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“OUR OWN.”

Florence Shaw Kellogg.

“Away!” we say it sadly, but
Our hearts deny the word,
As we grope amid the shadows
Death has so deeply stried.

All time, all space, belong to God,
All distance is as naught
To souls that trust Him still to guide
Though good or ill be wrought.

Our mortal sight is all too dim
To follow where they go;
But that they can not go from Him
It is our joy to know.

We may not look beyond the veil
That Love has hung between;
But hope and faith live closely knit,
The seen with the unseen.

Our own are close about us still,
As in the days of yore;
For Love has built a shining bridge
That spans from shore to shore.

And over it they come and go
To prove our doubts untrue,
And brighten thus the darkening cloud
That shuts them from our view.

And all the way seems clear and glad,
And flowers grow everywhere,
Be they away, or be they not,
They're safe in God's dear care.

As we are safe, one love for all,
Our own, our own, for aye;
Close, close, we hold this precious truth
And sing upon our way.

—Fay, Kansas.

RECOGNITION,

BY RODERICK CAMBELL

Recognition, is the first step of achievement, even that exacting science—we call material science—has now, after a great deal of hesitating, recognized, “A Universal Power” underlying all creation.

Then clearly we have, without further doubt; established a premise, a first principle, and a very important first principle, at that.

Following fast in the footsteps of recognition, comes investigation, and out of investigation, comes knowledge, and knowledge on the other hand; again resolves itself back into power.

Reverting again, to the recognition of a Universal Power, the simple recognition of its reality, in

itself, is sufficient to warrant us, not to trouble ourselves about a distinctive name.

Call it God, or if it suits the fancy better; call it—“Being” as the Polacas do.

The name is a mere matter of taste; the essential thing is to recognize the power. Now let us investigate the attributes of Power, Power, is Energy—Force.

Our best known mode of Power, is Electricity, or at least for convenience sake, we call it Electricity.

another very important factor, to consider (i e.)—Conditions,

This interposing factor; as a rule; is lost sight of, but nevertheless it is a factor of the utmost importance to consider—to recognize.

For example Life is the result of Universal Power; but on the other hand there are degrees of Life; from fullness, down to the lowest ebb. How is this? Universal Power is always the same in strength! Why then, do we not always have fullness of Life?

manifest, in exact rates, to the conditions of Synchronism, or time obtained in the relative potentials.

There must be harmony in the lower, to the higher potential; to ensure a relative full flow.

This is the primary Law of Power or Force, the Law is therefore a condition, and in the Law or condition; so to speak, virtually lies the power of expression.

Funny isn't it? In the Condition man brings about, lies the power of fullness, of expression of Life.

Its simplicity, is really the Cause of the difficulty of recognition. Let us therefore realise the power of Conditions, so far as man is relative to the Universal Power, (the cause)—the conditions are represented in the instrument of his Mind.

The synchronism or tune brought about, in this instrument; becomes a power—namely:—a secondary power, and in exact ratio to the tune, will the power manifest. Then let us turn to the essential conditions of Mind, to manifest power.

Mind must first, be kept Pure; to the influx of uplifting Universal Thought only.

It must be insulated by the controlling power of the Will, from all currents of degrading thought.

Instinct, will prove the quality of thought for you. In conjunction with this Synchronizing of the Mental Machinery to the Higher Universal Etheric Vibration; right comprehension of Universal Oneness must be formed in the Mind, and to this, the Trinity of Right Aspiration, Right Conduct, and Right Effort must be added.

Given these conditions to begin with, fullness of Life will manifest, as surely as the Electrical Current manifest to us, in motion and intelligence.

We must however trust the Universal Power, as we trust the Electrical Power, to manifest.

All unseen forces; must be taken on trust first, This is the inviolable Law.

Lastly, remember the Law of Growth, or Evolution—all things manifest, in degress, so dont be impatient. Be still—but Recognize



THE winter now is past,
The spring has come at last,
The gentle breezes blow,
The rippling streamlets flow;
Glad of the sunny light,
And skies so blue and bright,
The birds begin their flight;

SPRING.

