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The Old Chopping Block.

C. C. Davis

The old homestead stands just the same
and my prattle
Can never by me on the earth be forgot
Where, close by the woodpile, the barn-
yard and cattle
Half buried in chips stood the old chop-
ping block.

How oft when a child did I climb up as-
tride it
And laugh in my glee at reaching the
top;
And day after day I would sit there and
ride it,
And call it pet names as, "My old
horsey block."

What castles I built in the air for the
future!
What visions of fancy my fertile brain
wrought,
As I drummed with my heels 'gainst the
battered old structure,
And yelled my commands to that old
chopping block.

'Twas there that my sister, with horse
and side-saddle
Would mount and ride off at a gallop
or trot;

How ardent my wish to "grow big." and
to straddle
Our family horse, from that old chop-
ping block.

How often I brought out the old mug
with cider,
Our cellar, each year was supplied with
a stock,
To John, as he made the pile higher and
wider
Then sat down to drink on that old
chopping block.

'Twas there that my grandfather boosted
and petted
"My Boy," that old man with his sil-
ver-white locks;
No matter what mischief I wrought, he
ne'er fretted
But fondled me there, by the old chop-
ping block.

And now, after three score long years of
life's turmoil
Since last I beheld it as firm as a rock
Half bedded in chips, still with love do
I recall
The happy hours spent by that old
chopping block.

And oh, how I yearn to go back to that
boyhood!
As if, could I go to the same door and
knock,
My grandsire would greet me, the same
as when I stood
Enfolded by him on that old chopping
block.

Oh, childhood! what memories cling to
that very hour!

I ask only this ere I meet with death's
shock

Let me go to that wood-pile I hailed as
my bower

And see if 'tis there—the old chopping
block.

From youth to old age has been passed,
and I wonder

Why I should outlive all the rest of
our flock!

And whispers of long ago, dearer and
fonder

Still bring their impress of that old
chopping block.

I lean on my oaken staff, and with gray
hair,

Await for the summons, the last earthly
knock

At my door, which will tell me to pre-
pare,

And leave earthly scenes, e'en the old
chopping block.

Shall memory die? When the spirits sur-
round me

Up there, where my grandfather went,
will time blot

From my mind that old land mark? Or
shall I still see,

In visions eternal that old chopping
block?

THE VOICE OF YESTERDAY.

BY GRANT WALLACE

Out of the abysmal deeps of Time,
out of the crumbling tombs—the
misty hush of the dead past—rolls
the dead thunder of a living voice.

O, Man-Soul that sleepeth-sleep-
eth with the earth-drug distilled
from dead things rioting in thy
purple blood—O, Man-Soul, awake!

A weary pilgrim, across the wide
reaches of the Twilight Land, I
come to you; I double up my feeble
hands and beat them against your
sturdy-iron gates. Up over the
outrim of this buzzing little world I
have clambered, panted and blinded
and falling to press in the donjon
gates, groaning on rusty hinge.

Awake, O, Man-Soul, and let me
in!

I come with rich caravans behind
me—spices and incense and pictures
and beauty and wisdom and treas-
ure I bring you.

Awake, O, Man-Soul and let me
in!

I hear you groan in your slumber

I know you have looked up out of
your eye-holes, and seeing the little
parapet rim of your encompassing
fortress have muttered. It is the
edge of the world I see—naught is
beyond it. I dream, when I think
I hear voices. I will to sleep again.

Again I hear you cry out to the
gods for wisdom, and your insistent
pleadings do drown the fluttering
noise of my too-feeble beating. I
hear you groan there in the dark-
ness—groan and turn this way and
that in a dungeon too small to con-
tain you—groan in chest-cracking
throes; and, hearing no drum-beat
on the physical ear, no revelation,
you turn and lay your stretched
mouth in the dust staring, with
wide eyes, down in the dull dirt.

