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**MORN.**

A. W. Neale

Come breathe with me the early  
morn's new air,  
Free to the poorest, bowed down  
with care,  
To the sick, to the weary and those  
left alone,  
O renew your courage with its di-  
vine ozone.

Mark each sparkling dewdrop reflect-  
ing a sun,  
Miniature pearls, as the day is  
begun,  
Bejewel the rare blossom and each  
lowly blade,  
Upon every green herb unsparingly  
laid.

Dame nature under a canopy blue,  
Quietly working, the bud, the leaf  
renew,  
Beneath her invisible touch the vital  
whole,  
And burst into fair flowers that  
gladden man's soul.

List to the lark as it ascends on high,  
It's clear rippling anthem filling  
the sky,  
With heavenly harmony, singing its  
part,  
Loudly proclaiming the great joy  
in its heart.

Carrying to heaven's gate its glad song  
Conserved there through eternity  
long,  
In ages to come it may burst upon  
our ears,  
New added, the majestic music of  
the spheres.

Come look with me at nature's busy  
hands,  
At home, abroad, through the  
world's many lands,  
In the black still night, and in the  
dull leaden days,  
Mid the ice of the poles, or the suns  
burning rays.

By the mystic process of decay and  
re-birth,  
Silently moulding an insect small  
a new Earth,  
In the depths of the mine a clear crys-  
tal bright,  
In the blue vault of heaven a star of  
light.

Through her varied handiwork from  
keen eyes shielded,  
Woo from her the secrets reluctantly  
yielded,  
And in the wooing, obtain, not only  
the goal  
You have also unfolded that flower  
—your soul.

**THE RIPENING GRAIN.**

BY LILA BRIGGS BROWNE

The harvest is now being garn-  
ered by the thrifty workers in  
the field. Never in the history  
of spiritual affairs has there been  
such an abundant crop. Mater-  
ialism, which flourished so rank  
in the past centu is fast giving

way to the proof of occult science  
and psychic phenomena. Men and  
women are more willing to investi-  
gate into spiritual things than for-  
merly and as the masses get more  
thoroughly educated they think for  
themselves instead of taking that  
which has been handed down for  
ages.

The summons one hears now a-  
days from the modern pulpit are  
tinged with the very thoughts cher-

ished by the Spiritualists and un-  
less more aggressive work is done  
to organize and band together the  
progressive souls that have strug-  
gled to maintain their views amid  
opposition ere long will awake to  
find that the grain has been garn-  
ered in by the churches.

I have heard from the pulpit of a  
Presbyterian church on Easter day  
as liberal a discourse on Immortal-

as any Spiritualist lecturer could  
give, the only difference being that  
the minister expressed a cherished  
hope and the possibility of a re-  
turn of the loved ones while the  
lecturer would state it as a positive  
fact and give undeniable proof of  
the same.

The soil of superstition has been  
harrowed, the seed of spiritual pro-  
gress has been sown and the plant

has been carefully tended by the  
few enlightened souls that have  
dared to think in the past. Now  
the harvest is ripening and who  
is gathering in the grain, the  
rightful owners or those who  
have denied the plant of progress  
sustenance and did all they could  
to hinder its growth? Are we  
doing all we can to gather in the  
harvest, or are we holding back  
waiting till some one else  
has gone in advance and we have  
to take the leavings?

I have watched the aggressive  
and effective work done by the  
churches in the missionary line  
both at home and abroad, and we  
could take many a hint from  
them in our methods to spread  
the truths we possess.

Note how carefully they train  
the children, taking them when  
little tots of 4 or 5 years old, en-  
tertaining them with little stories  
giving them presents at Christ-  
mas and picnics in the summer.  
Then the youths have their var-  
ious societies with entertainments  
and socials throughout the winter  
Their humanitarian work is at-  
tended to by the older members,  
but all work as a harmonious  
whole like a well-trained army.