Among the daisies sweet
The sheep and young lambs bleat,
And Pattie dear, to-day,
Across the fields will stray;
In the green forest-flowers
Will pluck the early flowers,
And hear the wild birds sing
Their welcomes to the spring.

As I have already said, the name is of no avail, apart from its name therefore, what do we know about Electricity?

Nothing absolutely—bar its results, we know heaps about its results. It gives us motion, light, intelligence, and so on. What do we know about Universal Power?

Nothing absolutely bar its results. It gives us Life. Further we know not. Then let us investigate Life, the result. Results in their relation to Causes have of necessity,

Conditions interposing; is the answer. Causes are always active. Conditions; relatively to the Cause; are always passive.

But—and this is also a very important but—the conditions in themselves, may become either, active, or passive, sequensively a condition may become a cause—namely a secondary cause.

Now let us apply this Trinity of Cause condition and Result, to Life in extenso.

All modes of Power, or force

THE TRUTH OF THE CIRCLES OF LIGHT.

J. P. COOKE.

The old question, What is Truth? again arises. It is suggested that truth is the conformity to the reality of things.

But there are a great many things and to get at their reality, is not such an easy matter.

There are so many realms of truth. There is literal truth, the truth of things, as they appear, there is historical truth, the truth of things as they are recorded.

Then there is philosophical truth, or truths in regard to ideas and causes that lie beneath events.

There is moral truth or truth to the moral law. Personal truths or fidelity to the persons private conviction which will you have?

What is the truth regarding the Circles of Light?

The central sphere of the universe is a sphere or Circle of Light. The grand Pleroma or overfullness of Being.

The living light throbbing in its gracious undulations, manifesting as the Inner Life in the Suns all through the Outward Material Heavens.

This is the Circle of Life, with which we would commune. The divine plan in the spirit of love is perfect, and obedience to the law, reveals the harmony of the plan of Divine Life, attainable here and now.

Let man come into conscious rapport with the divine life and mind—his real Father in Heaven.

You do not get away from truth, by seeking it in different direction.

All the doubt, questioning, and denying in the world bears witness to a belief that the truth may be found.

Nay more, the conviction abides that it has been found, the appeals to revelation attests this; from the ancient Hebrews to Natures Divine Revelations by A. J. Davis.

The technical Christian, believes that the truth is in the New Testament; the Jew that it is in the Old Testament, the Mohammedan that it is in the Koran; the Persian that it is in the Zend Avesta, the Brahmin that it is in the Vedas.

The philosophers searches books and goes through all the realm of speculation, and put faith in his system.

The Theologian look up at the formulas of his creed.

The Spiritual Mystic, sees truth from the Inner life—the soul of all things—the living light of pure being.

The Mystic is only a transcendental Spiritualist. Seeing God in the Inner Life of all.

Circles of Light under one name or another, are springing up all about us and blessing the seekers after the light.

Only another manifestation of the spirit of truth—the beauty of Spir-

ituality—the fuller life is here.

HELPS FOR STUDENTS.

For students and thinkers we have mail courses for their assistance.

We would gladly reach all who are drawn to us and who desire to realize a closer spiritual union.

This life of which are nerves are scant,

Oh life! not death for which in pant,

More life and fuller that I want,
The Healing Power is here to bless and uplift.

Come and let us aid thee to find,
Thy true Self, Thy Soul in God,
The Spirit says "Come."

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.

For particulars address J. P. Cook, Sec. "C. of L." Home Center, 506 N. Central Ave., Austin, Chicago, Ill.

FROM N. S. A.

A letter from Mrs. M. T. Longley secretary of the N. S. A., after enumerating the names of contributors to the Mediums Relief Fund, reports the entire amount received to March 31st to be \$295.48 and further says: We have yet to collect over Seven Hundred Dollars by the First of June, to secure the second thousand promised by our good nameless friend. Please dear friends, those who have not before contributed, send in your donations at once to this office for this noble object; our needy mediums must be sustained, those we are now caring for cannot be dropped for then will they be objects of charity indeed, but we must have money to keep up this fund, for the monthly pensions are steadily draining its resources. If every Spiritualist would send just what can be spared—dimes or dollars—we will be very grateful, then we could care for those who are in sore need of help.