Over the tropic, dryad-haunted
lands of the South I have come,
out of the long, dreary stretch of
the White Silence—frozen silence—
of the Northland I have come bring-
ing gifts from the times of old.
From the long sunken isles of the
sea—from the pilastered palaces of
Egypt and Ind; from the trium-
phant tribes of the West—all dust
for ages—I have brought to you
freighted Argosies and trains spoil-
laden, jewel-laden, beauty-laden.

I come, I go, and come again.
When you have fallen on the Dam-
ascus blade of sorrow and error,
then am I very near. When the
tense muscles fail soft, and deep
sleep broods over the body, then
am I nearest; for then does thine
half-opened eye, O, Man-Soul, peep
through these bars and get glimpses
of me.

I am your slave—your child; you
created me. Let me free you. Let
me feed you. Let me bring you
the glorious loot of a dead and gone
world—dead and gone but for me.

I will sing to you—spread the
long perspective of ten thousand
ages out before you—unroll the
wisdom and the folly, the joy and
the sorrow, the struggles and de-
feats, and triumphs and deaths and
births and beginnings and ends of
nations and tribes, and pulsing,
throbbing, loving men and women
—Cave Dwellers, Troglodytes, men
of the stone age, men of the bronze
age, Assyrians, Norsemen, Moors,
Savages, Crusaders, modern men—
the long record of all I will spread

out as a map before you. You shall
see history itself, face to face. You
shall observe how they and you
made history.

I stand at these rusty gates. I
knock. I hear you turn in your
chains. Open, and I will lead you
forth into the expanding, living
Light. I will lead you down the
spiral ladder of Time, into the
dusty abodes pleasure and of pain,
that were sealed up aeons before
the pyramids were.

I will lead you down the abysmal
corridors of eternity past, and the
dead rise from ten thousand tombs,
each a thousand years apart in time,
they shall troop forth and you shall
know them for your friends of old.
Again shall the hunter range the
woods for the hairy mammoth, the
lover breathe his passion into the
Atlantean maiden's ears, the soldier
fall under the battle axe, the peas-
ant clang his wood shoon about the
poor hearth the king sit in purple
and ermine on his throne, the pale
student bend, over the papyrus un-
der the feeble rush-light—and they
shall all, the unnumbered host,
pass you in motely review, and sa-
lute you, and you shall know that
each one of them is You.

Awake, then, O, Man-Soul, and
bid me call these wonders up. I am
your servant—your slave. I am
the messenger into the Past. I
stand astride the world with my
face toward the setting sun. I am
the voice of unnumbered yesterday.
"I am Memory!"

THE HEAVEN OF THE SPIR- ITUALISTS.

WM. EMMETTE COLEMAN

What is heaven? A place in
some corner of God's universe,
where a few sanctified and sancti-
monious pictists will wear golden
crowns, play golden harps, wave
palm branches, and chant inter-
minable psalms around the throne
of the Great. I am forever and
for aye? Such is the popular
conception of what some are pleased
to call heaven, but such a place or
condition the Spiritual Philosophy
knows naught of.

Instead of this soul-dwarfing, spirit-benumbing conception of the radiant beyond, it tells us of a rational, natural, human existence in the realm of souls; a solid, substantial world; a purified and beautiful earth, so to speak; with undulating hills and verdant valleys, purling streams and fragrant flowers meandering rivulets and glassy lakes: with wealth of field and forest, grotto and bower; with sportive lambskins and paradisaical birds with towns and cities, hamlets and villages, brotherhoods and associations, schools and sanatoria, colleges and laboratories, museums and observatories, newspapers and libraries, theatres and art galleries, temples and towers, chateaux and palaces, rural cottages and stately mansions.

A sphere where each and all have homes, real, true, unincumbered with deed or mortgage, but held in fee simply by each occupant; where each soul has all things for its use and benefit, according to its desire and needs; where no one can possess more than can be utilized for his or others benefit; where hoarding and the miser's occupation are unknown; where the only poverty seen is poverty of soul, of mind, of virtue, of intelligence; the only riches, wealth of purity, wealth of wisdom, wealth of love, wealth of right thoughts and right deeds.

