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## THE NINETEENTH CENTURY STAR.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie

Were I asked, which was the fairest,  
The whitest, grandest and best,  
Of the many gifts and treasures  
With which the world was blest;  
In an age replete with wonders:  
In a century grand and bright;  
Which gift like a star in splendor  
Excelled in glory and light.

Which shone with a glory resplendent  
With light which was all its own,  
A color and beauty in it,  
Which the world had never known,  
A radium from the center,  
Of life and eternal force;  
To light up all the waste places  
And down through the ages course.

I'd say, that blessing was greatest,  
Which had turned mankind away,  
From the darksome night of error,  
To the light of eternal day.

I'd say that star was brightest,  
Which had lighted up the gloom  
And penetrated the darkness,  
Which had overhung the tomb.

I should say the gift of knowledge,  
Of life, and endless being,  
Of the mighty hosts around us,  
Our dull eyes now are seeing.  
A knowledge of life immortal  
Is brightest and best by far,  
So great white light I will call Thee.  
The nineteenth century Star.

A star in the East when rising,  
The wise men followed, they say:  
So we have followed this starlight  
To where the child Truth lay,  
And though it was cradled lowly  
Just as it had been before;  
It had its message of light for man  
Which has traveled the whole world o'er.

Ring, Ring the bells; Sound their  
glad notes  
Proclaiming our thanksgiving:  
Ring, Ring the bells and tell the world,  
The loved and lost are living;  
And as they send their merry notes  
Out through the heavens ringing,  
Listen, oh listen and you'll hear,  
The Angels too are singing.

## FACTS: OR TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION.

BY DR. J. W. COWEN.

There is not a person in the world  
no matter what creed, nationality  
or belief, who is not personally inter-  
ested in what comes after death.  
When one views the unpressed

pillow where a little head once  
rested, or the little shoes laid away  
to be worn no more forever by little  
feet that had begun to untangle the  
mysterious ways in the path of life,  
this query invariably wells up in  
the heart. "Oh to know that my  
darling still lives."

Therefore the spiritual philoso-  
phy is the grandest ethic that ever  
engaged the attention of man.

Spiritual teaching is the bugle  
call that awakens the soul of man,  
to a realization of its essential duty  
in opening up the true way of a  
pure life, in order to lead the spirit

out of the materialistic tendencies  
of the body.

As soon as the soul realizes that  
the divine voices did not all speak  
in the past; but are speaking now,  
and that whosoever will listen may  
hear within his own being just as  
pure, and as divine a message as  
did any prophet or teacher of old;  
he or she has learned the secret of  
the evolution of the soul and is pre-  
pared to become a teacher and a  
blessing to his fellow man.

Spiritualism teaches that it is a  
crime to be selfish; and where sel-  
fishness exists, there is an undevel-

oped mentality.

Harmony depends upon the un-  
iversal relation of brotherhood,  
which implies an equal interest for  
the universal whole.

The mission of Spiritualism is to  
eliminate the cause of crime, which  
is the law known as special privilege,  
and if it fails in this, it falls short of  
its object, and must soon be rele-  
gated to the garrets of past hypo-  
critical teachings; in regard to the  
philosophy of spiritual teachings,  
the curiosity stage, has passed.

The world is ready for the spir-  
itual truths; that can only be pre-  
sented to them in effect, by the lives  
of the promoters of this beautiful  
philosophy.

To my mind the most essential  
step for the future will be the un-  
iting of the spiritual forces.