We notice, that so far, the greater number of contributors are those who always respond to any call for aid in our good works, we see but few names on the list, yet it would seem as if every Spiritualist would be willing to send something for this work of caring for sick and aged mediums who are in need.

One lady donated five dollars in

memory of her ascended father, if others would send something in memory of their loved ones, the angels would surely smile upon them.

Many who send, are themselves unable to do much, but they are blessed in their good work, some are veteran soldiers, others aged and ready for the beyond, all are gratefully remembered by this association. We receipt for all and send expressions of thanks, when we have the address of the donors, but we herewith express fervent thanks to all who have aided in this good work.

Some have asked why we do not found and open a Mediums Home, our reply is, we tried to do so, but could not get sufficient means to open and furnish a home, and as it takes a great deal of money to keep such an institution in operation, we decided to turn the affair into a Mediums Relief Fund from which to pension as many needy mediums as we can.

We so learned that mediums preferred to be with their friends, or to care for themselves with a pension, rather than to be in a Home, and thus we have found the pension plan to be the best for all concerned. Please help the N. S. A. to keep it afloat, your contributions—large or small—will be thankfully received by,

MARY T. LONGLEY.

Sec'y N. S. A.,

600 Penna ave., S.E., Wash., D.C.

TRUTHS: OR FACTS STANGER THAN FICTION.

BY DR. J. W. COWEN.

[Continued from No. 15]

Spiritualism is no more responsible for the vagaries of the fanatic who on the housetops proclaim his absurd conception of Spiritualism, than the church is for the old-fashioned camp-meeting antics of their grandfathers, from whom perhaps he has inherited his disordered mind. This man, and thousands like him, have invaded the field of Modern Spiritualism with the influx of pioneers, and are displaying all the unrestrained impulses of their enthusiastic natures; but they are steadily subsiding under the psychological influence of stronger and better balanced minds.

The attempts says Epes Sargent, to make Spiritualism responsible for the heresies and vagaries of certain persons, calling themselves Spiritualists, are manifestly unjust. Accusations are often brought that Spiritualism teaches free love, pantheism, socialism, etc.

As well say that the Newtonian philosophy teaches these things, Spiritualism is no more responsible for nominal Spiritualists, than Christianity is for nominal Christians, among which last may be counted free love, antibaptist, mormons, and the brigand of Italy.

Hudson Tuttle the inspired author of some of the ablest work on Spiritualism, in reference to this subject, very truly says: "Too often

the ignorant accept the vague utterances received from a moving table answering, they knew not by what force, or of a medium as infallible authority, and henceforth their lives are tinged by its influence.

They gain the self conceit of being specially ordained for missions, they ventilate their insanities from the rostrum, they crowd the press with their drivilling vagaries, they put their conceit into their lives, and become insufferable nuisances. Hence flows the flood of communications from the great departed which would disgrace a country school boy, as compositions.

Their bad grammar and rudestyle might be referred to imperfect controls, but they have a singular want of common sense and ideas, and the skeptic pertinently inquires of Washington, Webster, Clay and Parker have become drivelling idiots; if any cause be capable of bringing the worthy individuals to earth one would think the communications, to which their names have been affixed were sufficient, it is not to be supposed for a moment that those worthies dictated such messages, possibly they may communicate, but if they do, they assuredly will stamp their individuality on their sentences, and not content themselves with the stereotyped trance rigmarole, with here and there an old platitude glittering in comparison with the surrounding verbiage.

Such minds are not in harmony with wisdom, and can no more appreciate true words and sentiments, than an ear out of key with the melody of one of Beethoven's sonatas can appreciate its beauty.

They are often so ignorant, conceited and deluded, that they cannot understand, that any attention their inane productions attracts, only serves to show their folly in a stronger light.