Contrast this reasonable heaven, where every legitimate desire finds in time, its full fruition; where all the ties of affection and consanguinity are doubly cemented; where all true-mated souls—husbands and wives—are joined in union rapturous eternal; where parents and their children meet in glad, harmonious families; where kindred souls and bosom friends each finds his fidus Achates, heart to heart and soul to soul, in one vast brotherhood of love! contrast this with the aristocratic, seven by nine, psalm singing, golden-streetsed elysium held up for our attainment, offered as a reward for self-debasement and groveling lickspittlism a royal bounty vouchsafed to those feeble-minded, tremulous souls who, conscious of their own paucity of virtuous endeavor and poverty of worth and righteousness, hope that, by confessing reliance upon the vicarious merits of a holy scape goat, they will, thereby, secure for themselves a front seat in the select Jehovistic choral band,—“that tuneful quire,” making the Judaeon Olympian Heights resonant with the twang of thousand stringed harps, the doleful caroling of the Lamb's redeemed, and the melodious warblings of the four great beasts encompassing the throne, singing both day and night in an indesinent strain of bestial godliness.

The heaven of the Spiritualists is largely devoted to intellectual

and moral culture, to development of the soul in all possible directions. The various powers and faculties of the mind will be fostered and cultivated, trained into full exercise and vigor.

The arts and sciences, poetry, oratory, music and every accomplishment, mental and spiritual, inherent in greater or less degree in each human soul, in due time will be thoroughly nurtured and cultured by all; and, keeping pace with the intellectual, the moral nature will be fully expanded in all directions, the whole character thus being rounded out into perfect proportions,—charity (in its true expression,) purity, aspiration, truth, fraternity, adorning every soul, and heaven indeed an Eden of joy and peace, unity and love.

For the better elucidation of the point in hand, it has been deemed fitting in the foregoing to use the term “Heaven” in its generally received acceptance as expressive of locality or place, rather than in its true spiritual signification as indicative of a mental condition, harmony of mind, as usually employed in Spiritual literature.

OAKLAND NOTES.

The Sunday night meetings at Woodmen's Hall, Oakland, conducted by Mrs. Cowell and Phelps are largely attended.

Sweet music furnished by the choir consisting of Mrs. Abbott, Weed, Geddes, Miss Cook, Mr. Orth, and others, adds to the work and is highly appreciated by the audience.

On last Sunday night they had the pleasure of listening to Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Denver both totally blind. Mr. Davis is an accomplished violinist and his good wife a pianist. 'Twas a rare treat, and we hope we shall have more of them. The work grows in interest and spirituality.

At Loring Hall—On Wednesday evening of last week a number of friends assembled for the purpose of establishing a school for the higher spiritual teaching. Owing to the absence of a co-originator of the movement the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 15th.

At the pleasant home of Mrs. Dungan in East Berkeley on Thursday evening the 9th. About twenty friends gathered to celebrate another Mile Stone in the journey of life. A pleasant evening was spent and many good wishes were expressed for the renewals of the happy occasion.

Psychical Society—Mr. Will C. Hodge discoursed last Sunday morning on “God”, and like all of his lectures was well received. He paid but little attention to the per-

sonal God of the Hebrew or the Orthodox christian. His lecture was eminently practical and of such a character that tends to help individuals to help themselves and not be dependent on others.

Fraternal Hall—The attendance in the afternoon was not so large as usual. In the absence of the usual speakers, the meeting resolved itself into a question and answer symposium. After which Mrs. Nelson gave Psychometric readings. In the evening Mr. Gillette gave an address and Mrs. Gillette followed with readings.

THE ARCANUM OF SPIRITUALISM.

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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 programmes 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 PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL. Price \$2.00

SAN JOSE NEWS.

The weather is extremely warm and many are making preparations to go to the coast. Our meetings of the Union Society continue to be of interest. The Lyceum, although not increasing in number still holds on to those who started in to stay at the first.

