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## A Memory.

A little cottage standing  
At the narrowing of the street,  
Where the maples bend to kiss  
Yellow roses at their feet.

Green fields like the western sea  
Creep to its very side,  
Within whose billowy surface  
The children use to hide.

To a stranger it is homely;  
They find no touch of art,  
But they do not see the picture  
That is graven on my heart.

Of a lady in the doorway,  
Brown of hair and tender eyes,  
That now watches o'er her children  
From the door of Paradise.

The white hand seemed to beckon,  
The tender voice rang clear,  
Come home, children, you are weary  
Come and rest with mother here.

All of this came up before me,  
As I passed what was my home,  
And some way in my memory  
It is still my very own.

And my soul holds just the picture  
In that doorway fair and sweet,  
While the maples bend to kiss  
The yellow roses at their feet.  
Anna L. Gillespie.

## A Thought.

A careless smile, a calm farwell,  
One pressure of the hand:  
And then, the two paths fall apart,  
And why? None understand.

Had God when shaping our two lives  
But led these paths together,  
So hands clasp and each could help  
In fair or cloudy weather.

So differently this day would seem  
For through the tear dimmed eyes  
A hope would shine to light the way  
To future Paradise.

I wonder if the tangled web,  
Can ever be made straight,  
And you, and I together pass  
Through wisdom's perfect gate?  
Anna L. Gillespie.

## MRS. ANNA L. GILLESPIE AND HER PUBLIC WORK.

The subject of this sketch is too well known to need an introduction to the readers of Spiritual papers.

For over 15 years constantly engaged in the lecture field, where she has met with great success both as a lecturer and a message bearer.

She was for five years speaker for the Progressive Society of Lockport, N. Y., and for over six years speaker for the First Spiritual Society of Port Huron, Mich,

in work done there by Mrs. Gillespie.

Her engagements with the Eastern camps has taken her East for a few months each year, but on her return she immediately resumes her work in San Francisco. The present year will be no exception, as July and August are fully engaged with Eastern Camps.

Her sympathy with young people has made them greatly appreciate her work, and the society of the People's church owe much of its strength and enthusiasm to the young people who do not fail to give her hearty support, in return

given in her own name and will be a most pleasant surprise to her many friends.

Mrs. Gillespie's engagements for the camp season are as follows: June 25 to 28th, Port Huron, Mich. July 2nd to 12th Lake Brady, Ohio; July 15th to 24th Briggs Park Mich July 26th to August 2nd Clinton camp, Iowa; August 2nd to 29th, Chesterfield, Indiana; then a few days in Chicago then home, during her absence she will continue the work for the Alice corner in message department of the JOURNAL.

She is also authorized as agent and correspondent of the JOURNAL while absent.

[EDITOR.]

## Island Lake.

When the sunshine laden summer,  
Dons her robes of emerald hue;  
And the world so full of gladness,  
That our souls are smiling too.  
When all nature is rejoicing,  
With a happiness so sweet,  
That to even dream of living,  
Seems to make our joy complete.

Throned within a mossy framing,  
Tangled grasses, soft and green;  
With the forest for a kingdom,  
Lies fair Island Lake! A queen.  
Angel faces bending o'er her,  
Voices speak with tender grace;  
White hands beckon white robes  
glisten  
And she mirrors back each face.  
Dancing, dimpling in the sunshine  
Greets she, courtiers far and nigh  
Throwing kisses to the cloud-lands,  
Sweetest flowers of the sky.  
And a holy benediction,  
Flood our soul, and seem to make  
Earth life distant, Heaven nearer,  
When beside thee! Island Lake.  
Anna L. Gillespie.

## A California Day.

Sunshine filtering softly  
Through the tinted clouds  
Bird notes sounding clearly  
Joyously and loud.

Roses, pinks and violets,  
Fragrant, wet with dew—  
I don't believe "the other world"  
Is fairer, Say, do you?