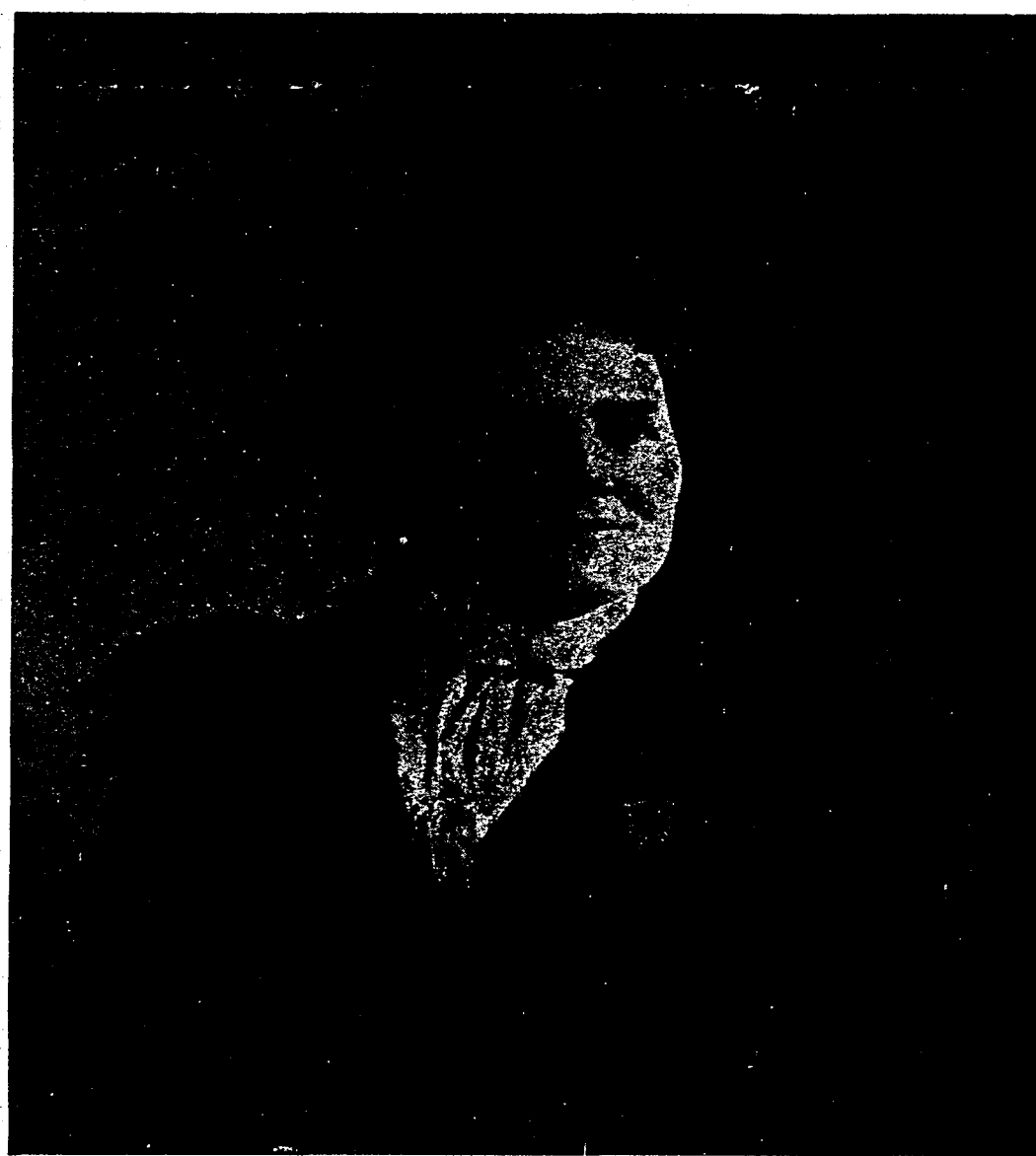
As long as we are divided against  
ourselves, we cannot hope to unite  
the world and bring about the  
brotherhood of man.

Spiritualism as misrepresented  
in the lines, sentiment and language  
of people, is as humiliated as chris-  
tianity, is by others, and like the  
latter, it is capable of being used  
as a cloak for excesses, which are  
abhorrent to just and virtuous minds,  
and also like christianity, it has its  
Judases to betray; its Peters to  
deny it; and from outside, its Sauls  
to persecute it.

There is nothing so exalted or so  
pure, that is secure against simul-  
ation, and misrepresentation; vice  
effects virtue; ambition and pride  
ape humility; the rogues effects  
honesty; demagogues claim to be  
patriots; politicians to be statemen;  
there are usurpers, as well as legit-  
imate Kings; the mock sun strives  
to share the glories of the true.

When we consider that it costs  
less to cover our sins with the cloak  
of religion, than with the mantle of  
charity, we cease to wonder, at the  
free use, which has been made of  
this means of concealment; both in  
the church, and by some Spiritualist.