The morning conference meetings have been favored with the good thoughts presented by the controls of some of our local mediums, among the number I might mention the names of Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Elsey, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Gunderson, and others.

While the good talks of Brother Harker and others who claim no control are not to be forgotten. Mr. J. Stitt Wilson was with us the evening of the 5th, and he is too well known by the general public to need an eulogy from your correspondent.

On the 12th, Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes began an engagement with us, and gave us good food for thought on the subject: "What has Spiritualism done for me?" She was listened to with attention, after which she gave spirit messages.

I am glad to say that through the efforts of a friend, dear old Mrs. Hendee Rogers received from the N. S. A. Mediums relief fund, a nice little donation which came in good time, and was most thankfully received by herself and husband.

Mrs. Rogers is improving in health, but cannot walk a step without crutches. Let everyone remember her and other faithful workers, in a substantial way if possible, while they are still with us in body.

I forgot to mention it before, that we are holding social meetings every two weeks, Wednesday evenings, at the residence of the members. Last week being the fifth. All have been well attended and a good social time enjoyed.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
FROM N. S. A. OFFICE.

MEDIUMS RELIEF FUND.

It gives me much pleasure to announce, that the Mediums Relief Fund has so nearly secured the thousand dollars, from the Spiritualists at large, required for the other thousand dollars, promised by the First of June, that the generous man who made the offer, has authorized me to state that he will extend the time one month, and that it will close the first of July.

We now feel certain that we will raise the amount of less than one hundred dollars that we need to complete the needed sum, and we are very sure, that this extension of time, will permit some of the friends who have not as yet been able to give, to contribute to the fund.

A few have signified their intention of doing so as soon as their spring debts were paid, and this will let them in on the special fund.

Even if in June, we should raise a little more than the required amount it will be listed for the papers, and be very welcome, as the medium's beneficiaries must be regularly paid, and the constant expense of their care is going on; a few days ago, the sum of \$24.00 was sent to an aged medium from this fund, a lady of eighty-five years, disabled and in need, in San Jose, California.

Please friends, those who have not contributed to the fund, send what you can, and the Angels with mortals will sing your praise. The entire list for May and June will be given to the papers July 1st.

SUMMER MEETINGS IN ST. LOUIS.

It gives us pleasure to announce that Spiritual meetings, will be held in St. Louis during the Summer, by the N. S. A. and its auxiliary, the First Spiritual Society of St. Louis, at the Temple of said First Association in that city.

Sunday meetings will be held morning and evening which will be free to the public, and week evening meetings will be held two or three evenings each week.

The temple will be open daily for the reception of visitors and good Spiritualists will be in attendance.

A free reading room where visitors may rest and register their names, will be opened, where the spiritual papers and other literature also, a list of rooming houses can be found.

The best of talent among the speakers and mediums in our ranks will present Spiritualism at these meetings; all particulars can be learned by addressing Rev. Thomas Grimshaw 5835 Theodosia avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

ATTENTION.

Anyone not able to show a plain and unequivocal indorsement from the N. S. A., has no right to claim to represent this Association. All who truly represent the National Association have their certificates of indorsement signed by the President and secretary of the N. S. A. and bearing date of the present year only.

Some years ago, the N. S. A., issued certificates for contributing membership, they did not indorse anyone, but were merely receipts for money contributed, these cer-

tificates were abolished years ago, as we found they might be mistaken for credentials, from a superficial examination. The public is warned against anyone who presents such a paper as an endorsement from this office.

MARY T. LONGLEY.

Sec'y N. S. A.,

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

CONGRESS OF ADVANCED
MIND.Dr. Green Arranging a Parliament
of New Thought.

Dr. Green, secretary of the Missouri State Spiritual Association, with headquarters at 518 Commercial building, is arranging a World's Fair Parliament of Advanced Minds.

Dr. Green is well known as a student and lecturer on spiritual, occult, new thought and brotherhood topics. His original plan was to have a world's international convention of Spiritualists, but this has been abandoned with a view of making it more general to a Parliament of Advanced Minds.