MRS. ANNA L. GILLESPIE.

and for four years of the latter period had the largest Children's Progressive Lyceum in the United States. In addition to this, doing general lecture work in nearly every state in the Union.

Mrs. Gillespie is now doing good work as Pastor of the Peoples Church which was founded by her some eighteen months ago, and which, under her care is steadily growing and in a prosperous condition. The services of the People's church are held in Elk's hall, one of the finest halls in the city, centrally located and its rapid growth give evidence of the interest felt

for which she is both teacher and friend.

As the wife of the President of the California State Spiritualist Association she assists in a marked degree in all matters, social, financial and otherwise, pertaining to the welfare of the cause of Spiritualism in the State.

It may be of interest to her many friends to know that she is now negotiating with her publishers regarding the publication of her last book. Mrs. Gillespie is not unknown to the literary world, much of her writing has been under a nom-de-plume, but the book will be

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

To all well developed spiritual mediums. Isn't it not so that when a majority of the people of the earth have become Spiritualists that the highly advanced spirits will come down to earth and the low dark personating spirits with their evil influences will be driven from the earth and the people will be ruled by or under the direction of those highly advanced spirits.

And the government of the earth will become theocratic, and the millennium will be established on earth, and all this, is in the power of man to do, a condition of things which all true Spiritualists would like to see and should work for.

And is it not also true, that many leading Spiritualists, mediums and officers, in the various associations as well as the rich Spiritualists and non Spiritualists, are more or less under the control of these low dark personating or evil spirits, whose interests and desires, are adverse to the promulgation and spreading of spiritual knowledge among the people and their enlightenment; knowing full well that when a majority of the people have become Spiritualists:—then, these low dark personating influences, will be driven from the earth.

And that so long as their controls make use of their knowledge and medical power, for the amusement of children and skeptics and the increasing the fortunes of the avaricious, they, the low dark spirits are perfectly satisfied. But the moment their controls receive higher or more advanced ideas, beneficial to the spiritual cause, that moment these low dark personating spirits influence them in an opposite direction detrimental to the spreading of spiritual knowledge and the enlightenment of the people.

Now will those mediums having high controls please make enquiry of such spirits as may be highly advanced and favorable to the enlightenment of the people and the spreading of spiritual knowledge, if this is so, and please let us know through the columns of the JOURNAL, for the benefit of the spiritual cause, as we wish all the information possible upon this important subject.

J. I. Hollingsworth.

## OAKLAND NOTES.

A party of 44 ladies and gentlemen spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Saxton on Seventh avenue, East Oakland on Friday the 3rd.

The main object of the gathering was the drawing of the winning number on a silk quilt made by the ladies connected with the Psychical Society.

The drawing resulted in Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, pastor of the

Peoples Church, San Francisco, being the winner. There was a very pleasing and entertaining literary and musical program rendered, after which dainty refreshments were served. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Will C. Hodge, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. McEvoy, Mr. and Mrs. Gillette, Mrs. Weed, Mrs. James, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Psychical Society—Mr. Will C. Hodge's lecture on "Mediumship" was a lucid exposition of the wide spread characteristic of those through whom the phenomena of Modern Spiritualism are presented, as well as showing the unconscious control or guidance to which many if not all of those who, are not looked upon as mediums are subjected.

It is a great mistake to think that only those we know as mediums are subject to the control of spirits, others are as susceptible to control and because in their case it is unsuspected, is oftentimes more potent than would be the case if it were exercised with the knowledge of the individual.

Fraternal Hall—On Sunday afternoon Mrs. McEvoy gave the main address ably followed by Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Siebert read an original poem, Mrs. Gillette and Mrs. Nelson gave messages.

In the evening Mrs. McEvoy spoke on the great need of missionary work, that should be taken up by Spiritualists, among the poor and degraded. She also said that more spirituality and love among the workers in our cause and all who profess to love our cause, before we can hope to accomplish any great results. Mrs. Knott gave very acceptably several Psychometric readings and messages.

