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ANGELS DRAW THE VAIL.

The sunrise angels draw the vail
That hid the heavens from sight;
The armies of the skies prevail,
For God speeds on the right.

Earth hears the mighty voice of God,
And from its night upsprings;
And love and wisdom fly abroad
With morning on their wings.

The fetters break—the shackles fall;
The bars of death are riven:
Sweet hope and mercy comfort all,
And earth communes with heaven.

Then let us greet the angel throngs,
And own dear heaven's control;
And celebrate, with holy songs,
The Sabbath of the soul.

The morning bells of Paradise
Chime to our hearts delight;
We hear the voices of the skies,
The melodies of light.

We see the white cathedral spires,
Upbuilt in Heaven above;
We hear the saintly angel choirs
Chant matin hymns of love.

'Tis sunrise in the Morning-Land,
And with our inner sight,
We see the white-robed spirit-band
Aglow with glorious light.

Above the fading sunset gold
Celestial Spheres outshine;
Come, holy spirits, come and fold
Our longing souls in thine.

With kindled heart and quickened
mind
The angel-world we see;
And oh, our spirits seek to find
Eternal life with thee.

So may our hearts rejoice today
That truth has been revealed;
To guide us mortals on our way
To heaven's elzian field.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

W. T. JONES.

Fifty-six years have come and gone since the advent of Modern Spiritualism. An event which has caused much rejoicing on both sides of life.

It is the grandest and the most important to the general welfare of the children of earth in the his-

tory of the world. Fifty-six years ago figuratively speaking a child was born, not in an age altogether of ignorance and superstition, but rather born in the noon-tide of the nineteenth century, at a time when men boasted of having attained a high degree in useful knowledge in philosophy and scientific lore.

Over the cradle of this infant, Angels is said to have kept their vigils. Who were these angels? none other than the great and good,

lost still lived, and being alive-were saved.

A few, of the many who went to the home of the Fox family at Hydesville, to listen to the mysterious sounds produced in the presence of the little girls, returned to their homes and to their societies who had sent them for the purpose of investigation, fully convinced that tidings had been received from the Spirit world.

No sooner was this fact proclaim-

lished and popular colleges and churches to throw open their doors and bid it welcome; no kind word from the clergy except at the peril of losing position and salary. Professional and scientific men scoffed at it and the public press with a few honorable exceptions ridiculed it.

Modern Spiritualism had an humble beginning. It came not amid the clashing of steel, the smoke of battle or any gorgeous display. It did not have its birth within a frescoed walled cathedral or in a palace of wealth. It was not given to men of learning, to ambitious statesmen or to the intolerant priesthood to first hear the tiny rap, but to the lowly, the humble, the unassuming and unpretentious; happy childhood.

Years have crept on; and each has added its force; each has recorded its victories; and its achievements; has proved spiritual philosophy to be the greatest factor known in the evolution, elevation and the reformation of the race. And to my mind, no one can review the history of the world's progress during the last half century without being profoundly impressed with the marked influence Spiritualism has had upon the religious thought and practical life of the people.

The progress of the past 56 years portends the future; and if we are true to the principles we advocate, relating ourselves to other movements, and those who are striving in a practical manner to better the condition of the race, socially, religiously and spiritually. This can only be accomplished by a united and determined action and perseverance.

Let us rejoice and be glad that it is our privilege to be numbered with those who have received the angelic tidings—that there is no death and eternal darkness—but that life, light, and eternal progress is the heritage and birth-right of every human being.



THE BIRTH PLACE OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.
The Home of the Fox family, where the Raps and Knockings were heard in the year 1848.

the Washingtons, the Franklins, the Paines, the Newtons, the Leaders and teachers of the race, together with the great host of Fathers, Mothers, Sisters and Brothers, who had passed over to find a world different from that which had been taught them. These had found their way back to earth and had succeeded in establishing a line of communication between the two worlds. Hence, the rejoicings over the demonstrated fact, that those who had been mourned as dead and

ed to the skeptical world than theological Herods issued their decree of death and banished over the infant couch the already blunted sword of intolerance.

