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TO MRS. R. S. LILLIE.

A long stretch of time comes before me, With its doubts, its misgivings and fears;

With its sunshines, its clouds, and its sunsets

Its smiles, its joys, and its tears.

And I know 'tis a symbol my sister,
Of your life slnce, you came to live
On this planet, along whose pathway
It has been your mission to give.

Hungry souls, have ever come to you
Weak ones who were ready to faint
The sick, the blind and the helpless
All these, you have had to acquaint.
With the secret ef life and its purpose,
Many hands I see yours clasp

And as each is withdrawn, it gives you More strength for the next one you grasp.

Many times you have given to others,
When it seemed you yourself was so
weak

With struggles, with heartaches and sorrows

The words you never could speak
That should strengthen and feed another
And help them their mission to fill;

In an instant, some angel loved one
It whispered, doubt not, we're with
you still.

For lo! the desire strong within you, To help another along;

Brought your soul in touch with an angel And changed your sigh to a song.

And the days, months and years as you've journeyed,

Counting time and distance as naught Have out of God's great storehouse Wonderful treasures, to you brought.

Gems of truth so bright, they're like diamonds

They thrill the soul with delight;

Tears dried through your ministrations

Have clothed you with pearls, milky

These you know, when needed you've only

On the angel loved ones to call, From out of this wonderful store-house There's enough for yourself and for all.

And as the years roll onward,
We see you steadily climb
Up the hill of ilfe, to God's country
Where you bask in sunlight sublime.
For you have learned life's purpose
More blessed it is to give;
For in losing our lives for others
Do we only begin to live.

Press onward then with this promise

That as you have strengthened the

weak

Shall you yourself be strengthened

And God's message stronger speak;

And after awhile in the sunshine That for yourself, you have won, You shall see in golden letters Just these little words, "Well done."

Given through Mrs. Mollie S. Phelps for her sister and co-worker, Mrs. R.S. Lillie, on the anniversary of her birth, Oakland, April 27, 1904.

MAKE MORAL GLADIATORS OF YOUR CHILDREN.

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

A mother has taken exception to some remarks of mine in these columns relative to a mother's unlimited power to make and mold a child's mind in the early years of childhood.

She tells me her own experience, how closely she kept her little son at her side and how she guided his thoughts into right channels, and then the result of his training when he came in contact with the realities of life. She says:

"My boy and I were comrades. We enjoyed the same books, same outings and same friends. But when the time came for him to go out and work for a living was it just the same? Was his employer always or ever polite? Were his associates always honest and well meaning?

"Of course not, and my boy became at first grieved, and, as he grew older, cynical, until now, at twenty six, he feels he can trust no one."

There is a vast difference between giving a son right ideals and making a "girl boy" of him.

This mother evidently believed that innocence was to be found only in ignorance, and that she must keep all the knowledge of the unpleasant side of life and human nature from her little boy as long as possible.

It would have been wiser had she mixed her excellent example and precept with good common sense talks of people and things.

As she taught him tasteful and tactful and refined habits, and polite and courteous manners, she should have said:

"You will not find all men with whom you are thrown in business life, after you leave my side, as well brought up as I am bringing you. Many will be rough and coarse mannered, and often you will encounter men of influence and position who have low standards and small sense of honor. But do not be swayed by their example. Remember that in the long run politeness, refinement and courtesy will pay you, as well as the fact that they are always agreeable qualities for others to encounter.

"Never forget that honesty is the only course for a man of any good judgement to pursue. Be sorry for the older men you meet who have not found these things to be true, and keep to the course of conduct taught by me.

"If you meet a score of dishonest and disagreeable men when you first go into the world, do not be discouraged. There are other and better types in the world, and look for them until you meet them. Look in each one for the best quality he possesses and think about that. It will be more gratifying than to dwell morbidly on the unwholesome traits of humanity.

"Keep cheerful and do not worry too persistently over the evil in people. If you avoid evil yourself and live according to the law you would like others to observe you are doing all that God expects you to do, for you are setting an example for others to follow, besides adding to the morality and refinement of the world.

"It may not seem to bring you satisfactory returns at first, but as years pass by you will know you will know you have chosen the only road for a sensible human being to tread who expects happiness."

This sort of conversation listened to periodically during childhood years, and accompanied with the training this mother says she gave her boy, would people the earth with strong, good men.

I do not believe in guarding either girls or boys from all knowledge of wrong or error which exist in the world.

They must encounter it sooner or latter, and it is far better that they learn something of it and know how to regard it before they are thrown into the great arena alone with the wild beasts of sin and vulgarity.

Teach them to be young moral gladiators by your home counsels and then have no fear to send them forth, guarded and strengthened by your prayers.