Mr. Paul S. Gillette of 619 18th street, Oakland, has been appointed a committee to canvas Oakland and vicinity for a suitable accommodations for holding the Ninth Annual Convention of the California Spiritualists. All who can assist Brother Gillette in this matter, please address him as above.

Woodmen's hall, 621 12th street A meeting has been called for Sunday afternoon the 19th for the purpose of organizing a Progressive Lyceum. All who have the interest of the youth at heart, are earnestly invited to be present on this occasion, bring the children with you.

Loring hall, 11th street—A meeting was called on Wednesday evening for establishing another centre for promulgating Spiritual and New Thought activities. A more extended account will be given next week.

Mrs. Gillette has commenced a

series of meetings at her home 619 18th street on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## SOMETHING YOU WANT.

The new periodical, Merves, The Quicckning Spirit, edited by Mabel Gifford. A progressive, hygienic and Higher Thought home magazine for all the family.

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## A PARTIAL LIST OF CAMP-MEETINGS OF THE SEASON 1904.

## UNITY CAMP MEETING.

The Lynn Spiritualists Association will hold meetings every Sunday at Unity Camp, Saugus Center, Mass., commencing June 5, and ending Sept. 25. For all particulars address Mrs. A. A. Averill, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Island Lake, Mich.—The Island Camp, at Island Lake, Mich., 42 miles from Detroit, on the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, commences July 10, and extends through the month of August. For full programme address H. R. La Grange, Secretary, 84 East Mont-Calm street, Detroit, Mich.

An excellent programme has been prepared for the coming season. We have under contract such speakers as mediums as B. F. Austin, G. W. Kates and wife, Amanda Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. White, D. A. Herrick, Dr. Julia M. Walton, Mrs. Margaret LaGrange, W. V. Nicum, and others. Farmer Riley will positively be with us the first two weeks of camp. Every phase of mediumship will be represented. Correspondence solicited with first class trumpet and slate-writing mediums.

Lake Brady, Ohio.—The Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp meeting

opens July 3 and closes September 4. For full programme address, A. G. Kock, Akron, Ohio.

Freeville, N. Y.—The dates for the Central New York Spiritual Association Camp meeting, at Freeville, N. Y., are from July 23 to Aug. 22, four weeks and five Sundays. Owing to the protracted and severe illness of our secretary, Miss Victoria C. Moore, I am acting secretary, to whom all letters pertaining to the camp should be addressed W. W. Kelsey, President, Cortland N. Y.

Grand Ledge, Mich.—The Grand Ledge (Mich.) camp opens July 31 and closes August 28. For full programme address J. W. Ewing, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Onset Camp—Commences July 24 and ends August 28. For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp, Onset, Camp.

Harmony Grove, Cal.—Camp opens July 17, and closes July 31. For particulars address Frank C. Foster, secretary, Escondido, Cal.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, The camp session of the M. V. S. A., Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, will open July 31 and close August 28. For programmes address Mollie B. Anderson, secretary, Clarksville, Mo.

Forest Home, Mich.—The fifth annual camp meeting opens at Snowflake, Mich., July 31 and closes Aug. 21. Write to Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., Box 69, for full particulars.

Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programs and other information address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

Delphos Camp, Kans.—This camp meeting will begin August 5, closing August 22. Address all communications to I. N. Richardson, secretary, Delphos, Kans.

Maple Dell Park, Ohio.—The American Spiritual, Religious and Science Union will hold a camp session at Maple Dell, commencing July 24 and closing Sept. 1. Lucy King, corresponding secretary. Address with stamp, Box 45, Mantua, Ohio. The grounds will be open for family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

"The Great Psychological Crime" if for sale at the office of the PHILC-SOPHICAL JOURNAL. Price \$2.00

## AN IDEAL SPIRITUAL SOCIETY.

LAURA G. FIXEN.