Their missionary work both at  
home and in foreign lands is pre-  
sided over by a board of directors  
and all expense met by that  
board. They would not dream  
of expecting the few churches in  
Japan or China to pay the mis-  
sionaries fares there, entertain  
them, pay for place of worship  
and give them all the money col-  
lected.

That is just what we demand  
of the few scattering Spiritualists  
throughout this country, and it  
is a method that is holding back  
the great wave of progress that  
would otherwise ensue.



APRIL SHOWERS BRING FORTH FLOWERS.  
A TYPICAL CALIFORNIA SCENE.

Twenty years ago where now there are but two or three avowed Spiritualists, there were dozens of them throughout New York State and flourishing meetings were held. Today the very name of Spiritualism is largely misunderstood by the masses and is considered synonymous with fortune-telling, sleight-of-hand and charlatanism. What wonder that the few who hold the pearls of truth hug them to their hearts through fear of being misunderstood if they let their light shine?


The number of the vanguard is rapidly being depleted and who shall take their places if there is no one to rekindle the flame of truth in their communities?

From lack of proper organization years ago, their children have largely been gathered into the churches and their belief scoffed at and traduced. This is no idle talk, but actual facts. I have it demonstrated in many families and, to be personal, I will say that I am the only one out of a family of four children who is a believer in Spiritualism.

What is needed is more active, aggressive work in all parts of the State instead of a congestion in our large cities. Missionaries should be sent out in groups consisting of a good lecturer to teach the people the truths of Spiritualism in its religious, moral, and ethical aspects, a test medium who can demonstrate spirit return, a good musician who can furnish spiritual songs and make harmonious conditions for the meetings and a business manager who will collect all funds, make all dates, attend to hiring halls, pay the salaries, etc. With this working group much good could be done and permanent societies established with an ordained minister at its head.


Then these societies could be a source of revenue to the N. S. A. But with the method now employed it is like expecting a child to support its parents before it is hardly able to take care of itself. We should aim for quality not quantity, and if only five good permanent societies were established each year it were better than twenty feeble ones.

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### NATURALISM VS. MIRACULISM.

BY B. F. FRENCH.

#### EDITOR JOURNAL:

Our good Brothers Cowen and Murphy have, through the columns of the JOURNAL, given their peculiar views anent, christs, gods and demi gods.

I respectfully enquire, would it not be far more useful to Spiritualists and humanity in general to write, think and talk of things which we know something about.

No one knows aught about God.

Theism and theology at best is but a huge conglomeration of fiction and myth; its very foundation is ignorance and its structure is miasmatic fog. Theology has caused more wars and bloodshed than any other one cause in the annals of history.

The whole question is one of education; no thoroughly educated scholar in this age believes in a personal God.

The idea is an absurdity; and he knows also that an impersonal God is no god at all.

The great hindrance to the churches and many Spiritualists is, that their central or chief thought is on God; God, the unknown, the mythical, and unreal; whereas, it should be fixed and centered on humanity.

It is a notable fact, that those people and sects who think and talk most of gods and christs, think and care the least for their fellow men.

When men leave nature and take up with miracle and fiction; they are in the sad predicament of the mariner in mid-ocean: minus compass, sextant or rudder.

Christ simply means, an inspired or appointed one, and they have lived in all ages, and we have thousands of them with us today; but blind worshippers of the dead past in their deep theological rut, see them not.

When people imagine something outside of nature, which means legitimate cause; takes the place of natural cause, and becomes the male parent, through coition with the natural mother of a child, reason is certainly dethroned, and no wonder so many who embark upon this sea of fanaticism became the prey of priests, and not a few end their lives in asylums for the insane.

Naturalism and miraculism can never mingle together, no more than oil and water.

Nature is true, miracle is false;

and though its struggle for life is desperate it must die.

But nature, the truth and light bearer, is eternal and immortal.

Come now, dear brothers, let us think, write and talk of the needs and affairs of men.

O, there is so much to be done for humanity, so many woes to remove, so many bad laws to repeal, the primary cause of so much sin and crime to find and remove.