Nothing but the simple truth, that human nature asserts its supremacy in defence of forms of faith, that the ever active spirit in man is constantly striving for the attainment of higher purposes, and though his efforts in a majority of instances, are ill directed and end in strife and discord, yet out of this inharmony are those concrete ideas which become jewels of truth and knowledge, and which, sooner or later are estimated at their real value by mankind.

These antagonisms and bickerings are inseparable from human associations; they are the perverted expressions of the universal desire for and tendency to progression, and it is better that this form of expression should exist, than apathy and blind obedience to self-constituted religious authority should universally prevail.

SAN JOSE NEWS.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Union Society took place on April 3, with the following result: president W. D. J. Hamby; vice-president, Mrs. H. L. Bigelow; secretary, Mr. H. D. Anderson; treasurer, L. D. Dexter; directors, Dr. R. B. Tripp, Miss Cora Ringlip and Mrs. Belle Beatty.

A resolution favoring withdrawal of the society from the State Association was laid on the table, such an action would seem suicidal and should never be encouraged by any professing to be true Spiritualists.

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

CONCENTRATION.

MRS. CLARA U. MYERS

Go into silence, ask the great Divine Spirit that govern all, to help you, let us love and seek God, then the blessed Angels can reach, teach and lead us to that law of concentration.

All make law and progress, and are educated by the angels. The eternal and universal law is beautiful when comprehended.

With faith we shall be able to cooperate with the natural orders. Good is for you, health is for you, and you will have it, if you concentrate in the right way for it.

Right thinking, and right acting, must go hand in hand to achieve success, follow your thinking by good solid work and use common sense.

Our thoughts makes us, thinking trouble brings trouble; thinking good, brings good, we can make our lives just what the mind thinks.

Let us sit alone, each one attending to their own when sitting in silence, let us think of that we wish most to accomplish, then hold it firm, let nothing else enter our mind while holding that vibration, picture it in your mind's eye, so you have it clear before you, and be sure you are true to that which your mind is upon, and you will soon learn that one great lesson.

Let us all live the truth and stop living a lie. Hypocrisy dominates and lives too much in society. Let us prove our Christianity by our daily lives, and shun all that is evil. We must do this, if we want to learn the law of concentration, for good and truth, happiness and prosperity.

OAKLAND NEWS.

The Union Spiritual Society had good audiences in Fraternal hall, both afternoon and evening.

In the afternoon Mrs. McEvoy and Messrs. Harrop and Judd gave short addresses, after which circles were formed and tests given by Mesdames Gillette, Nilsson, Smith, Knott, McEvoy, Fanning and others.

In the evening Mrs. McEvoy gave an eloquent address on "The Object of Life," followed by psychometric readings by Mrs. Nilsson and Mrs. Knott.

Mrs. Lillie addressed the Psychological Society in Odd Fellows hall, on Sunday Morning her subject being: "Body, Soul, and Spirit." In her treatment of the subject the practical side of life was not forgotten, it being shown that while on earth side of life material conditions had to be taken in account, and that the necessities of earning a living naturally prevented the full acquisition of spiritual conditions.

A business meeting of the Psychological society will be held Sunday April 24, after the usual meeting.

Mrs. Otto has so far recovered her health as to be able to conduct the circle at 1210 Seventh street on Tuesday night, and will be pleased to meet her friends at any time.

It is rumored that Charles Anderson will soon leave us on a lecturing tour.

The circle conducted by Mrs. McEvoy at 766 22nd street, was so large that two rooms were required to hold those attending, and Mrs. Gillette and Mrs. Fanning kindly assisted in providing the necessary conditions.

Dr. Wakefield a local healer has been placed under bonds to appear for trial on charges of violating the law by prescribing medicine.

The first trial is set for Thursday, April 21, and the second one a week later. We will be able to give further particulars next week.