In visiting the societies of this and other countries and finding some flourishing while others are struggling to maintain an existence.

I have tried to diagnose the most prolific causes which spell success or defeat. The plant must have proper soil, climate and conditions, in order to grow, so we must have favorable surroundings in order to develop our best, the great variety in individuality is caused largely by the different environments.

Even so Spiritual Societies must have favorable conditions in order to insure a healthful prosperous growth. Harmony is one of the greatest, in fact an absolute necessity. Social surroundings are a great inducement to growth and he who possesses social qualities has a pearl of great price.

I have never seen these facts exemplified so strongly as when visiting the First Spiritual Society of Seattle, Washington. It was my pleasure to deliver a couple of lectures there on the 10th of April, the first Sunday I spent in America after my return from Australia. Mrs. Loie F. Prior is the founder, pastor and central thought of this exemplary body. Mr. H R Little is the president; Mrs A Swan, secretary; and Mr George Campbell, treasurer.

Mrs. Prior secured a charter for them under the National Organization seven years ago. Last June she returned and found that they were still in existence with a few members. She became the pastor of the society and it now has 175 members and holds public meetings every Sunday afternoon and evening in the K. P. hall, the finest in Seattle.

The afternoon meeting is a general conference in charge of the officers and made especially interesting because so many take part in the discussions. At the close the conference resolves itself into six to eight large circles, presided over by the different reputable mediums in the city and thus another hour is spent.

They have a Lyceum founded by Mrs. Prior which has over 50 children, also a large Social Club, which meets every Monday evening and a dancing class of over fifty members, who pay one dollar dues which is turned into the building fund, as the teacher gives her services free. The Ladies Aid Society has 47 members, presided over by Mrs. Lapworth, they pay five cents dues weekly.

The Psychic Educational class meets every week at 217 Denny Bldg. and is presided over by Judge L. Williams or Mrs. Prior. At her Sunday evening meetings. She

delivers an inspirational lecture followed by tests and every seat in the hall is always taken at this meeting.

This Society is indeed alive, the committees active and each member doing his share. Some persons are earnest workers themselves, but to find one who is not only a hard worker but who has the enviable quality of inducing everyone else to help, this is rare indeed. What a power such a Society is, not only to Spiritualists but to the city where it is located. This is loyal citizenship. Any pastor who can infuse in her members this spirit is indeed an ideal conception of a spiritual leader. And when this kindly spirit permeates a Society all are blessed and uplifted. Upon such, the sun never sets, for it shines in the hearts of its members and of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

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## THE "BLUE BOOK."

BRING FORWARD THE EVIDENCE.

For several years the report has been circulated that there has been compiled and published a book containing names of deceased persons and other data, by which those who desired to play the part of a medium, could give 'test,' and convince the skeptical.

It is claimed that all mediums supply themselves with this book and rehearse for each performance. There are those who claim to have seen this wonderful book, and some of these desire to be known as Spiritualists.

To be of service, such a book must contain a list of the names of cities and towns in the United States and all of the smaller places to which mediums may by chance be

called. Under each of these headings must be arranged an exhaustive list of the names of citizens of the past, with the leading events connected with the lives of each. It would also have to contain the names of living relatives and their connection with the dead.

In short, it would have to be a 'who is who' in America, 'not only of the dead, but of the living.'

To compile such a book would be a tremendous task and its publication an exceedingly expensive and hazardous venture. Who has made it?

This book is constantly referred to by opposers of Spiritualism, and many Spiritualists give half way credence to the assertion?

As the matter stands, its is a reproach to every medium and they should as a means of redress and satisfaction, unitedly demand a thorough investigation. Spiritualists should demand it.

If such an elaborate means of deception exists, they should know it, and if it does not, the slander should be silenced. We have no fear of the truth. We do not make deception less by closing our eyes.