The meetings will be held in the auditorium tent at the Canvas Cottage City, north of the World's Fair. Dr. Green has been corresponding with the advanced thinkers and a large gathering of these bodies is expected.

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"ALICE" MESSAGE CORNER."

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium

Thomas Brunell Clark—With the spirit comes many, there are old and young; but one gentlemen seems so eager to reach a lady whom he wants to help.

They ask Helen to give the message, her Father says it is for my daughter and for my wife, tell them not to worry, the troubles will not last and that which they are trying to do, they will accomplish. I hear also the name of Elliott with Mr. Brow all for the same family.

Emma Lillian Noble—The lady who sends this message is sad and seems to want to reach some one, but says the door is always shut now. Tell Charlie for me that Nita does not forget and when he will need me and that is soon, then I will be there.

Thank Mrs. Wadsworth for me for all she did and tell her that if I can I will repay with help when it is needed. My mother Anna Hughs and many others are with me, but somehow I want to get near Charlie, tell him please to ask for Nita once more.

Willie Gray—A young man with such a pleasant face and happy manner comes now. He asks that his Mother and Rose be sent this message and says poor Rose; what a sad life, so much trouble, tell her little Will is with me, give them all my love and say how happy I am; don't forget my stepfather, I want him to know that I like him but this message is most for Dear Mother. I am happy and have no desire to live in the body again, she will understand when she sees my lovely home and part of it is always for her.

Evelyn De Lysle—To my Father and Mamma this is to be given. My father is Alfred Henry De Lysle tell them how happy I am and how good every one is to me. Grandpa Albert and others have taken care of me. Papa will know me as Deedie the old pet name and I like it best now. Tell Mamma and Ettie that I send my love, we will help her to see us soon and even now the gate is open and they will hear from us all in a new way.

Don't tell me of tomorrow!

Give me the man who'll say,
Whene'er a good deed's to be done,
"Lets do the deed today".

We may all command the present
If we act and never wait;
But repentance is the phantom
Of the past that comes too late.

Don't tell me of tomorrow!

There's much to do today
That can never be accomplished
If we throw the hours away
Every moment has its duty.

Who the future can fortell?
Then why put off till tomorrow
What today can do as well?

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LOOK UP!

BY GNOMON.

Many of our friends are fond of referring to fraud in mediumship, and the existence of a "Blue Book" as evidencing wide-spread corruption in the Spiritualistic field. No doubt there is some fraud, no doubt too, that some mediums help each other with information, which may be used to advantage.

But the proportion of fraud to genuine mediumship, is too insignificant to waste so much time and energy over it.

It is doubtful if any medium who uses fraudulent methods is not also a genuine medium, so that any process of examination by state or other authority would only result in arming such medium with an endorsement to be used to advantage elsewhere.

While we do not like the fraud, and none of us endorse it, yet it is useless to publish it, for in the first place, those who read of these frauds being practiced are divided; some being active friends, who have received what they consider to be genuine manifestations, and who consider their judgement doubted; and the second place, those who do not read of the fraud are in most cases not Spiritualists, and go for curiosity to see the wonderful manifestations without understanding or caring how they are produced.

Then again, there is a class of people who are opposed to Spiritualism, who prefer to help along a fraud, in the hope that it may throw odium upon a cause that they hate.

It is doubtful if any good thing can exist which is not counterfeited if money can be made out of it.

We know that our coinage is counterfeited, yet no one discredits the coinage. Why then, should Spiritualists devote so much time to complaining?

Let them devote their energies to improving conditions for producing the higher phases of mediumship, let them support our undoubtedly good mediums, and leave the questionable ones severely alone; let them uphold and work for quality rather than quantity and we shall

soon see an improvement in our movement.

So long as it "pays" to produce counterfeits, there will be those who will supply the demand, but it must not be forgotten, that no medium can produce phenomena to order; and that if the conditions are not right, the results cannot be.