Mrs. S. Cowell and Mrs. M. S. Phelps conducted the meeting at Woodmen hall, on Sunday evening last. Prof. Daubarn and Dr. Meachem, both eminent lectures and writers were present and gave short addresses which were beautiful, elevating and soul inspiring. These meetings are growing in interest and helpful in spreading the truth of the cause so dear to all our hearts.

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Vrilia is delightfully and permanently located at Williams Bay, Wis. The old woods on Lake Geneva, were beloved by the Indians, and here while one enjoys peace and rest, he also, through association, meditation and teaching, realizes the oneness of all life and becomes conscious of spiritual powers.

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For particulars address,

Dr. Alice B. Stockham,
70 Dearborn St.,
Chicago.

NEWS FROM SANTA CRUZ.

Mrs. C. R. MacMeekin writes that she is visiting with Mrs. Millet and daughter who are good Spiritualists and whose hospitality makes all feel at home.

The Unity Society had a good meeting on Sunday at 11 a. m. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are faithful workers. Mrs. Huesmann of San Francisco is spending a few days in Santa Cruz and took part in the meeting on Sunday.

Those who Know themselves to be owing this office for subscription or advertising are respectfully requested to pay the same

"ALICE" MESSAGE CORNER"

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium.

Oscar Frugge—This is to my sister, and I so wonder if she knows how much I long to help her these days.

Tell her that the time is drawing near when the burden will be lifted and the way made clear for them to have better conditions.

Father, Mother and the children all are with me and join in love to the ones in the body.

Dr. Taylor—I hear these words and while they are said the form of an elderly man draws near, the friends he wishes to meet are in Los Angeles and he feels sure they will be glad to get the message.

This is what he says: Words cannot describe the wonderful change: the new life brought to me. The old body so tired and worn fell away like a husk from the grain and the new body was as young as in my best days. My mother met me, and then the rest, not one was missing.

Tell them I don't care about the watch, it is all right. They will know what is meant. Earth life seems small beside this, and Oh! how glad I will be when you are all at home with me.

E. V. Wilson—I cannot let the opportunity pass that is now presented to send testimony, those who know me, know I am ever ready to give it. Again and again have I voiced the glad word: "There is no death," and as long as I can find a message bearer will send the news along the line.

In every State in the Union there are some who know me, and they will be glad that I can manifest, my work has only begun and while I see so much, I cannot do to comfort humanity, I will keep on doing and reach the few while others help the many.

I sent through my dear daughter, a message that the world will not forget. To all who knew me I repeat, I live, you will live and all the world must live for "There is no Death."

Olive Bourden—Just to say that I am still conscious, have not forgotten all the dear ones.

Everet, Cordelia, and Guy, come with me, you wondered who met me first, it was good Dr. Wilson, he who knew me all my life, who was the first to help me to earth life, was also the first to assist me in the higher birth.

Tell Jennie not to worry about her hand, it will get well and strong and she need not feel she will be helpless. Mother you must not worry I did not suffer, was well cared for.

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ANOTHER BOMBSHELL.

The recent bold attack of Canon Henson of Westminster Abbey upon the authority of old traditions and the further statement, that the teachings and dogmas of the churches of today, are inadequate to meet the demand of the thinking minds of our time.

Canon Henson declares that "inspiration," is now not allowed to certify to the truth of any statement in the Bible, which cannot be substantiated at the bar of reason and evidence.

This remarkable arraignment of long cherished belief and faith, has already raised a storm of indignation, criticism and protests from many quarters.

Since the devotees of old Theologies do not follow St Pauls advice:—"Come let us reason together;" we may expect they will resort to the same old line of defence as in the past. Logic, argument, discussion and reasoning has always proven fatal their cause.

Neither does vituperation and calumny add to their strength. A calm and an impassionate spirit of inquiry is becoming prevalent, even among the masses; the "Thus sayeth the Lord" does not satisfy, they demand something more, they are unwilling to be blindly led, and forced to believe so much unsupported by evidence.

DEATH OF THE BODY IS NATURAL.

Whatever is natural and universal must be beneficent. Knowing the truth about the new birth or transition called "death," one can in no way ever be disturbed by this natural event. All things move and ascend by the one eternal; changeless law of Involution, Evolution and Reincarnation.