Oh! there is a world of work to do among men. Let us leave gods and fiction to the silly priests.

#### 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.

The Post Office address after May 15, will be, Circle of Light Camp, Williams Bay, Wis.

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#### FORTHCOMING.

Under the auspices of the International Physio-Psychic Society 1204 Broadway, New York and at Berlin, there will shortly be issued a most interesting and important work by Mr. Emil Sutro, author of "The Basic Law of Vocal Utterance" and "Duality of Voice" entitled "Duality of Thought and Language."

In this new book, the author having again, for five years, given his entire time and attention to further research, repudiates the materialistic tendency of the age, and shows by undeniable proof derived from a study of the essence of language, that man is of dual nature, (from his first incipience in the cell) and that the spiritual in this duality prevails over the material.

It will say that divinity, as we endeavor to view it, and as man has ever endeavored to view it, is a conception emanating from ourselves: that the God, of any period or nation, is the outcome of the more or less advanced civilization of that period and nation: that man is subject to immutable laws of whose origin, it is impossible for him to form any true conception.

Those laws, influence him from the exterior, and are also imbedded in his own nature and emanate from his individuality. In thus acting correlatively they are productive of

the ideal and the real,—the abstract and the concrete. The fusion of spirituality from the outer world, coupled with that of his man's inner being, make him what he is, a Physio-Psychic entity in the here, and, in conformity with the laws of evolution—in a parallel order, but of a purer and higher form—also in the hereafter.

This is the central idea. As the principles leading up to it have been arrived at through a close study into the inner being of vocal utterance in all its various forms. This exposition has hitherto been wanting hence the chaos which has prevailed.

For the first time in the world's history, metaphysics have been practically applied. True underlying principles have come to light and are furnishing safe guides to knowledge. Thus the road to rational teaching has been opened.

#### A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE.

From Mrs. E. L. Skerritt of San Francisco in honor of the 56th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, given at the residence of Mrs. E. P. Thorndyke March 31, is well worth the reading by every spiritual reader.

This is the day that is heralded by all who have a reserved seat in memory's bower. All hail, all hail the welcome day on which we meet to consecrate anew the open door so widely swung by angel power—a child-gift to the world. The little rap asking for admittance to the hearts and homes of a benighted sphere was the key that opened the door of life, and will ever be the answer to that question—"If man dies, shall he live again?" The little child did and shall lead.

It is Faith and Knowledge that now triumphs over dead theory concerning immortality of the spirit. All stand ready to be born again.

It is the law of unfoldment that works with every tomorrow.

Binding sheaves is the work of every spiritually minded nature which marks the golden milestone of the age of development.

May we lift our hearts to this anniversary that marks the 56th milestone on the trail of eternity.

Nature's laws are but spiritual tools in the hands of every one who desires to complete his journey upward and onward.

To study these laws bears the fruitage that ripens every nature to an understanding of what relation it is to the forces that played upon those little children who found themselves instruments in the hand of the Divine Tuner.

Nature's models are divine, and to work and worship at the shrine of innate Power is to grandly tune ourselves to a still higher expression of what is termed Inspiration which calls together the presence

# 56th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism.

of Phenomenon in the cradle of Philosophy.

Let the "little rap" suggest, but give Philosophy the way of its breeding.

The richest workmanship is made of smallest threads. We share our threads of thought among the nearer relationship of those who have arisen to spheres beyond almost knowing that the next anniversary will have heralded a new version of what this day only seems to us.

Let us be glad to meet and to be met. The angel world spares not nor spends any vain glory in helping and leading those who are ready to open the door of Life.

We will wait, but we must work. Blessed are those who inherit the kingdom of Heaven while yet in earth expression.

The life lived is also the life gained. Thus do we live today in the garden of our expressed thoughts recognizing that Life and Death are one, and we can also say that our knowledge is not dependent on the "little rap" to warrant the immortality of the soul. All the attributes of the soul speak aloud to us today; each working to sustain the vibration of the Soul's Symphony.