More knowledge of first principles is needed; and if Spiritualists will seek to raise themselves, the results will be more satisfactory.



The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

A TRIP BEYOND THE BORDER

May 29, 1904.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

While sitting down to rest after my mornings work, I felt a strong vibration pass through me, and heard a voice say: "I am here, your mother." She said, tell your sister, to study concerning this life, that she may go forward and claim her own when she comes here.

I then asked her the question, can you take me to see your home in spirit-life. she answered; my carriage is waiting, come! I then said it only seats one person, how can I go, while I looked on, she started it upward in the air, I called to her to come down slow, that I might see how it worked.

It looked to me that it had a small wheel in front and a wheel on either side and when coming down could see the side wheels open into large wings, also below the carriage opened two wings they looked to be like fine aluminum. She then said the battery is in the front filled with electricity and ethereal compressed air and passes through glass tubes that fills the wings.

I said how will I go with you? Follow me with strong thought, I did so, we passed over valley's and came to a beautiful lake which passed serpentine like around the foothills then emptied itself into a very large lake, there were trees growing on each side of the lake with different colors of roses entwining around the branches of the trees, then all formed and met in the middle of the lake.

We then passed over a large range of mountains, the sun was shining on a lovely valley below where gardens and flowers surpassed anything I had ever seen on earth, the cottages were all one size, I said, why are they all cottages and no mansions? she said those people are more contented with that life than living in large dwellings, go back in your memory when you and your husband traveled over scenes like that on earth, your soul went out in admiration at

the sight of beautiful nature, and everything on earth has its counterpart here, only more refined.

Then we came to a forest where a tribe of Indians camped, I asked why do they live in wig-wams? she replied, see those houses on the hillside there is where their teachers live, they go and meet all that come from earth and bring them to the forest that belong to that tribe, then teach them the laws of spirit life, and how to progress.

They then learn to build and leave forest for others to come to. We passed over more mountains until we reach my mothers home. My sister who passed from earth 43 year ago met me and embraced me, and bade me welcome.

To describe the beauties of the spirits and flowers and lovely houses earthly language fails me. I was invited to eat, as the table was spread, there was spread over the table, the most beautiful lace I ever beheld, I said Jane who makes this lace? she answered I did, come I will show you the machine I make it with, I love to do it, I make it for the schools and temples.

I then asked her why she lived with mother and not with her children; they have homes of their own she answered, for when on earth I did not have the pleasure of her company through circumstances that came in our lives, now we are happy.

She then cut some food for us, it seemed to me like flesh meat, I said do you eat meat here, she smiled and said, taste it and see, it was delicious; there is no food on earth I could compare to that, I asked her what it was made from, it is fruits, nuts, and all kinds of grains. I then said, Mother I must return to earth. Yes I will guide you back. I had been one half hour away, but still sitting in my chair.

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A Bon Voyage!—Is what greets the ears of Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie from many warm friends as she takes leave of the city this Thursday morning, June 16th. The JOURNAL Staff join in the friendly and loving salute "God bless you and a safe return."

An Outing—The Peoples Church have accepted an invitation to spend Sunday June 26th at the Summer home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Briggs in Belvedere. Take Tiburon Boat—not forgetting well laden Lunch Baskets.

Friday Night benefit meeting in Sunflower hall, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society, was well attended last week. Mrs. Sarah Ebberhardt was the medium and whose messages were clear, well defined and well received. Mrs. D. N. Place presided. These meetings are growing in interest and should be sustained.

J. Still Wilson spoke to his class last Sunday, May 12th, at Academy of Science, 819 Market street. He will speak again next Sunday at 11 sharp, on "The Uttermost Word." There will be an open meeting at the same hall on Wednesday evening, June 22d, at eight o'clock, when a new class will be formed for a special course of instruction; superior to any heretofore given. A cordial invitation is given to all interested in Mr. Wilson's teachings and line of work, to be present at these meetings.