We come and we go continuously each time on a higher, purer and more interesting plane of action. By this coming and going in a while we reach infinite perfection or oneness with God, and are then eternally freed from the Law of Reincarnation. In oneness we are no longer bound to the Wheel of Birth and Rebirth.—B. P.



The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

LETTER FROM BERKELEY.

Hot! hotter! hottest! that is the verdict here now. In the dim distance over the Berkeley hills we spy a cloud, no larger than a man's hand, oh! for a shower, yesterday we attended three spiritual meetings

In the morning at Odd Fellows hall, Oakland, to hear Mrs. R. S. Lillie for the Psychical Society. Her discourse was listened to with closest attention on the subject: "Is There a Leader in Spiritualism? Soul and Spirit, Free Will, Man and Woman in Home and Social Life.

Her defense of woman was fine, and the improvised poem a lovely inspiration.

The afternoon service at Fraternal hall, Oakland, was well attended Mr. Burton as president, presided with dignity and ability, Dr. Carter as organist, favored the audience with some fine selections.

The speakers, were Charles Anderson, "The Boy Orator," as he is called, Mrs. McEvoy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gillette, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. M. Phelps, Mrs. Nelson of Oakland and Mrs. May Fanning of Berkeley.

The audience listening to each one, with most respectful attention, the large circle, held after the speaking was attended by nearly the entire audience, the mediums serving them were Mrs. Paul Gillette, Mrs. McEvoy, Mrs. Phelps, Miss Sunburg and Mrs. Fanning.

At night we went to hear, Miss Anna Eva Fay, "the wierdly mysterious," as some choose to call her, if what she does is spiritual phenomena then she is a powerful medium, if not, she is a most wonderful trickster.

I do not understand why those who are mediums, should want to sail under false colors, and deny their gifts to the public; surely none of the wonder workers of magic, have risen higher, or commended greater respect or fame, than many of our workers, foremost of which is our pilgrim friend and brother, Dr. J. M. Peebles. I should as soon expect the stars to fall, as that he should deny, his God given gifts of healing, seership and inspiration.

How many pleasant memories cluster about the reception given him recently in your city at "Sun Flower hall," so many on this side of the bay, regret not seeing him.

I feel like jotting down the different speakers names, and items of interest, so that this letter if not consigned to the waste basket, may be kept by all who were there,

as a souvenir of a most delightful day.

Editor Jones, made a most excellent chairman, and how the first words of Dr. Peebles, roused, cheered and enthused every heart, as his words always do.

His private secretary and companion Dr. Thurber, by his manly and yet unassuming manner, won all hearts, he has a wonderful career, and the world will surely hear from him.

I have heard many comments on Mrs. Lillie's, beautiful words of welcome to the Doctor, never have I listened to anything more beautiful, or pathetically tender and true.

I myself, was impelled to speak of the good derived from his old time book, "The Pilgrim," it lies on my table now, old, worn, and with faded cover, but in it, strangely enough, (for it was bought years and years ago, at a second hand book store, Dr. Peebles own name, and that of Prof. B. Carnegie, to whom the book was presented, I think in 1871.

O! Pilgrim book! so tattered and old;

Thy pages all yellowed by Time,
But the soul of the man and his angel band,

Speaks to my heart with a voice divine,

And I hear the sweep of a surge sublime,

Of life and eternity's sea.

There, I have paid that tribute to the book, I will go on now with the program. Mr. William Rider, recited in his own quiet natural way, a poem of boyhood days, Mrs. Wermouth's tribute of praise touched all hearts, when she called Dr. Peebles her Christ, Mr. Leilich, of the Universalist church (previously) made some happy remarks which were well received. Mr. McConnell of Australia, paid the doctor a glowing tribute of praise, for his recent work in Australia. Charlie Anderson "the boy orator," as he is called, talked as only the inspired by angels can, we hope the Eastern Camps, will employ and encourage this little giant for Spiritualism, for he has both ability and enthusiasm.