Spiritualism has had many obstacles placed in its pathway; many erroneous teachings and practices to overcome; prejudices and customs of many generations to impede its progress. Nay, more. Let us remember this fact, that Modern Spiritualism had no trained Ciceros to champion its cause; no estab-

AN APPEAL FOR PROPER
EDUCATION.

BY AURIN F. HILL

EDITOR JOURNAL:

Education is the key that unlocks to the minds of mankind, mysteries of the ages. Proper education leads us to avoid waste, needless, useless toil.

Education has produced machinery, so that the labor has been decreased while production has multiplied.

Proper education will teach mankind how to distribute and properly enjoy the good products of machinery, labor and nature, both of beasts and mans production.

You can see the improved systems of production and in some cases improved distribution.

Crime has increased because the penal laws have been increased; surely this was done to fatten the lawyers purses; from the judge on the throne to the shyster, of less success.

Turn to the college and see the tricks taught there to rob and plunder, the uneducated useful workers.

By proper education all races are escaping the bondage of the learned in, and from colleges.

Rapid is the progress of public school education. I hope to see public schools improved by being made practical in all departments; from the first day at a public school to the last, for boys and girls, men and women.

I am sure practical education is the trend of thinking, acting and working in Boston, Mass.

The prisons are filled with the most ignorant class, except in a few cases.

I hope the thinking, acting and those working for practical, useful education in public schools in Boston, Massachusetts, may extend into the country near and about Francis B. Livesey.

Educate to destroy the hovels and slums, and crime, will be stayed. We are in a system of warfare such as the history of mankind has no record.

As soon as the people are properly taught in schools, colleges, libraries and through public service, and publications, the people can be glad and rejoice because of proper inventions and enjoy the pleasant labor of a happy and prosperous people, the people properly educated in public schools.

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THE LATE THOS. G. NEWMAN

The 'Souvenir Number' of the JOURNAL would be incomplete without the likeness of its former Editor and founder: our beloved Brother, Thomas G. Newman.

He is still with us in spirit, and has on several occasions since his transition, manifested his undiminished interest in the publication he loved so well, and those connected with it. His manifold friends throughout the land will be glad to see the well remembered features, heading the line of worthy workers, who made the world brighter and happier; by transmitting to mankind the sights and sounds of another sphere. Angels guide them all aright!

He gave two messages during the Anniversary exercises on last Sunday, through Mrs. Seal and Mrs. Wermouth: full of love to his wife and encouragement to those who have taken up his unfinished work on the JOURNAL.



J. SHAW GILLESPIE

J. Shaw Gillespie occupies the most important office in the gift of the Spiritualists of California; that of State President. His genial disposition, business tact and executive ability, makes him a moving genius in all that he undertakes. His active presence in the People's Church is a strong factor in the upbuilding of the society; and his smooth sympathetic voice often heard in song; is a source of inspiration to the Pastor, as well as pleasure to the audience. Mr. Gillespie is also president of the Philosophical Publishing Company.



MRS. SARAH SEAL

Mrs. Sarah Seal, the subject of this sketch, is by many Mediums in California called 'Our Mother.'

Her public work began in San Diego, twenty-two years ago.

Obedying the Master's call: 'To go forth and preach the gospel of Truth; Heal the sick in body and mind; Open the eyes of the blind to spiritual perception; Comfort the afflicted; Give strength to the weak; Courage to the failing; and prove that life does not end with the change called Death.'

But that there is power in all men to progress to higher and better conditions.

Mrs. Seal is a speaker of ability; and one of San Francisco's best Message bearers.