Harp strings, so has the Soul. The "rap" was a vibration of the Soul's harp strings when it vibrated the Truth of Immortality to mankind.

## DECOTO NEWS.

At the residence of Mrs. E. P. Thorndyke, Decoto, Cal., was the usual recognition of the anniversary of Modern Spiritualism.

Mrs. Thorndyke is not only recognized a Pioneer of California, but also a pioneer of Spiritualism, and to this interest her efforts are unceasingly manifested.

Her beautiful home on Thursday, the 31st of March, was made a rendezvous for the communion of thought between the two worlds. A goodly number participated in the exercises: a program of music, speeches recitations, readings and tests, which consumed nearly the time of four hours. Mrs. Thorndyke opened the exercises with congratulatory remarks, closing with Lizzie Doten's beautiful poem "Jubilante," which was read with deep feeling.

Mrs. Mary Wells of San Francisco, followed with an address which was given in her accustomed manner, full of good thought. Later on she gave individual readings to nearly every one present.

A greeting by Mrs. Adelia Barret of interest and merited applause. Mrs. E. Skerritt presented a beautiful tribute of thought.

Piano selections were sprinkled in by Mrs. J. W. Crawford, who also gave an address, reading the same from her special line of communication revealed to her through chemical color waves by invisible forces. Her daughter Alice gave as recitation "The Famine," from Hiawatha with music, the vibration of which called forth the Indian Dance by Mrs. Harris, lending a cheerful aspect to the program.

The day closed with favors to all.

Mrs. Jeannette W. Crawford.

## SAN BERNARDINO CELEBRATES 56 ANNIVERSARY.

The Spiritualists of San Bernardino celebrated the 56th anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in their Temple of Truth, (Liberty hall), on Easter Sunday, April 3.

A goodly number of friends came from Riverside and Redlands, and the Rev. Savage of the Unitarian Church of Redlands, son of Rev. Minot J. Savage of New York, sent his greetings.

A sumptuous banquet was served in the hall at the noon hour, after which the tables were cleared away for the literary and musical exercises, which continued until a late hour in the afternoon. Short addresses were made by Ella Wilson Marchant, James Boyd of Riverside, W. C. Fuller of Colton, who has been the regular speaker for the society for several months past, and Joseph Marchant the president

of the society. Miss Maggie Potter of Riverside, then followed with quite a series of psychometric readings combined with spirit messages recitations, readings, and vocal and instrumental music were interspersed through the program, and the presence and influence of a host of spirit friends were undoubtedly with us, as was attested by clairvoyants in the audience, one of whom declared she saw beautiful white hands extended toward nearly every one present in the hall. Several of the pioneer Spiritualists of San Bernardino, indicated their presence, and voiced a beautiful message through Miss Potter.

I wrote you some time ago, we had rather expected to have Mrs. Ada Foye with us on this occasion, but owing to illness, Mrs. Foye had left the Southern part of the State some time ago.

The day being generally celebrated as a resurrection day we felt, made it peculiarly suitable for the celebration of the advent of Modern Spiritualism which teaches that every death is a resurrection.

The hall was decorated with spring flowers, as befitted the occasion, and especially was the escholtzia, or the golden California poppy, in evidence.

Ella Wilson Marchant.

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## "ALICE" MESSAGE CORNER"

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium.

Auntie Fuller—The spirit of an elderly lady comes now to me and wishes to be remembered to many friends in the city, she is not alone, an old gentlemen whom she calls father; but who is I think, her husband who is with her.

They speak of the good times they have had, and of the old circle saying: "They are nearly all over now, on the other side."

And say, what a good time we had with Sunshine and Buttercup over there. Well, they met us, and Cordelia Sprague and Emily all were there, and little Rosie, don't forget to say she is with us. We all send love.

Burt Horner—Well Mamma I want to tell you things are wonderful. I wish I could make you as happy as I am. Tell them all that I am alright.