The desire of gain, prompts some  
to assume the garb of the devotee;  
and when they perceive no other  
avenue open to them, they rush into  
Spiritualism. There were many  
like them in the time of Jesus; and  
He understood them well; and  
those he addressed these words:



MRS. SALOME COWELL

The fearless and untiring zeal of this medium, the clear and definite  
manner in which she takes hold of her work, together with her own  
earnest personality, has carried conviction, and endeared her to all with  
whom she comes in contact. A medium from birth, but restricted by  
the chastisement of religious prejudice, it was not until after leaving the  
parental home, that she was forced to be guided by the intelligences who  
through her, have brought gladness to many sorrowing hearts. Mrs.  
Cowell's home is in East Oakland; where she is kept busy by those seek-  
ing information in relation to events both in spirit and earth-life. Dur-  
ing the last fifteen years, she has worked repeatedly in the different  
cities from San Diego to British Columbia. Is true and loyal to the  
cause, contributing liberally to the support of the Cal. S. S. Ass'n. and  
often among the prominent workers, at the Annual Conventions and  
Anniversaries.

"Verily, verily I say unto you, ye seek me not because ye saw the miracles, but because, ye did eat of the loaves and was filled."

These are the hangers on in Spiritualism; those who pray upon it; and is one of the objectional elements that must be encountered.

For men to avail themselves of the benefits flowing from the knowledge of spiritual truths, they must educate themselves in spiritual knowledge; or they must be educated by others.

The first class of minds, those who can educate and improve themselves without direct teaching, are in the minority, and hence, it follows that the majority, in order to gain any considerable advantage from their belief, must be taught and directed by those who are competent to teach them.

At present, as it has always been in the past; the majority of professed believers in all faiths, from lack of original mental capacity, or from deficient or defective education, are unable to comprehend the essential principles of the faith they profess.

This applies to Spiritualists, as well as to believers in other systems; and hence, we observe all grades of mental, and moral characters among Spiritualists.

#### CHARITY'S POWER.

ARTHUR F. MILTON.

There is no doubt that man becomes illuminated as he nears the end of his physical incarnation—whether attained by age or an early soul-ripening—though the large majority are not heard from until almost ready to pass over. But as a rule, the words of the latter are seldom accepted as revelation, or even inspiration.

Instead of regarding such utterances as the sublimest truths, they are put down as delirious rambles.

Fortunately, however, we have many among us, whose transition or soul-ripening period is not accompanied by illness, and in their gradual approach toward the spiritual state of existence, are enabled to discourse leisurely and logically on that which they sense or feel as a higher illumination, called inspiration.

But with such, this gradual approach towards the end, is not always a path of roses.

There is also no doubt that the nearer one gets to the "gates ajar" the more sensitive he becomes; and while sensing the truths within it, he is also conscious of the material influences without, the discordant elements and the earthly which surround him as a mortal.

We often hear of the "ruling passion strong even in death." The cause of that is self-evident.

As a man becomes sensitive to inspiration, he also becomes sensitive to material influences; and if he have a passion or weakness, that is also touched to a more or less extent, according to his misfortune in being thus endowed. Sensitives are therefore the most tempted of beings, and requires greater powers of resistance in them than in ordinary mankind to combat the unspiritual.

"Overcome!" was not a vain cry by one, who realized this. And many today realize the force of it through themselves—thus their frequent admonishings to their hearers and readers.

But are they all true to themselves? Undoubtedly they all try to be, otherwise they would not preach it, and we cannot but have sympathy for those comparatively few who fail. The senseless world may point the finger of scorn to them and adjudge a cause by the individual, but the student of self never. He or she knows too well what a sensitive has to endure, and what it costs to brook temptation.

Let us be charitable, "overcome" in deed as well as word; for there is nothing higher than love. And he who practices that, attracts an influence onto himself that will lift him over his own deficiencies until safe within the "gates ajar!"

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#### A RATIONAL CREED.

In a private letter from Dr. J. M. Peebles is the following; which I feel I am liberty to give to the readers of the JOURNAL, deeming it of too great of value to be hid "under a bushel." "Do you ask," friend Jones, how I can so travel, and give continuous talks and lectures; being in my 83rd year? Almost 83 years young? I answer:

It is because I am a vegetarian, and deeply religious. [My religious creed runs thus:

First—I believe in goodness; and order my life in consonance therewith.

Second—I believe in trust; perfect trust in God and humanity; and order my life in keeping therewith.

Third—I believe in love; believe that love guided by wisdom is the great redemption power of the universe; and I order my life in harmony therewith.