ANNA L. GILLESPIE

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie has been in the spiritual work for eighteen years. For five years she was pastor of the Lockport Spiritual Society, and for six years of the Spiritualist Society of Port Huron, Mich., where she had a very flourishing Children's Lyceum. She has had much experience in Reform School and Prison work in the Eastern States. She came to California in January 1900, and immediately took up her work, for human upliftment. In the beginning 1903. She founded the Peoples Church in

San Francisco, over which she is Pastor, and which, under her ministrations is steadily growing and in a prosperous condition. Her vacations are spent at the Eastern Camps. Is open for engagements to lecture and to officiate at funerals. Residence, 1101 O'Farrell street.



MRS. S. S. LILLIE

Mrs. R. S. Lillie who is well known throughout the ranks of Spiritualism. For the past seven years has been the settled speaker for the Progressive Spiritualist's Society of San Francisco, beginning her services with that society in February 1897. Her inspirations are always educational, and uplifting. During this time she has three times returned to her former fields of labor, in the East, and Northwest, where, since 1877 she has been a constant worker. During ten years of her public work, her home was in Massachusetts, permanently settled with the Boston Spiritual Temple society of Boston. Although some of the time settled with one society, her work has been in a great degree outreaching and itinerant.



JOHN T. LILLIE

John T. Lillie began the work of teaching Spiritualism and inspiring to a higher life through singing its philosophy; even before he met Mrs. Lillie. Since that time his work has been a most important one; his voice is a rich baritone.

His words always clearly enunciated, have given consolation to thousands of sorrowing ones.

Mr. Lillie is genial, companionable, and versatile. Not the least of his gifts, is that of mediumship in diverse phases, though used only in the quiet of his home.

Many have learned to value highly, the counsels of the beings, who have made their distinct personality clearly manifest through his instrumentality.



PROF. FRED P. EVANS

Prof. Fred P. Evans, the well known Medium for Independent Slate Writing, commenced his mediumistic career in this city nineteen years ago, and has been continuously before the public since that time. His slate-writing experiments with Governor Booth, Senator Stanford, Prof. Alfred Russel Wallace, Sir Thomas McIlwraith and others attracted the attention of the various Psychological and Psychical societies of the world and his services have been sought for in all colonies in Australia as well as throughout the United States. Numerous illuminated testimonials from Australia and this country attest his success. Prof. Evans has recently returned from a seven years Eastern trip, six years of which he spent in New York city. Reports of his work then were published in all the Spiritual Journals of the world, as well as in many of the Metropolitan dailies of the East.



MRS. ADDIE L. BALLOU

Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, is well known wherever Spiritualism has a hearing as speaker and writer, she having begun her public work over fifty years ago and having extended her field throughout the principal States, British Columbia, New Zealand and Australia. She was a delegate to the world's first Convention of Spiritualists in Chicago in 1863. She was also a National and State of California delegate to the International Psychical Convention in Paris during the Exposition. She has been for many years largely identified with philanthropic work, particularly the higher advancement of women, legally, politically, financially and socially.



MRS. H. A. GRIFFIN

Mrs. H. A. Griffin is widely known and highly esteemed both as a private and public medium.

Her gift descended as a rich heritage from her mother's family; her phases of mediumship being Clairvoyance, Clairaudience and Trance. Her work has mainly been devoted to the societies of San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose, where she is now permanently located. Her unassuming method coupled with earnestness and devotion to the cause of Spiritualism; and her convincing messages are winning for her a host of friends and proving a blessing to the cause she advocates.



DR. SOL. PALINBAUM

Dr. Sol. Palinbaum whose genial countenance heads this sketch, is the 'Father of Spiritualism' in Oakland. The Doctor has been a medium, for Trance, Test and Healing for the past twenty-five years, some of his cures, bounding on the miraculous. Many of the physicians of Oakland sending their cases to him for a diagnosis. Quite a number of the Pacific Coast renowned mediums, developed their gifts under his cure and instructions. At the present time the Doctor is bending his efforts towards building a Spiritual Temple, and he kindly asks all Spiritualists for voluntary contributions, promising them something to be proud of when his life's work is done. Address, 856 1/2 Isabella st., Oakland, Cal.