This is so new to me, and all so strange, that I don't know how to send a message, but want them to know Burt is not dead.

Thank Ed for me, tell him I'll get even, when he comes over. Father is with me, so is Hattie. Help me to come again soon.

Alexander Wilby—The spirit that I see now has but one arm, and is one who passed from life by accident and with him I see a picture of a mill.

Many others were hurt when he died, but no one was killed but he. The news message is for Henry and Eliza, and Stebbins is with them, so is Leonard.

I am carried far from here and to such a lonely place; tall pine trees, and a few small houses.

In one house lives the sister of Elic; and to them he would say: It was no one's fault, I was to blame myself; so don't ever say a word to Fred, he did not do it.

Mother met me first, and oh! how good it did seem to see her.

She has not changed, looked just as she did when we took her to Bloomfield to bury.

Do you remember how young she looked that day? Well, she is as young now. Father is with her, and sister Eva, and baby Trix all are here.

Tell the folks I did not suffer, I just went to sleep, and awoke all right in the new life, and found it beautiful—beyond all my expectations.

**He lives most, who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.**

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## J. STITT WILSON'S ADDRESS.

### EDITOR JOURNAL:

In your letter received today you express regret that you could not give more space last week to my address upon the anniversary occasion, and ask me to give you for this week a synopsis of my message to my spiritual friends. I certainly must compliment you on your splendid anniversary number, as I read it I note the completeness of the news of the movement, and the excellence of the first page and editorial matter.



J. STITT WILSON

I shall make no attempt to more than outline the thought which it was my privilege to express before the meeting referred to and I am sure that you will permit me to state it in the simple prosy style of a letter rather than in the more rhetorical form of the platform. Perhaps this form also will be more heart to heart as well.

I opened the address by expressing my great satisfaction in being honored with the invitation to speak upon this 56th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism. That satisfaction arose from two reasons, first, because I believed that the Spiritualist movement starting in obscurity and progressing against great odds, without the powers of "this present world" to assist it, but on the contrary to oppose it, had rendered all incalculable benefit to mankind.

It is not only that the Spiritualist movement has pierced the shadows of the grave, and opened the door into the unseen, and established communication with the spirit world, thus giving to the human heart a vital, convincing, message

sweet with the fragrance of the eternal bloom, a message that makes concrete and real the statement that "There is no Death."

Had Spiritualism done no more than this it would have been a boon unspeakable to the human race, but as I travel from city to city, all over this country, and even across the seas, I speak from experience when I say, that outside of the influence of popular interest in natural science which has leavened our whole intellectual life in the last half century. No other movement has done so much to liberalize the human consciousness, and make it open to New Truth, as Modern Spiritualism. I find Spiritualists in the van of all progressive movements. I find them among my most eager listeners to the message I myself bring to the people.

My satisfaction in speaking on this occasion in the second place, arose from my own deeper conviction of the truth of the philosophy of Spiritual communication. Many of my San Francisco friends know of the great bereavement we recently suffered in the loss of our wonderful baby boy, "little J. Stitt" did I say loss? I must not, for since he passed into the unseen there has come to us an opening of the heavenly door in a way that Spiritualists alone can understand and appreciate.

Whatever future investigations may lead us to think, or whatever newer light on the realm of the invisible may be given to us, Mrs. Wilson and I delight to render our frank confession that through the agencies and methods utilized by the Spiritualist movement, we have seen and heard and felt the unspeakable glory and revelation of the after life. We acknowledge ourselves as debtors personally to your great and beautiful movement. This debt we would seek to pay by devoting our lives to the supreme purpose which we know is the abiding joy of those spiritual agencies with whom we have thus felt ourselves to be so closely and vitally and practically likened.

In my address I said that I had only one complaint to make against your movement, viz.: that you did not believe your revelation half enough.