Fourth—Honoring all men, fearing nothing, touching the present or the future, having no enemies to punish, envious of no one's gift or good works, and believing very much; I also know some things. I know that I exist. Know that others exist. Know that selfishness is better than selflessness. I know that there's a conscious communion between the world's visible and invisible, and I know that true happiness is based upon obedience to the immutable laws of our being.

Therefore knowing so little, believing so much, loving so unreservedly and having such unbounded faith in God and humanity.

I am at peace with myself and the world. Here's my warm hand of friendship and brotherhood.

#### CIRCLE OF LIGHT CAMP OPEN FROM MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 31.

The deep satisfaction of consciously walking with God, of living the Inner Life working in the smile of His approval and the joy of His benediction is so dear to many hearts, that Mother Virtuzia has decided to open the Camp "Retreat" on the shores of Lake Geneva, where these friends who are drawn to Peace, Harmony and Helpfulness, or who are in search for health and strength, Physically, Mentally, and Spiritually, may find a welcome rest and refreshment of Spirit.

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#### OAKLAND NEWS.

Jupiter Pluvius presided at the 56th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in Oakland, and as a consequence the meetings were but poorly attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillette at Fraternal hall were greeted by only a small number of the faithful who had braved the soaking down pour of the evening, while in the afternoon Charles Anderson held the fort in his usual happy manner.

Woodmen hall, Mrs. Phelps addressed a small audience in the afternoon, while in the evening Mrs. Cowell and Mrs. Phelps met the usual audience.

The hall had been nicely decorated and every preparation made to make the 56th Anniversary a notable one, but—"The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft alee."

The meeting at the home of Mrs. Otto, 1210 Seventh street, last Tuesday, was attended by Charles Anderson as medium. These meetings are for the benefit of Mrs. Otto, who has been sick for a long time, are kept up by different mediums.

At the different meetings the progress of Spiritualism was reviewed and the liberalizing and broadening tendency upon the old narrow creeds, and theological dogmas was pointed out; showing that though Spiritualists do not boast of large churches and wealthy organizations; yet the real work is being carried on in all directions.

Our spirit friends, prefer to visit us in home circle, rather than in a crowded church; while our spirit teachers, prefer harmony among a few, rather than the discords and heartburnings, so common among the wealthy organizations.

The Psychical society met in Odd Fellows hall on Sunday morning, Mrs. Lillie spoke on the thoughts which Easter brings to us, and of the resurrection which should take place in the spirit sunk in the materiality of earth life, ending with an appropriate poem.

The Union Spiritual Society met in Fraternal hall, afternoon and evening, where Mrs. McEvoy, Mrs. Gillette, Messrs. Carter, Gillette, Anderson and others spoke to appreciative audiences. Mrs. Knott presided at the organ. The subject for the afternoon was: "The True Meaning of Easter" and a brief resume of its origin in ancient times. In the evening Mr. Gillette took up the question of "Psychometry" and "The Best Methods of Spiritual Growth," followed by Mrs. McEvoy on the same lines, after which Mrs. Gillette gave some psychometric readings and Mr. Anderson spoke on the subject of the afternoon. Next Sunday afternoon, after short addresses, circles will be arranged. It is the purpose of the mediums connected with this society to change the services from time to time so as to make them interesting to all.

Charles Anderson will soon commence Sunday meetings in Alameda.

Woodmen Hall was well filled last Sunday evening.

Miss Sundberg conducted the circle for the benefit of Mrs. Otto, at 1210 Seventh Street on Tuesday evening. The circle conducted by Mrs. McEvoy at 776 22nd street, on Tuesday evenings is always well attended.



# 56th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism.

## OAKLAND SPIRITUAL SOCIETY.

Celebrated the 56th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on Thursday afternoon and evening. As it is the custom of this society on all such occasions with an elaborate program with names of many prominent speakers and mediums upon it.

In addition Dr. Palinbaum his wife and the ladies of the society had transformed the Parlors into Banquet Rooms where tables were placed loaded down with the choicest of palatable viands of which there was abundant for all.

The afternoon service began with an organ voluntary, an address of welcome by the president Mrs. Heckman.

Invocation, Mrs. Sarah Seal, music by the audience, then Mrs. Seal gave an eloquent address on "The day we Celebrate."