There is nothing a wise, patient, common sense mother cannot accomplish with her children. But she must begin early—before their birth—and the work must be like the dropping of water on the rock—steady and persistent.—The Examiner.

THE FIVE SENSES.

The things that are not seen make the things that are seen. This is certainly a self-evident proposition, and yet how many folks do we meet who act as if they had never been introduced to the fact.

Everything is hidden until the proper time arrives for it to come forth. The babe lives in the dark of its little house the requisite period and the chicken breaks its oval enclosure at the proper moment. From vegetable to human, everything is conceived in darkness. During all these occult and waiting processes, growth is as steady as it is silent and unobservable. The Unseen has attended to species and variety of species. Some call this nature or infinite force. Some call it God.

Viewed in any light, it is certainly the only method of operation. Every thought we think is in silence. A word is always a thought before it is uttered. Speech does not always express the thought, it is true, but this is because of haste and slovenly mental habits.

Thoughts are wrenched from their places before they are mature, and the result is like all unripe or distorted births. If the words that fall from the average mouth could be weighed and measured with regard to their value, we should be astonished at the paucity of the result.

To talk on from year to year without saying anything is wearing out process. The cemetaries are largely populated by those who

have talked themselves to death. Some there are who have been laid waste by the perpetual maudlin verbosity of others. They did not know enough to get out from under it or to ignore it. Therefore they went right along with the procession.

We hear a great deal of illogical talk concerning this matter of the occult. It usually commences with a glorification of the five senses. That which cannot be heard, seen, or felt is not worth a moment's consideration. The head of cabbage which is brought in for dinner is a concrete fact. It can be handled, eaten, smelt. It is something to trust. A friend may disappoint you—a cabbage, never. Its odor remains as an assurance of the substance you have enjoyed. It has been known to outwear its welcome.

What about this odor? What about any odor? Can you measure or materialize it? Can you discribe it? Only in the way of comparison or by its effect upon your feelings. It is agreeable or disagreeable. It makes you ill or you never tire of it. This odor that you can neither see, feel, nor weigh is exactly as perceptible to what you call your sense of smell as the cabbage to your sense of taste or the house opposite to your sense of vision.

What about this sense of taste and this sense of vision? Can you describe them as you can the cabbage or the matertalized objects before you? Are you able to do more than to feel or be conscious of effects; and what are feelings and consciousness? Can you see feeling or measure consciousness?

The truth is that the five senses which have falsely figured as the basis of so-called "common sense" and materialistic beliefs are, considered from this hypothesis, as inexplicable as any other form of the occult.

I touch your hair or handkerchief with some perfume which lingers for hours perhaps for days. You call it a volatile substance. What does that mean? A thought presents itself to my mind, which when communicated to you proves perhaps to be an answer to something you were anxious about or a message from one seemingly absent friend. For a moment you are pleased and astonished, but if you have had an education in the testimony of the five sense to solve all the questions of life you very soon cast off the spell of the unusual and wave the shillalah of common sense in my face.

You may admit that fraud will not explain the phenomena, but you are perfectly sure that there is nothing psychic or occult about them. It may be good guesswork or the result of an overactive imagination, you can no more give it than you can account for the rose of its odor. You intend to keep on

the safe side, and the only way to do this is to take no stock in anything that you cannot see, handle or eat.

[To be Continued.]

ORIENT HALL DEDICATED.

On Thursday evening June 23rd, fifty Ladies and Gentleman responded to invitations of Mr. S. Y. and Mrs. Clara U. Myers 1416 Sutter street for the purpose of dedicating their new hall.

Among those present were several representative Spiritualists, including Mr. J. Shaw Gillespie, Dr. Curry. Mr. Obrien, Dr. Cowan, Dr. T. G. Morris, Mrs. Ursula Barry.

Short addresses, recitations and songs occupied the first half hour, when light refreshments were served, after which Mrs. Myers entertained the company by permitting Rosie to give messages and to greet her friends, also her guide "King Methredaties" gave a welcome address and personal greetings

Mrs. Myers came from New York to this city about one year ago, a stranger among strangers, but being possessed of an affable disposition and a rare gift of mediumship she soon endeared herself to a host of friends. Not content with being idle, Mrs. Myers formed classes for development of health and spiritual unfoldment, with some remarkable results.

In order to provide room for those wishing to attend these classes Mr. and Mrs. Myers conceived the idea of fitting up this hall; when completed will be the most unique of its kind in the city.

