we learned a trust and hope and cheerfulness which constituted our home a sacred center of sweetness and harmony. Not for one moment have we ever distrusted God's universal providence, which always and forever doeth all things well. With America's greatest poet we could always say: "Whatever can possibly hap pen anywhere, at any time, is provided for in the inherency of

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Palmistry, it is said, indicates that President Roosevelt will succeed himself three years hence. He must be a man of destiny.

A Balloon is being constructed to carry water from the greatdesert of Africa to the military stations—another triumph of science.

In this Age of wonders we may record the fact that under the Xray and skillful treatment even cancers are absorbed. A case has just been reported in the daily papers of a Catholic priest, aged 83 years, in San Jose, Cal., having a orab cancer on the face and chin which has been absorbed in thirty treatments under the X-ray administered by a physician of San Jose, Calif.

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A Wireless Telephone is the latest invention, and it has created a wonderful interest in Paris, France, where experiments have proven its success. Now, what is to hinder Spirits decarnate from talking with Spirits yet in the physical form? And as by another invention, just completed, persons talking through the telephone can see those speaking into the other instrument, we shall yet not only hear our arisen friends, but also see them and their surroundings!

Babism is the name given to a religious system born in Persia. It now numbers over a million adherents. Prof. Chas. Brow of Cambridge University, England, has written a book entitled "The Episode of the Bab," which is very largely the result of his travels and the investigation of movement in Persia and Syria. Like the Christian religion, it now has its trinity in the person of Ali Mohammad, its author and leader; Behá'u'lláh, the modern promulgator, and since his demise, Abbas Efendi, its present master, who will be without a successor, the trinity having been made complete in him.

A Great Psychic Wave is spreading all over the world at the present time, says an exchange. and adds: "All religious and spiritual bodies are more active than ever before. The soul is hungry. It desires to know. it will know, and will be free. The soul desires to be free here and there. It is tired of being bound and fed on husks. The old is dying; the new order of things brings light and hope and courage. "Spiritualism seems to be growing at a greater rate than any of the newer beliefs. Quite a number of Christian Scientists are also Spiritualists. The higher religions are growing at a great rate. They know that no one book, no one religion, has all the truth; some good comes out of each. Anyway, man is nearer God than he ever was, and when he realizes that all beings are eternal souls-God's children - he will be one with God, the blessed one. Then. and not till then, will woe, misery. disease and sorrow cease. The blissful comes when we realize our oneness, and not until then."

Spirits Influence Mortals.

In the Philadelphia North American for Dec. 25, 1901, Julian Hawthorne has a suggestive article under the heading, "The Destiny of the Nation," from which we extract the following:

Death does not end the influence for evil or good of human beings upon earthly affairs. The spiritual world is not remote from us in space; the sympathies and habits which influenced the soul while still incarnate do not cease to operate after the casting off of the body; they gove n it, on the contrary, more absolutely than before.

Spirit is made of feeling and thought; and if the man who dies felt and thought in harmony with the man who stays behind, the two cannot be parted. Though our physical senses no longer perceive the disembodied one, he is at hand, and occasionally, through the medium of a finer sensibility, we are aware of his presence. He, on his side, is similarly unconscious of our material companionship; but he inhales a kindred atmosphere with us. and both of us continue to be swayed by like impulses and principles. These impulses and principles flow into one another and act as one; and thus the living and departed are merged. Yet there is a difference between our function and his; for inasmuch as he is now nearer to the common source of good or of evil (as the case may be), he, on his plane, suggests what we carry out on ours. So the disembodied murderer generates in the brain of the still incarnate criminal the purpose to murder again; and the benefactor who has passed away causes fresh inspirations toward love and charity to blossom in the hearts of the friends he left behind.

There remains to us always our personal freedom of choice, whether we shall comply or resist; but it is always from the other side of the evil that the objects of that choice are communicated to us.

The Reviewer.

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INTUITION—a lecture delivered by Prof. S. A. Weltmer, delivered in the auditorium of the Weltmer Institute, Nevada, Mo., Oct. 16, 1901. Price, 25c.

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Is Inspiration Scientific? —Prof. George Forbes, of England, hypothecates that "a planet exists beyond the orbit of Neptune and separated from it by more than three times the distance of that planet." In "Higher Realms," by our contributor, Arthur F. Milton, published in 1895, it reads on page 227: "There are two more planets beyond Neptune at immense distances with little hope (at present) of discovery by telescope." Is inspiration of scientific value?