A recitation by Mrs. Hall followed by Mrs. D. N. Place with messages, Mr. N. Y. Deanan gave an organ selection and an encore; a well rendered recitation by Mrs. Hall followed by a good sermon by Harrub, Brother Wm. Rider gave a beautiful poem. Recess for refreshment.

The evening session was commenced promptly at 8 o'clock with an organ voluntary by Mrs. Watkins; opening address by the secretary of the State Association, Mr. W. T. Jones, music by the audience following which, remarks and messages by Mrs. Carrie Wermouth, an original anniversary poem by Major Kyle was very finely recited by Mrs. Elizabeth M. Campbell followed by Wm. Rider in a well rendered poem. Mrs. Amanda Smith gave well received messages, Mrs. Sarah Seal was then introduced and gave an eloquent inspirational address reviewing the history of the movement. Its achievements as a power for the uplifting of humanity, Mr. A. S. Howe at this point sang two of Mr. C. P. Longley's beautiful songs and was heartily applauded. Mrs. M. S. Phelps and Mrs. Mary A. Wells each gave words expressing high and noble sentiments, at the close of which a recess was taken for the purpose of saying, "Good night" to the San Francisco delegation of about fifteen in number.

The exercises were then continued by Brother Judd, who gave an interesting account of how he succeeded in driving evil influences, from a house recently moved into.

Mrs. Fanning spoke helpful words and read a poem. Mrs. R. Cowell pronounced the benediction which closed an effort which reflects credit to all having the matter in charge.

## SAN JOSE NEWS.

The First Spiritual Union celebrated the 56th Anniversary in a way which is characteristic of the Spiritualists of the Garden City.

A Conference in the forenoon; among those present and taking part were Mr. B. F. Sliter of Alameda, Mrs. Elsey, Mrs. Gunderson of San Jose and a number of the local mediums contributing to make the meeting interesting.

At 1 p. m. a fine repast, prepared by a committee of ladies, was partaken of. About seventy people being seated.

The afternoon session opened at two o'clock, when a very interesting and enjoyable program was presented.

The opening address was by F. Harker; song, 'My Spirit Mother,' Victor Williams; recitation, 'Be Patient,' Dowey Anderson; song, composed by B. F. Sliter, 'Baby Dot,' Evelyn Hambly; song, Mrs. Hambly; chorus by audience; recitation, 'Nothing to Wear,' B. F. Sliter; instrumental music, Mr. Williams. Memorial services for eight of our members, who passed to spirit life during the past year, and a poem by Mrs. H. L. Bigelow.

Mrs. E. J. Knight gave a fine address under control. Recitation by Mabel Sweeney; dialogue, Evelyn Hambly and Ella Anderson; recitation, Mr. Walsh; reading, 'Do not Regret,' Mrs. Hagerty.

At 7:30, the evening session was opened with remarks by the President Mr. Hambly, introducing Mrs. Nettie Pease Fox, who gave a fine lecture on 'The Day We Celebrate;' music by Miss Rucker. Mrs. H. A. Griffin gave several messages to strangers present; recitation, Mrs. Walsh; song, Evelyn Hambly; Mr. B. F. Sliter, under control, answered questions. Nine applications for membership were received. Great credit is due to the Executive Committee and their able assistants for the success of the celebration.

MRS. H. L. BIGELOW,  
Sec'y First Spiritual Union

## LOS ANGELES CELEBRATES 56 ANNIVERSARY.

The First Spiritualist Mission of Los Angeles, auxiliary of the California State Spiritualist Association, celebrated the 56th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism at Eagles' ball, Los Angeles, March 27

Services began at 2:30. Inspirational poems were delivered by Mesdames LeRoy, Davis, and Sullivan. Addresses were delivered by Mesdames Hammond, Bryan, Conley, Lenont of Seattle, Konkler Mrs. Pennington, and Dr. K. D. Wise. Tests and spirit messages were given by Mesdames Boise, Hammond, and Bryan-Conley.

At 5 o'clock a free luncheon was served and circles formed. At 8 p. m. the second service opened with singing by the congregation from the Spritual Wreath song books.

Addresses were delivered by Mesdames Newcombe, Kratz, Mrs. Kate Hoskins, Mr. Sullivan and Dr. Chesbro. Tests and spirit messages were delivered by Mesdames Pennington, Lenont, Kratz and Mrs. Maud Chesbro.

The duets by Prof. Sullivan and wife and the songs rendered by the quartette were highly appreciated at both services.