Much as I have heard of this book, I have never seen a copy, and yet according to the stories, there must be many in circulation. Just now I want to see a copy more than of any book in the world. Will not some one possessing it, send it to me for inspection? I promise to insure its safe return, or if the book cannot be secured, will those who have had the privilege of seeing the elusive volume, send their testimony.

Bring the book into court and the witnesses. If this cannot be done, let it be known that the case is decided by default and the complete breaking down of the evidence.

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Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium

Dr. Taylor—Oh! let me send a line to the little woman, Alice! It is so pleasant to reach her in this way and she will be glad I know among the many ways that I shall use.

Tell her for me that she will have her hearts wish and that will be soon, tell her not to worry, for it will come as she prays for, the way will be made easy for her and sunshine crown her last days. Tell her that the only wish I have is for happiness, and as far as I am able will assist her to get it.

Alida—To my mother, sister and brothers this is sent. It seems so long since I have spoken to them in the old way and sometimes I feel so lonely for them. For I know they miss me, and that all I can do helps but little to push the worry clouds away. Tell my darling Mother that Alida is with her so much these days and tell Jean that I will help her, and will all along the way, give them my love and say I want to talk to them soon again.

Willie Campbell—If you please, can I send a message to my dear Mother and Father and the Girls.

I have tried so long to do this, and while I can say but little, I want to send love to them and tell them of the beautiful home over here, and sometimes when Mama writes I sit beside her and whisper to her and she then writes to me. I am old enough now to help, and in the best way I can do; and all the time I am with them, while their home is full of other spirit friends I feel I can come nearest. My name is Willie Campbell.

John Symons—This spirit is one of an old man bent with long years of pain and still brave and staunch he looks. He speaks of Sacramento and of Emily who is living there and Jane who lies beside him in a distant grave, and says no! not by me, but by the old body.

In his arms I see a tiny child of less than a year, so frail, it never was well in all its little life, this he says is little Eva, Lucy's child. Someone will know this and will be comforted to know Grandpa is caring for the little one.

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**IDIOTIC LEGISLATION.**

RALPH HOYT

The Youngstown (O.) Vindicator says: "The people were never in a more demoralized condition. The times were never so out of joint. Human life was never estimated so cheaply. Virtue was never held less sacred. The rights of mine and thine were never held so loosely. What is seen is the effect. What is the cause?"

The cause my dear Buckeye editor, is found in a superabundance of idiotic legislation; in laws that interfere with men's natural right to earn a living and make themselves comfortable and happy.

In every state of this Union, not excepting either Ohio or California, there are laws that make it very difficult for all men to earn a livelihood by strictly honest and honorable methods. Monopoly is on top and labor carries the burden.

The stupid masses who do the voting or at least a majority of them, permit themselves to be led to the polls much as dumb animals are led to the slaughter pens, and under one pretense and another are induced to vote to keep themselves in bondage to the landlord and to every form of monopoly that is based on the one parent of all monopolies. Thus we have industrial slavery, and large assignments of poverty, misery, crime, and all evils mentioned in the paragraph quoted from the Vindicator.

Under a system of industrial freedom human nature would still be very imperfect, and there would doubtless be many ills and sufferings in the land. But until we have free conditions we cannot reasonably hope for any radical and permanent improvement over the social pandemonium which now prevails.

The inevitable tendency of the time is toward further retrogression. The cause, the fundamental cause, of the prevailing moral degeneracy is no mystery to those who investigate the subject carefully and with unprejudiced minds.

Human rights are often ignored by those in authority, and monopoly has industry by the throat. Ignorance and cowardice are responsible for these conditions. The people can throw off the shackles if they will use proper means.



The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

**LETTER FROM SANTA CRUZ.**

EDITOR JOURNAL:

It is some time since I jotted down anything relative to myself and my work for the JOURNAL readers, so I will begin with the statement that I am still in the field and wide awake.

I am at present in Santa Cruz, that beautiful city by the sea, where I am greeted three times a week by magnificent audiences composed of Spiritualists, Theosophists and other New Thought people.