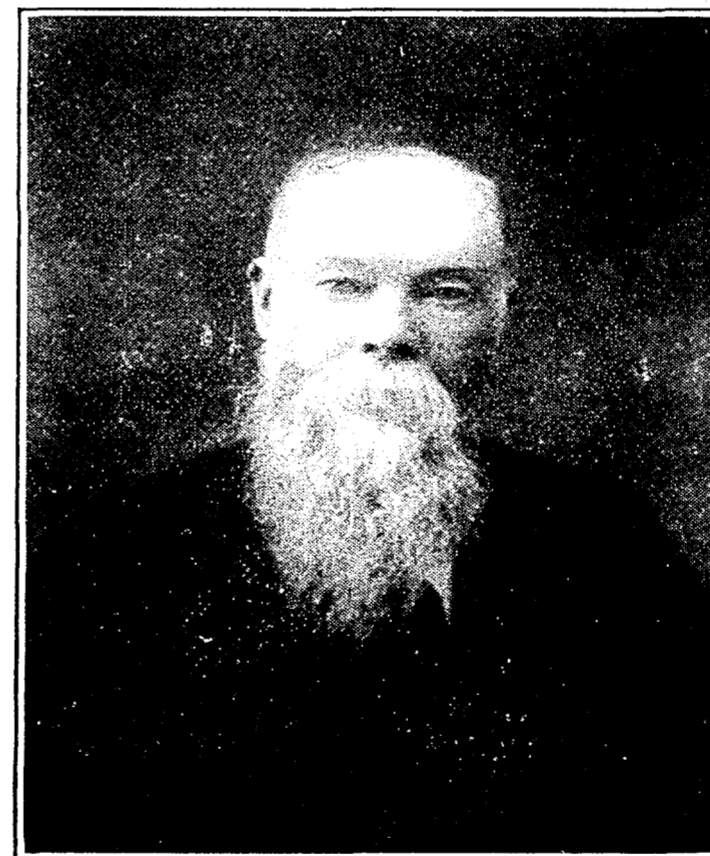


MRS. ANNIE E. WADSWORTH

Mrs. Annie E. Wadsworth has resided in San Francisco thirty-five years, during seventeen of which time she has been a Spiritualist.

About fifteen years ago she became identified with the Children's Progressive Lyceum and for a number of years has been its conductor.

She is Secretary of the Ladies' First Spiritual Aid Society and is Treasurer of California State Spiritualists' Association. Also a Director of the Philosophical Publishing Company, and its present manager, and having charge of the Occult Book Store, 1429 Market St.



W. T. JONES

W. T. Jones became a Spiritualist in 1865. Found congenial work in the Children's Lyceum in the city of Chicago, where he served as conductor eight years. Continuing in the work after coming to the Coast; assisting in the organizing of the State Association, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Mediums' Protective Association, the Sunflower League and the Mission Lyceum.

Served as presiding officer in societies in Chicago, Michigan, Washington and San Francisco.

At present, is secretary of California State Spiritualists' Association, secretary of the Philosophical Publishing Company, and Editor of the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.



MRS. CARRIE WERMOUTH

Mrs. Carrie Wermouth's mediumship is of a very satisfactory nature; she is Trance and Inspirational medium. She believes in the existence of certain faculties in human nature as part thereof, which, when cultivated, enables spirits to intelligently communicate with man and so to demonstrate their identity with their former earth lives.



MRS. SADIE EBERHARDT

Mrs. Sadie Eberhardt has for many years been a well known worker in San Francisco; possessing rare ability as a platform message bearer; she had the pleasure of being one of the first presidents of the Ladies' Aid Society; and for more than six years, has conducted public meetings in her own hall at 3250 22nd street. She is Clairvoyant, Clairaudient, Trance and is a good Psychometrist.