Vacation—Seems to be the Order in San Francisco among the Spiritual Societies this season. The Society of Progressive Spiritualists, The Mediums Protective Association, The Peoples Church The Children's Progressive Lyceum and The Sunflower League have suspended all meetings until September.

Mr. S. D. Dye and his estimable wife called at the JOURNAL office during the week having arrived after an extended trip to Tucson Springs. They are now on their way home in Los Angeles where they are well known as staunch Spiritualists. Mr. Dye expects to go East soon to look after his interest in a large estate known as the Dye Estate amounting to \$30,000,000 located in Pennsylvania. Mr. Dye is the oldest heir now living. The property consisting of 12,000 acres of land was leased by Rail Road Companies, the lease having expired in January of this year. The immense estate will soon be distributed among the heirs. The JOURNAL heartily joins Mr. and Mrs. Dye's many friends in the hope that they will come in peaceable possession of their rightful inheritance in time to make a wise disposition of their good fortune for the best good of those who have claim on them and those who shall follow.

Henry Harrison Brown's subject Sunday evening at his hall in Odd Fellows building was: "What shall we eat". He unfolded the law of Adaptation as exemplified in vegetable and animal life, following it in human life from torrid to frigid zone, he showed how life had flourished on all kinds of food, prepared in all kinds of ways, and drew the conclusion that humanity would continue to flourish and develop in the future, as it has in the past, by eating what it could find, and choosing from it was best liked. The present discussion upon diet is worse than useless, as it confines attention to body, when it should be placed upon soul, not only as the builder of body, but also the dictator of its own manifest life. Eat the food you like best of that obtainable and enjoy it; but always eat that you may live, and never think so much of food, that you live to eat, was his advice in closing.

The Lyceum has adjourned until the first Sunday in September. A number of the scholars have gone to the country for the summer. Miss Lavina Symons was a visitor at the Lyceum last Sunday. C. H. WADSWORTH.

The Peoples' Church—An eventful assemblage of representative Spiritualists of San Francisco and the Bay cities were present in Elks' Hall on last Sunday evening; the occasion being a farewell reception given to Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, the Pastor, on her departure to the Eastern States, where three months' engagements await her at the various camps. The hall was elaborately decorated with greens and the most beautiful flowers and exquisite bouquets, the loving gifts of many admiring friends. The most prominent and conspicuous in the floral display was an immense bouquet of Jack Roses, presented to Mrs. Gillespie with the compliments of the Order of Elks. The doors were opened at 7 o'clock; the hall was soon filled and a social reception was held till 8 o'clock, at which hour the President, Mr. E. W. Briggs, in a few appropriate words outlined the interesting program which had been arranged by the committee, which was rendered as follows:

1—Hymn, Count Your Blessings, Audience. 2—Invocation, Pastor, Anna L. Gillespie. 3—Remarks, President, E. W. Briggs. 4—Invitation to join Church, eight were received. 5—Vocal Solo, Mrs. Daisy Place Jacobs. 6—Messages, Mrs. D. N. Place. 7—Recitation Mr. Will C. Hodge. 8—Hymn, Angels Bless You, Audience. 9—Address, Mrs. Addie L. Ballou. 10—Messages, Mrs. J. J. Whitney. 11—Duet, My Own United States, Miss Mabel Pfeifer and Edith Morton. 12—Addresses by Mrs. M. E. G. Howe, Mr. A. S. Howe, Mr. M. S. Norton. 13—Vocal Solo, Sweet Genevieve, Miss Lavina Symons. 14—Vocal Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie. 15—Addresses, Mrs. Clara U. Myers, W. T. Jones. 16—Hymn, Will Ye No Come Back Again? Audience. 17—Address by the Pastor, Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie.

One of the most interesting features of the evening was, when a little girl of about nine years of age, voluntarily asked the Pastor if she could become a member of the Church; and when the class of candidates presented themselves for admission, there were three children among the number. Verily, the Kingdom of Heaven is very near, when the Angels touch the hearts of our children.

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