There was another speaker at the reception, whose words enthused and charmed his hearers, and that was Mr. C. P. Holt his inspirational poem, touched all hearts, my Irish guide says now, as he reads what I've written, "Begorra, we want some more of that same."

There was the last to speak if we remember, but not by any wise the least, Mrs. M. E. Howe, heart and soul spoke in the words to all who listened, and dear little charming "Bright eyes," came through her as medium later on, and many loving beautiful messages given.

After this, the beautifully decorated and loaded tables of Goodies, so bountifully provided for by Mrs. Wadsworth and Mrs. Wermouth

was the feature of interest when about 30 persons were served with refreshments.

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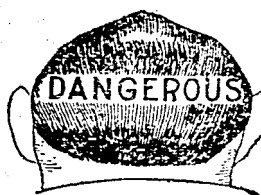
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The Ladies Aid Society have inaugurated a series of Spiritual message meetings on Friday evenings in Sunflower Hall, 305 Larkin St. Good reliable Mediums will be in attendance, with the view of attracting the investigators and skeptics, as well as those who seek comfort and consolation from those gone before.

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Mr. B. F. Sliter of Alameda made a pleasant call at the JOURNAL office last week. He has served as speaker for the Spiritual Union Society of San Jose most of the time since last November. Brother Sliter gives encouraging and hopeful accounts of the cause in the Garden City, and pays high tribute to the work of Mrs. H. A. Griffin as a message bearer, also to Mrs. Nettie Pease Fox, Mr. John Slater and others. "A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull together," always bring success.

Progressive Spiritualists Society, met Sunday evening May 17, at Covenant hall, Odd Fellows building, at 8 p. m. and a good audience was in attendance last Sunday. The subject given Mrs. Lillie was "Joan of Arc," who was she, and what was she? which led, to thoughts of higher guidance by the higher intelligences and their influences upon the affairs of life, with nations as well as individuals. There were numerous strangers and visitors in the audience, among them, Mrs. Harper Lake and Mr. Lake, Mrs. R. A. Dague of Alameda and Mrs. S. A. Jewett, of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. B. F. Sliter, a worker in Spiritualism, who has been working for the San Jose Society recently. Miss Severance and members of the trio furnished excellent music.

News from Angels reports Mr. Fred Manchester much improved in health. Mrs. Manchester came home for a visit with Mrs. Gillespie.

The Peoples' Church on last Sunday evening were out in good numbers to greet its Pastor home from a week's rest in the mountains. Mrs. Gillespie looked refreshed and much benefited by the "outing." The subject of her lecture was "Relation of New Thought to other Religions." She said: New Thought is not new; that whatever of truth the many new Cults of today claim to possess or teach, were taught and understood by Spiritualists more than fifty years ago. She said that we are beginning to realize the true relation of life and that organizations are the result. Men and women are uniting for the purpose of making the world better and the people in it more fraternal.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Marion Carter, a former member of the Sunflower League and a regular subscriber to the JOURNAL has just met with the loss of her only daughter. Mrs. Carter has our deep sympathy in her great sorrow. Many will remember this pleasant lady from New York State, who visited our city as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie two years ago.

The social of the Peoples' Church on Monday evening next will be in charge of the young people of the Society and they promise a unique and most enjoyable time. Look out for surprises for these are a wide-awake set of workers. You can not afford to absent yourself from this one.

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Help the Lyceum—Officers of Spiritual Societies and others interested in Lyceum work are requested to confer with us next Sunday, April 24, at 909 Market St., at 10:30. If you want the work kept up please come and help.

Subject for adult class last Sunday was *Do Attacks on Spiritualism Benefit or Hurt the Cause?* Continued on the 24th.

C. H. WADSWORTH.

Coming Events—Mediums' Protective Social Sunflower Hall this Saturday evening. Peoples' Church Kindergarten Social Monday night, 25th, Sunflower Hall. Mission Lyceum Benefit at Mr. C. V. Miller's, 1080 Bush St., Wednesday night, May 4.

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