DR. W. H. DAVIES

Dr. W. H. Davies is a mechanic of skill and ability; and in addition to his daily occupation; has had opportunities to display the powers of Spirit healing, which he possesses in a remarkable degree. He is identified with the Mediums' Protective Association and is its honored treasurer.

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THE GREATEST BROTHERHOOD.

W. P. PHELON, M. D.

So long as man is a human being; so long will the spiritual consciousness with earnest desire and hope, seek unity of knowledge and action.

Even animals herd, and this as the reflection of spirit influence on the material, and is involuntary rather than voluntary on the part of the physical conditions. It follows instinct and does not in any particular sense rejoice in companionship, for the feeling that belongs to and is born of the spirit as the impress and promoter of self-denial, is not a large factor in selfish greed and annihilation.

In the simple animal development, Self is the all pervading factor of activity. All things else must yield to it. Whatever shall momentarily engage the attention, seeming pleasant to the material plane and gratifying any of the five senses is the thing for the animal. But the Spirit is not satisfied to claim the whole, but seeks ever to divide the pleasure of gratification with comrades who can sympathetically enjoy. To the spirit the half is better than the whole when shared with congenial, appreciative companions.

So long as we are disunited, and separately self-seeking, we are creating in both the visible and invisible realms, a feeling of opposition, which grows stronger and stronger as we increase our own momentum of individuality. To that condition, by the very essence of its existence, is necessarily drawn all other warring and upsetting forces. Singly, they hold but little energy, but like grains of sand they will weigh in united action at the last, a ton. It is strange how long it has taken man to learn this lesson of unity from the physical world; as he will not let go of the physical, and look toward the spiritual side of himself, he must receive the chastisements that are the inevitable consequence. When it does come home to the time and place, from the spiritual side of


himself, he perceives a new view for his contemplation. This does not help the physical self as a center of action or a starting point of force; but it holds unity of harmonious action as the main impulse and condition of living.

In true spirit action, we must not forget that "Love is the fulfilling of the Law." Under the impress of the Spirit we become desirous of being of some service to all our fellows, even if it is no more than eating at the same table. When ever we have come to this point, it is no longer possible for us to hold enmity against our fellows even in behalf of our most carefully tended feuds. What they may do, often causes annoyance but never that unrelenting setness, we know as hatred, like the hardening of a plaster mould, binding into an immovable and inflexible limitation; influencing even antral conditions, and causing sometimes, lasting conditions to both hator and hatee.

The loving desire that our brother shall be as ourselves, is the natural outcropping of spirit unity of action on all planes. Man, who at the best and highest is naturally a Spiritualist, seeking the loving co-operation must be guided thereby. It does not need that an argumentative propaganda should be made. But we learn to be willing to work harmoniously.

"The Busy Bees" of this city, have just demonstrated by practical example, what loving unity can accomplish. The very corner stone of Spiritualism should and must be loving Brotherhood; more than that it is the s one hewn without hands for the perfection of the whole. It follows that its mission, first, last and all the time is the confirming of the Spiritual Brotherhood. This Brotherhood comes to us through man. It is a natural growth. It needs no forcing. It is found among all peoples and nations; kindreds and tongues. If its tenets are adhered to, we shall at once perfect the Greatest Brotherhood in every sense the world has ever known. Its capital city, at Headquarters, was described by medium John while on the Isle of Patmos in the last chapters of "Revelations."


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CHRIST A GOD, NOT THE GREAT ALMIGHTY GOD.

BY JOHN MURPHY

[Continued]

Hafed had many a conversation with Jesus in the Heavenly country, he ascribes to him the honor due to a God. All this, and much more, was told to several gentlemen in Glasgow, Scotland, by Hafed's spirit, though a medium, in a series of nearly 100 sittings, extending over a period of 6 years.

The communications were of the most exalted and highly spiritual character, and the sittings were always closed with prayer and benediction; leaving no doubt on the minds of the sitters, as to the genuine truthfulness of the narrative, and the exalted character of the communicating spirit, beside all this, the old Hebrew prophets, who were all mediums, predicted the coming of the Christ.