This is the fifth week of my work in Santa Cruz, and the attendance at the public gatherings has been steadily increasing, in fact we are experiencing a genuine spiritual revival.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Parker, Mrs. H. F. Michener and others, too numerous to mention are doing all in their power to help me in the good work.

How much easier it is for a public speaker to radiate truth when he knows that earnest soul are constantly strengthening him by sending forth loving thoughts and influences.

Mrs. Kate Heussmann who recently became Mrs. Harveston is to make Santa Cruz her permanent home and will no doubt be active in the work there.

So much for the present, later on still better things I hope may be written about Santa Cruz. If any of my old friends on the Coast see this I would be glad to receive a few lines from them.

Chas. J. Anderson,  
Box 124, Santa Cruz.

**THE MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE.**

The editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a full report of its president and founder as given at the third annual convocation held in May.

The report is replete with interesting details showing a very marked degree of growth, economical management and wise directorship in all its affairs.

Mr. Moses Hull and his co-workers are to be congratulated for having overcome much of the opposition and lack of sympathy and

co-operation during these first years of struggle.

Now that the managers have by personal effort and much self-sacrifice not only shown the great need of such an Institute of Education, but through their indefatigable perseverance and patient endeavor have won the esteem, confidence and support of the best exponents of the leading thought of our time.

The editor regrets very much that the JOURNAL (owing to limited space) cannot publish the report in full, but we can join your many friends in well deserved congratulations, for all you have thus far achieved, and with a sincere hope that you may continue in growth prosperity and success, we give you a cordial and warm hand.

CAL. S. S. ASS'N.

A regular quarterly meeting of the Board was held on June 4th, 1904 at headquarters and the following business was transacted.

On application and endorsement of the Oakland Spiritual Society, a certificate of Ordination was issued to Mrs. May Fanning of Berkeley, Cal., also on application, Mr. John R. Burton, endorsed by the Oakland Psychical Society, a certificate of protection was granted him as a Healer.

The matter of holding a camp meeting in the vicinity of San Francisco and Oakland was considered at this meeting.

It will be remembered that at the last convention, the feasibility of holding a Camp meeting the latter part of August, and the first week in September 1904 was left in the hands of the Board of Officers.

The Board appointed the corresponding secretary, Mr. Paul S. Gillette a committee to canvass the matter of grounds with suitable conveniences for Camp and for use of the Convention, and report results to the secretary, who shall call a meeting of the Board for their action in the matter.

It is desired that all who can aid Brother Gillette in the furtherance of this undertaking will do so cheerfully and without delay so that no time be lost.

**HE RETURNED TO TELL THE STORY.**

Dr. Franklin, with his unexcelled mind for research and deep thought was so impressed with the thought of practical communication between us and the spirit land that he and his two close companions agreed that whichever departed this life first, should come and tell the other if in his power, of the spirit land.

About sixty-five years ago the writer read a book giving a particular account of two young men in Massachusetts who were dear

friends, one of whom was a doctor. The other was taken sick and the people said died; but his friend said he was not dead. He prepared his hands so as to be sure and after careful examination said he could feel warmth, and his loved friend was alive.

After waiting the usual time the funeral day was appointed. The neighbors gathered for the burial. The Doctor plead for delay, assuring them that life was not extinct. They answered his plea by giving time, a shorter time, and at last, gave him only five minutes, but during that time his young friend gasped.

When he awoke he told them the beautiful story of the spirit land; of its glories, its joys and its sweetness; and said he plead with them that he might abide with them, but that they told him he must go back to the earth.

He told his earthly friends of the friends who had passed from earth, whom he met there; and said that a well known esquire living some distance away came to the spirit land while he was there.

Those who were doubting, then announced their assurance that it was all a dream, imagination; as they knew the squire was in good health. This did not shake the young man's understanding. He knew he saw him there. Upon inquiry it was found that while the young man was apparently in the arms of death the Squire had departed this life.