Everyone had such a good time that the word harmony became unnecessary to be spoken.

In the afternoon the hall was well filled, while in the evening great crowds turned away for the want of standing room.

E. J. SNYDER,  
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## "ALICE" MESSAGE CORNER

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium.

John Forester—The spirit who now asks to send a message is that of a young man in soldier uniform of the late war.

He seems only a boy, thin and fair; with signs of great suffering on his face. I see no wound, but feel there is one, but that death came slowly; not on the battle field; and he asks if we can reach his brother; and some one he calls Mattie.

There is little said, the eagerness however prompts me to say for him how much he desires to let them know of his still loving thought for the living.

He has never tried to send a message before; and does not seem to quite know how.

C. C. Petes—I hear rather than see the man who now asks to send a message.

And this is what I hear: "Well, well!" it was pretty long waiting for the chance to get to the post office; but here I am at last as good as new.

Yes, yes, it is all true and I do live, much better off than I even thought to, I am alright and having great visits; seeing the old friends and new countries and forgetting that I ever felt badly at all.

I have a great many friends who will be glad to hear from me in this way, and to tell all, I send the greeting of a live man; never dead a moment, and naturally living.

This is the place of great surprises; and but few of them uncomfortable ones; most of us get better than we really expect.

Ask the old friends to send a thought to me; it will be a pleasure to feel that I can do some good, yet in the world. I think the door is open, and I can soon come again.

Emma Ryan—Let me reach Jennie! I hear, as the spirit of a young lady comes near; it is my sister; and for long years she has waited for this opportunity and this is my first message.

Tell her John, Alonzo and Father are with me and Oh! how happy we are together; tell her not to worry, the trouble will certainly soon be ended for her and happy days will come.

We all know how hard a time she has had and all love her and pray that the sorrow will soon give way to joy for her and hers. God bless you Jennie.

Dr. Davis—Just a word to tell the friend I have tried to keep the promise we all made. Tell William he is never alone that we do help him even in his trouble. Mother and Stella are both with me.

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DR. J. M. PEEBLES, INTERVIEWED.

Q.—You are on your way to the Eastern States, I hear?

A—Yes, I am. Left San Diego, April 3rd, reaching Los Angeles the same evening, becoming the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Von Freitag, we were greeted at their residence by some old friends, among whom were Dr. Daniel W. Hull and Capt. Greene, who over 50 years ago was a member of the Oswego branch of the Cadets of Temperance. I was president of this order and was also pastor of an Universalist Church. Capt. Greene, a devoted Spiritualist was one of my cadets in charge, and upon leaving, I gave his father a Bible, which was presented to me in the Harmonial hall, at Los Angeles for comments and remembrances.

We had a most delightful time on Sunday at the Harmonial hall, when I say we, I refer especially to Dr. W. G. Thurber, who accompanies me on my travels as private secretary and co-assistant. Dr. Thurber is a young man, upright and conscientious, and has just commenced his work as a trance speaker and intermediary healer. He addressed the Los Angeles people Sunday upon the subject of a Young People's Association in connection with the Spiritual Society.

Q.—What was the character of the proceedings on the Sunday services at Los Angeles?

It was Easter Sunday and the speakers platform was decorated with lillies and a profusion of flowers. The audience was a very intelligent one. As we stepped into the hall, Prof. Bowman was addressing the audience. The address was instructive as well as eloquent, notwithstanding the little jealousies, envies and a little back biting, Spiritualism, has a good standing in Los Angeles, and yet when compared with San Diego, and its fine temple, its flourishing Lyceum and Young People's Association and Spirit of Harmony,—they are far behind San Diego. I thus expose them, to arouse them

to more enthusiasm, more concentration, more harmony, and such a spiritual Spiritualism as shall induce them to unite their forces and build a splendid temple, organize an enthusiastic Lyceum and Young People's Association and all the adjuncts, that tend in the line of organization to further and build up this great truth, which is really above all price.

Q.—Doctor, how do you look at the general movement of Spiritualism throughout the world, as you are a noted traveler?

A—Spiritualism is a truth, a mighty truth, and as all truth is immortal, Spiritualism will necessarily live forever. Spiritualists, are not as well organized in America as they are in England, nor are we as enthusiastic in the up-building of this movement as are the Spiritualists of New Zealand and some other Islands of the ocean under the British flag.