To answer Mr. Cowen's objection to the Immaculate Conception, I quote him the words of Isaiah the Seer, as recorded in his book, 7th chapter and the 14th verse; "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a Sign, Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emanuel" (or God with us,) again, the same medium says: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called; "Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

The prediction of the "Immaculate Conception" and their fulfillment, as recorded by the Evangelist Luke, ought to convince any true and Christian Spiritualist, of Christ's miraculous birth, instead of detracting from the beauty and spirituality of his life, the wonderful birth should increase one's estimate of the person thus born.

To my mind there is nothing far fetched, or extremely incredible in this wonderful birth. All true Spiritualist and every sane man admits that God the Great Spirit, the Creator of all things, is the source of all life. If the physical body of man can transmit the life principle to the germ in the womb, why should it be thought a strange thing, or impossible for the Father of all beings to impart the quickening influence to that same germ in the womb of a Virgin? Nothing else, it seems to me would have been

right under the circumstance, when the Savior of the World had to take the deity on him our flesh in which to manifest, "Why should it be thought incredible that God can raise the dead?" was once asked, and we may say, "If God can give life to a dead body, he surely can give life to the germ of life in the living body."

The Christ never claimed for himself absolute Deity, or absolute equality with the creator of all worlds. He always spoke of Him as His Father, and said: "My Father is Greater than I."

Paul, who was a medium and seer, regarded Jesus of Nazareth as far exalted above the sons of men, and so did John the Seer, of Patmos, so did the early Fathers of the Christian church; so have all the great minds that have since lived, except a few scientists who were destitute of the spiritual faculty, and some others among the philosophers and writers, whose early training or environment cause them to disbelieve everything called spiritual.

But why this anxiety and this effort to lower the standard the Divine Standard of the Christ to that of a mere man? Surely there is nothing to be gained by it, but the reverse, why should any Spiritualist, especially seek to take away the unspeakable consolation and comfort which the millions of our race, living and dead have derived from their faith in the divinity and power of the Lord Jesus Christ, and his infinite love and saving power? Such writers in their trying to differ from the majority, do themselves more injury than they are aware of, some of these have gone so far as to declare that there was no other God but the Deity in Man.

This absurd and blind self conceit, found in some Spiritualistic writers is what disgusts all devout minds, and causes them to turn away from Spiritualism, and to brand it the work of the Devil. Strange and marked must be the mind that entertains such notions. If there be no God outside of humanity, then humanity must have created itself originally, this is the climax of absurdity.

Never shall the glorious truths of Spiritualism, such as spirit return and spirit work in this world find a welcome in rightly constituted and devout minds, until all Spiritualists become true believers in the Christ of God, as a spiritual potentate, manifesting the Deity in human flesh, and giving his life for the worlds redemption and salvation.

The spirits who deny the Divine Nature and preexistence of Jesus Christ, are lying spirits, (there are legions of these,) not to be trusted, this kind never liked the Christ, and never will.

Christ a mere medium! Was there ever a medium who could raise the dead, subdue the tempest, feed hungry multitudes with a few morsels of vituals, or speak truthfully of the glory had with the Eternal One in a former existence? Not one.

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Those who braved the storm were well paid for being present. As all were called upon, in turn to add their testimony to the benefit of knowing of the continued life versus blind uncertainty. Many good things were said.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Steinway hall, 223 Sutter street, 1.30 p. m. was fairly well filled with an intelligent and anxious faces eagerly waiting for the feast of good things which were in store for them. Following an instrumental selection by Mrs. A. S. Norton, Mr. J. Shaw Gillespie delivered the address of welcome, closing by briefly reviewing the history of the spiritual movement as a factor in liberalizing the minds of the people and freeing them not only from the thralldom of erroneous teachings of the past: but that it tends to broaden the orthodoxy in the dominant religions of the day.

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ualist, that she is conscious of being a spirit, here and now.

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