England, it is said, finds recruits so difficult to obtain for her rapidly decreasing army, that it is expected drafting will have to be resorted to. This is a sad commentary on the great waste of buman life, by her war in South Africa. This "cruel war," so unjust and unnecessary, has wasted millions of wealth and thousands of human lives, which could have been saved by arbitration, The Michigan State Convention will be held at Battle Creek, Mich., opening on Feb. 7; 1902. Many excellent speakers will be in attendance.

Prof. W. M. Lockwood and wife are holding meetings in Columbus, Ohio, during this month with good results.

The Iowa State Spiritualist Society is in session this week at Oskaloosa. President Barrett is in attendance with other noted speakers, Lyman C. Howe is now engaged in writing a history of Spiritualism in accordance with a vote passed at the last National Convention, and he desires to obtain interesting facts and testimony which can be utilized by him. His address is Fredonja, New York.

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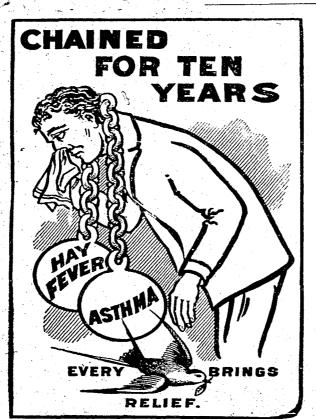
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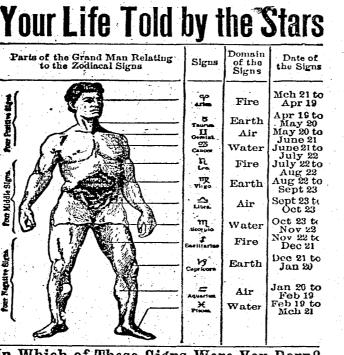
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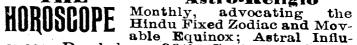
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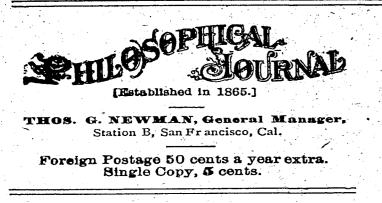
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Mr. M. S. Norton, President of the California State Spiritualist Association, is still quite indisposed by illness and unable to attend to his regular avocation. A heavy cold and its baneful results are the cause of his indisposition ..

Mr. W. T. Jones, Secretary of the State Association, is out again but is very feeble and seems not to be able to regain strength very rapidly. The headquarters of the State Association is now in charge of Mr. Jas. T. Roberts, who welcomes all visitors.

The Oakland Spiritual Society met at Unity Hall, 8561/2 Isabella St., on Wednesday eve. Vice-President Stewart called the meeting to order. Mrs. Palinbaum read a poem entitled "A Dawn of a New Era." Tests were given to nearly every one present. The messages were clear, straight and spiritual and pleased the whole audience. Mr. Bonnier spoke on "The Kingdom of Heaven is Within." Mr. Stewart made a few remarks and closed by an invoca-DR. ASTOR, Sec. tion. Oakland.-- Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie lectured and answered questions for the Union Spiritualists before a large audience at Fraternal Hall, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 12. Everybody was well pleased. Mrs. Rebecca Stewart opened the evening meeting with an invocation, Mrs. Gillingham and Mrs. Cowell gave well recognized messages, and Mrs. Drake read a paper and original poem that was greatly appreciated by the audience which filled every seat in the hall. Mrs. Stewart closed the meeting. Mrs. Gillespie will lecture next Sunday, Jan. 19, at 8 P. M., and Mrs. Cowell will give messages. Admission free, after-non and evening. T. E.

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Mrs. Eberhardt's Hall was well filled last Sunday evening at 3250 22nd St., San Francisco, Cal., and the audience was regaled by messages from the spirit world through the medium who also read articles psychometrically for those present.

Friendship Hall, at 385 McAllister St., San Francisco, Cal., had a good audience last Sunday evening and Mrs. C. J. Meyer read flowers and articles as well as giving messages from the spirit world to those present.

The Order Astræa held services at 1726 O'Farrell St. last Sunday eve. Mrs. Jeannette W. Crawford read an eloquent address from her "Lap of Na-ture," subject, "Prophecy-Comfort ye my People.'

Mrs. E, P. Thorndyke read an original poem of great power and beauty-"The Inner Life," and spoke on the co-operation of the two worlds.

Mrs. Shepard read from proof sheets of the paper "Astræa," a highly charac-teristic communication from Ralph Waldo Emerson.

It is the intention to hold these services on the second Sunday of each month.

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