The writer has had numerous communications from the spirit land, guiding warning and cheering him on in this earthly existence. Surely the light is coming! Let all persons who wish and dare to learn the truth, investigate.

They will soon see that whoever disbelieves, or does not comprehend the reality of spirit communications with all its blessing and beauties and glories is behind the age in which he or she lives. And, indeed, is lost to the fullness of this earthy existence.—Banner of Light.

**CIRCLE OF LIGHT CAMP  
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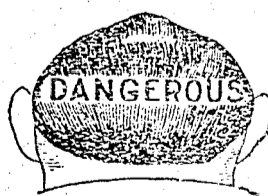
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**The Peoples' Church.**—A large and appreciative audience were present at Elks hall, last Sunday evening to listen to the very able address of Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie on the subject of "Personal Effort" she maintained that personal effort is the keynote to success in all department of human life, whether it be for individual prosperity or collectively, by and through co operation we aim and aspire to greater achievements. She illustrated the potency of this power of effort in the growth and prosperous condition of the Peoples church, admonishing its friends not to grow weary in well doing. Mr. Will C. Hodge one of our ablest speakers being in the audience was invited to speak, he responded in a few felicitous remarks. Mrs. Gillespie followed her lecture with well received loving messages and which carry with them the great fact of the nearness of the other world and the continued love tenderness and sympathy of its denizens toward those whom they knew and loved here. President E. W. Briggs announced that on Sunday evening, June 12th a special meeting of the society will be held, the doors will be open at 7 o'clock as a reception will be held previous to the services, it being the last night of the seasons meetings as Mrs. Gillespie the pastor will start for the East on the 16th. At the time of our going to press the program is not complete, but be assured it will be one of unusual interest. Among the workers from abroad Mr. Will C. Hodge will be present and will give a recitation, other numbers are promised and the outlook favors a very pleasant evening. All are cordially invited, bring with you, "Angels visiting Cards".—Flowers.

**The Social** of the Peoples Church on Monday evening was a literary feast, the committee composed of Mrs. A D Norton Mrs. Stimson, Miss Stephenson, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Jones; presented the fol-

lowing excellent numbers which were exceptionally and artistically well rendered; A piano solo, Mrs. A S Norton; song, Mona by Miss Vina Simons; character sketch (in costume) Miss Mabel Feifer, Miss Edith Norton; dramatic reading, Mrs. Inez Garrison; recitation, Miss Hazel Belle; Nearer My God to Thee, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie; violin selections, Prof. Alfred Frederick Worbes at this juncture the company was served to a feast of cake and lemonade, by the refreshment committee, composed of Mrs. H H Nichols, Mrs A J Riley, Mrs E A Wood and Miss Fannie Bottomly. The balance of the evening up to 11 o'clock was spent in social converse and congratulations on having had such an enjoyable entertainment.

**Henry Harrison Brown,** gave what he called "A Lesson in Self Confidence", Sunday evening at his hall in Odd Fellows building. His large audience gave vent to their satisfaction in generous applause as he unfolded the cause of failure illness and unhappiness, claiming it lay in lack of Self Assertion. He laid down the Law of Suggestion as its cure. Be fearless and assert yourself along lines of your highest ideal. Never bow to any authority save that of your own sense of right. Affirm you fearlessness. Do what ever you are afraid to do; master in the first thing and it will be easy to assert yourself in the next. Refuse to be led by party, fashion, or authority in any form, through this assertion of your own power you will attain health, prosperity and consequently happiness.

**Daniel W. East,** is speaking for the Spiritualists of San Pedro, Cal. During the month of June and part of July. He will be at the Harmony Grove Camp Meeting, near Escondido, July 17 to 31, and will probably return to Washington and attend the State Camp Meeting near Tacoma in August. Correspondents will address him at 1410 Kellam Ave., Los Angeles, Cal

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