If the main tenets of Spiritualism are true, what a message! What a ground for personal action in all great moral and spiritual and social efforts! What a scientific basis for inspiration and wisdom in every movement to emancipate mankind! What a sweet word you bring to whisper gently into the ears of the grief stricken and bereaved everywhere.

You do not believe your own message with half the confidence you should. Since in these days we have all abandoned creeds, and can not find longer written words to which we may subscribe as evi-

dence of our faith. We have but one avenue left that may bear witness to our beliefs and convictions, namely, our deeds and the quality of our lives.

If there is no fire that can burn me, no sword that can pierce me, no earth that can cover me, no time that can carry me to oblivion, no ages, or worlds, or spheres or planes that can put to quiet my being, then indeed can I not be doubly inspired to abandon my whole being, like a jolly child, to the uttermost Truth for my day and generation, and to the 'cause that lacks assistance, and the wrongs that need resistance,' knowing that like the Sun whose light can never be put out, I shall rise triumphant at every possible seeming disaster, or failure, or cloud, or darkness, or death.

Spiritualists have a philosophy that should make them the joyous martyrs, if need be, to the holiest causes, and the divinest meanings of life for the emancipation of the world.

I concluded my address with an appeal to the audience and through them to the Spiritualists of the world to become the most active workers in the great Socialist movement.

I am sure, Mr. Editor, that even your generosity, cannot afford me space at this time to outline the arguments given to that attentive and receptive audience.

Perhaps I may be privileged to do so at another time. Suffice to say now that speaking with a heartfelt sincerity which I cannot reveal, I am convinced that the great movement for the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth to take the place of the present system of ruthless competition and awful strife and chaos of classes and the severity of the struggle for a bare existence on the part of the great mass of our people.

I say, dear friends of the Spiritualist movement, this effort to bring in the Socialist order of society is the supreme work on this earth now to give actual expression to harmony and human development. I cannot give to you arguments at this writing, space will not permit. I can but bear witness.

Believe me, that I speak in the Spirit. I write, I believe, with the hands of the mighty Unseen supporting, if not inditing my words, when I call you to this supreme task of the new century.

The logic of the Harmonial Philosophy expressed in this earth, in our economic life would mean the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

And there are enough Spiritualists in this fair land, now in danger of losing their own liberties at the hands of a heartless and cruel plutocracy, to save the day, to leap to the occasion, and inspired by 'a great cloud of witnesses' within

the veil, fulfill the work of uniting Heaven and Earth in an era of joy and freedom to the race. I agree with the Editor when he says, in a recent number, that the future of Spiritualism as a great contribution to mankind lies in 'relating itself to other movements, and those who are striving in a practical manner to better the condition of the race, socially, religiously and spiritually.'

Thanking you, Sir, for your space and bidding Godspeed to your efforts, I remain yours for Humanity.

J. STITT WILSON.  
Highland Home, Berkeley, Cal.

## EASTER AND THE RESURRECTION.

MADAME FLORENCE MONTAGUE

Easter has come and gone, and the usual display of eggs and sermons, to say nothing of flowers and bonnets, has been unusually smart in this city.

Theories, some old and worn, some new and fresh, about the meaning of Easter, have greeted us from pulpit and press, but, how long, oh! how long shall we be contented with platitudes, and how soon will we teach the divine records, written in the book of nature, so that we may understand the true meaning of the great festivals of our year, which are closely connected with the seasons, and the travels of the sun.

Astronomy, Astrology, and ancient Free Masonry, furnish us the key to many of our religious rites and ceremonials, and the voice of legend and allegory is eloquent in pointing out that, the "Passover" and the "Crucifixion" were observed by the solar worshippers of ancient days, as representing the passing over of the sun, the crossing of the line at the spring Equinox.

The presence of flowers at this religious observance, denotes to them, as to us, the return of Spring the renewal of life throughout creation, the rising of the sap in the trees, the resurrection of nature from the dead inertia of winter.