In Wellington, New Zealand, Spiritualists own a magnificent temple and a member of Parliament is their President. They have a fine Lyceum and very choice music.

Q.—What do you consider, Doctor, to have been the worst hindrances to the spread of Spiritualism?

A—The frauds and traveling tramps that advertise what they cannot perform and seem to seek only what they can make out of the name financially. This is deplorable. Spiritualism is a sacred word and persons who cheat in the name of Heaven and in the name of Immortality, would resort to any crime and will ultimately reap the sad refuse of misery.

There is another class extreme in radicalism and by this other class mean, those who seem to take pleasure in the annihilation of God, of Christ, of Mohammad, of Joan of Arc and other great world reformers.

This class quite generally oppose organizations, they are so individualized, that in standing erect they bend backward about 45 degrees.

Q.—Doctor, when you say God, do you mean a personal being?

A—I do not believe in a located human-shaped personality, located afar off, and moving the starry worlds, something as schoolboys move their hoops.

When I say God, I mean much the same as did Andrew Jackson Davis, when he said, the great Positive Mind—the same as did Alfred R. Wallace when he said, the Great Supreme Mind—the same as did Proclus when he said, Causation—the same as did Jesus when he said: "God is Spirit." When I say God, I mean Consciousness, Life, Purpose, Will, and the Infinite Love of the Universe, imminent in the sands of the sea and the stars that glitter in the Heavens. In one sense God may be personal, but that personality is not based upon shape or form, but upon "Purpose and Will."

True, we cannot comprehend God, only some conceptions of God, do not most of our differences result from the misunderstanding and meaning of words and terms?

Most emphatically. Take the matter of the Spirit world, the Spiritual world, the Summer land, Heaven and Paradise, are not synonymous. They are unlike. They also confound soul and spirit. They are entirely unlike in their original meaning. They also confound, Christ and Jesus. Jesus was a man, when a child eight days old, was like all Jewish children, circumcised.

He cursed a fig tree, according to the record, and positively refused to be called 'good,' saying: 'Why call ye, me good? But one is good, and that is God.' Christ means the anointed, the illumined. At baptism he became illumined, that is, Christed, called Jesus Christ.

Both Christ and Buddha signify illumined, enlightened and they were both great inspired soul-saviors.

Q.—Have you any future plans mapped out, Doctor?

A—Yes, it is my purpose, as well as Dr. Thurber's, to spend the summer in Battle Creek, Mich., lecturing and healing; leaving early in the autumn for London on our way for Egypt and India.

One of the Ma Ha Rajas of India is interested in the philosophy of Spiritualism and has united with others in India to have me come there and lecture with others. Dr. Thurber will accompany me.

Q.—Doctor, what do you think of this New Thought movement?

I believe in New Thought and New Ideas. None of them are new; but in conception they are new to us. But as Spiritualism is all-embracing, it overshadows and underlies all that is really new. So-called New Thoughts are but the discovery of all thoughts, so we bid the New Thoughtists Godspeed as our coworkers who come in at the eleventh hour. We hold the olive branch to all reforms.

Q.—What do you consider the New Thought?

A—I have been considerably puzzled to know just what the New Thoughtists' New Thoughts are. Those published as New Thoughts are as old as Unitarianism, Spiritualism, Socialism and A. J. Davis' Divine Revelations.

Q.—Do our New Thought friends demonstrate a future existence? Do they show the relations in character between this and the future state of existence?

A—I think they do neither.

Q.—Is it not true, Doctor, that the Spiritualists have been theorizing quite long enough regarding matters and methods of reform? And do you not think that the time is now ripe for some united and practical action, even by uniting with others whose aims and objects are

for the betterment and the upliftment of the race physically, socially and industrially, as well as morally and spiritually?

A—Most emphatically I do; and hence, I work in all fields of reform, regardless of their origin or name. I have lectured for the Young Men's Christian Association in Battle Creek. I have lectured for the Young Women's League, for the Nature Club and with other branches of Reformers.

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**Election Notice**—The annual meeting of the members of the Society of Progressive Spiritualists will be held, Sunday, April 17th, at their office, 3322 17th street, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the members of the Society.  
JOHN KOCK, Sec.

**Henry Harrison Brown** spoke upon the "True Resurrection" at his hall in Memorial Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, Sunday evening. He said that the story told of Jesus and Mary when rightly understood was a tale of Mary's resurrection. Till then she had limited her experiences to the objective life, but as her clairvoyant vision was opened, she entered the spiritual, the immortal life was to a degree emancipated from the body. He claimed that each person would sometime in their development reach this same condition. Each had a right to claim while in flesh a realization of himself as spirit, and enjoy a conscious union with those who have entered fully into the immortal life, by leaving their bodies behind. This, he believes, will be the condition of men and women at the end of this century.

**Mrs. Eva Peck** has returned to her own home after many months of suffering in a hospital and at the home of Mrs. Gillespie, good care and loving attention, has restored her to fairly good health.

**Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie**, has recovered her strength after several days of serious illness.

**Mr. and Mrs. Starks**, 128 Seventh ave., are quite ill. Friends please keep them in remembrance.

**The Children's Lyceum** has a treat in store for those who attend on Sunday the 10th (tomorrow). Some of the best and smartest children in the United States will take part in the exercises. Go early, 10:30 a. m., 909 Market St.

We devote much space in this week's JOURNAL to anniversary meetings held in cities outside of San Francisco, which will be found to be interesting reading, as we go to press, reports are received from San Bernardino and Decoto which will appear in our next.

**The Board** meeting of the Medium's Protective Association will meet at the rooms of the secretary, Mr. A. S. Howe, 2170 Sutter street on Saturday evening the 9th inst.

**The Peoples' Church**—It was a surprise to many on last Sunday evening, to find the pastor able and present; knowing how very ill she had been during the week. But those most familiar with the laws of control, can more readily understand the power which the spirit guides exert over their instruments—the mediums. Often taking them from a sick bed to do their best work. "After Death"—What! was the subject treated and which brought out some of the best thought concerning the Easter Festival, we ever listened to and the most substantial argument in favor of the Spiritualists' interpretation of its meaning as to its natural and annual occurrence. Three new members were admitted to the society.

**Rummage Sale**—Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, at 442 Sixth street is progressing satisfactory and will be continued during the coming week. Donations will be thankfully received by leaving your name and address at the JOURNAL office, 1429 Market street. All goods will be called for.

**The Ladies Aid Society** held its regular annual election on Wednesday afternoon. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. D. N. Plabe; vice-president, Mrs. B. F. Small; secretary, Mrs. Annie E. Wadsworth; treasurer, Mrs. M. E. G. Howe; custodian, Mrs. F. Small; directors, Mrs. E. W. Briggs, Mrs. T. Johnson, Mrs. A. J. Riley and Mrs. A. E. Wood. The future prospects of this society are brighter than ever and because of this we prophesy a greater increase in its general welfare.

**J. Still Wilson** will speak tomorrow at Academy of Science at 11 o'clock sharp. Also Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the same place, will give lessons on "The Inspired Life."

**The social** of the Peoples' Church on next Monday evening at the Sunflower hall, 305 Larkin Street, promises to be the event of the season. For the reason that the whole affair in all its detail is to be assumed by the male portion of the society. Thus those who attend may be assured that everything will be up to date in every particular. All are welcome—even the "Fair Sex."

**Dr. J. M. Peebles** the well known lecturer, author and traveler, spent last Monday in San Francisco, visiting and chatting with his many old friends. A few ladies prepared a dainty repast at the Spiritualists' headquarters, where about thirty of his friends partook of feast with him. Notable among those present was Mr. Charles Holt of the "Human Nature" and once a prominent speaker and co-worker with the Doctor in the East. Mr. Holt made a thrilling speech full of pleasant reminiscences as also did Mrs. R. S. Lillie and others.

Doctor Peebles filled in a good share of the time in his own inimitable way, also Dr. Thurber a promising young Psychic who accompanies the Doctor, captured the hearts of all he met, and left a lasting impression for good in this city. Our guest departed the same evening at 8 o'clock for Portland with many a "God Bless You" from our people.

**This edition** of the JOURNAL is just in time to bid Mme. Florence Montague, "bon voyage." She leaves this Saturday for New York, sailing from port, by the White Star Line, to London, England. Her visit to California, has been a source of happiness to her host of friends, and on leaving us again, she takes with her, our hearty good wishes for her welfare, and the continuous success of her spiritual work. She desires the JOURNAL, to say, for her, a loving good by to our readers on this side of the Atlantic.

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