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**The Peoples' Church**—Sunday evening's lecture of the Pastor, Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie was on "Tables of Stone," reviewing the traditional account of God's method of communing with man, contrasting that which has been commonly accepted in the past with the present, from the standpoint of a more enlightened humanity. She quoted from a statement recently made by an eminent English Divine who claims that the Bible of the Jews and the Christian is inadequate to answer the demand of the present trend of thought. Her comments on this statement were vigorous and clearly showing that the thinking minds of today demand a reason for the faith that is in them.

**On Sunday** evening the 10th inst., Mrs. Eva Peck and Mr. Henry Davidson, both of this city, were married, Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie officiating. The wedding was a very quiet one, owing to the recent illness of Mrs. Davidson; only members of the family being present. Mr. Davidson has taken his bride to his home in the country, hoping she may fully regain her strength and health. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson have a host of friends, who all join in good wishes for their future prosperity and happiness, in which the JOURNAL most heartily joins.

**The social** of the Peoples' Church on Monday night was a great success. The gentlemen having the matter in charge earned for themselves a lasting reputation. Mr. Briggs and Mr. McKenzie acting in a double role, that of chefs and entertainers. Messrs. Gillespie, Fitzsimmons, Rider, Battey and Jones, each in turn contributed a number on the program. Miss Gibson gave a fine recitation, and Mr. Frank Briggs distinguished himself as a humorist, "A Chip of the Old Block," with odds in favor of the "Chip." The committee displayed ability and good judgment. There were refreshments in abundance and the large crowd present were well served. Look out for another social in two weeks.

**The Happy Thought Club** were pleasantly surprised on Wednesday night the 8th inst., by Mrs. Carrie Wermouth, at her home, 416 Golden Gate ave., the headquarters of the club. There was a large number present, who were highly entertained, the following excellent program being rendered: Piano selection, Mrs. Stender; comic recitation, Mr. Hahn; poetical reading, Mr. Gardner; song, Mr. Mitchell; instrumental selections, piano, banjo, accordion, mandolin, harmonica and guitar, by Mr. Gardner and Letterell; reading, by "Nita;" messages, by the guides of Mrs. Wermouth; Highland Fling, by Mrs. Wermouth and Mr. Mitchell; Virginia Reel, members of the club. After which most delicious refreshments were served. The parlors were decorated with the most beautiful and exquisite flowers. And thus ended a pleasant evening with the Happy Thought Club.

**Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie**, has gone to the Mountains for a week, as she is far from being well. She and her friends hope that the rest will assist her in regaining her health.

**Progressive Spiritualists Society**, met Sunday evening May 10, at Covenant hall, Odd Fellows building. The lecture was the second in review of the world's progress during the fifty six years which mark the new spiritual era, on the teaching of spirit to and through mortals. The speaker took up the subject on Easter Sunday, speaking of the necessary iconoclastic work of the early teachers, how their work was looked upon as very radical then was accepted generally now and taught from pulpits of the world, citing in the second lecture the fact that on this very day the Sunday papers contain accounts of the opinions of one of the noted dignitaries of the church of England regarding the Bible. The guides of Mrs. Lillie said that when one of the most radical of our old time Spiritualists speakers called the Bible a pack of lies, the speaker was severely criticized even by Spiritualists. The singing by the choir was excellent and the trio Abide with me, finely rendered, the congregation joined heartily in a closing hymn. Seats are free, all are welcome.

**Rummage Sale**—Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, closed last Saturday evening the 9th with satisfactory results, the Ladies wish to thank each and all who in any way contributed to their success.

**Mr. J. P. Gossitt** of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Miss Lina M. Tompkins of Decatur, Ill., made a pleasant call at the JOURNAL office, this week—others are welcome.

**A Benefit Seance**—Mr. C. V. Miller has very kindly and generously offered to donate receipts of a seance to be held at his hall, 1084 Bush street on Wednesday evening March 4, in aid of the "Mission Lyceum." We bespeak in behalf of this worthy object, a good attendance of the friends of both parties.

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