On entering the hall, we were seized with a flight of imagination, which for the moment landed us in some Oriental Temple, for as we looked about the room, in every nook and corner, were displayed artistic designs, the work of the Orientals, which were tastefully arranged by artistic hand. Reflecting credit upon Mrs. Myers for her fine taste in providing such a beautiful meeting place for her friends on both sides of life. May peace, love, and harmony ever abide here.

DIVINE GIFT.

MRS. CLARA U. MYERS

One given from Heaven, that which comes from heaven and born within you and when you ask for a special gift, you must remember this. It is a power created and sustained by fervent and silent prayers, for the great God of love, light, guidance and wisdom.

Thou shalt not be impatient or angry, be still and know that God and you are one; and all you ask

for will be made plain to you. Live in love and you shall know; for as we love God, the spirit unfolds in us, beautiful and forceful truth, you are your own barrier to progression and success.

Blessed is he who waits with patience and who is ever trying to help uplift humanity. Live in fervent love, for there is no other way to knowledge, for truth is always more attractive than faults, and death is good.

Let us help those who have passed out; let us treat them for power, love, joy, and progress.

There is nothing about death to be afraid of, it is the wiping out of the mistakes which have handicaped you, but you go on forever. Death is natural and good as life, only fear harms you; to fear death is foolish, for death charms you as a snake charms a bird, it but hynotizes you.

A spiritually awakened man or woman have a great power, thy faith hath made thee whole—yes, faith rather than thy learning. Let us all follow the devine way to Heaven, the one within us.

A PARTIAL LIST OF CAMP-MEETINGS OF THE SEA-SON 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 Eass 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 Coffmrn, 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 pretracted 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 scretary 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, Ghio. The grounds will be open for family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from Jnne 1 to Sept. 15.

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MRS. ELIZA NEWMAN, widow of the late editor and publisher of the Journal, Thomas G. Newman, has a few hundred shares of the Philosophical Publishing Co's stock for sale. Apply at the office of the Journal, 1429 Market street.

REINCARNATION.

We cheerfully give space to the following verses from the pen of Mrs. E. E. Gillis of San Jose, Cal., who is in her eighty second year of mortal life and who has been a constant reader of the JOURNAL, from its birthforty years ago.

On the world os beauty,
On the world of bliss:
Where we all are tending
When we bid adieu to this.

On through beautiful cities.
On through streets that are paved
On to the homes immortal,
On to the homes of the saved.

Through many incarnation,
Wev'e fought the battle of life;
And now stand quite redeemed
From all of mortal strife.

We stand on the boundless ocean,
Of a Fathers infinite love,
And join in the songs of the Angels
Who shout from their homes above

And will it not be pleasure,
When all the years have passed
To with the soul mates wander
In quiet and peace at last?

When all the years are end,
Perhaps sons of time untold
Our lives with soul mates blended,
Walk peacefully within the fold.

ORDINATION USAGES AND OTHER MATTERS.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

I am pleased to announce through the columns of your valuable paper that the 'Ordination Usages and Other Rites in the Religious Services of Spiritualists' are published by the N. S. A., in convenient booklet form and that copies have been furnished the State Associations—local societies that will have use for them will also receive copies during the summer. These Usages are to go into effect September 1, 1904. These are not for the general public, but for the use of societies that are authorized to confer the rites of ordination for such service and should be thoroughly studied by the officers of said societies that are authorized to confer the rites of ordination upon their candidates for such service and should be thoroughly studied by the officers of said societies.

CAMP LIFE AT ST. LOUIS.

In answer to many inquiries concerning the possibility of securing tentaccomodations during these as on in St. Louis, I am pleased to state that a "Canvas City" is opened by liberals and Spiritualists, for the purpose of providing camp facilities at a moderate price, for those who desire such accomodations during their stay in St. Louis, full particulars concerning the matter can

be secured from Dr. E. H. Green of 518 Commercial Building, St. Louis Mo.

All is peaceful and pleasant in Washington, June has been a perfect month of beauty and comfort; the N. S. A. headquarters and the home of the Secretary have been graced by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Barrett. Mr. Barrett has been lecturing in Baltimore, and has taken occasion to pay frequent visits to our home where his charming and talented wife is installed as our guest.

All the world knows Mr. Barrett from his efficient and painstaking work as President of the N. S. A., and missionary, many know Mrs. Barrett from her clever writings, but we are sure she is yet to be more widely known, for with returning health, her keen brain and versatile pen will have greater power to manifest their skill.

The time for the closing of the fund being collected for the Mediums Relief work is at hand, each day brings some welcome contributions and the hearts of the beneficiaries among our mediums are made glad.

With love and good-will to all;

MARY T. LONGLEY.

Sec'y N. S. A.,

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

OAKLAND NOTES.

Loring Hall—The meeting on Wednesday evening the 15th under the management of Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Knott was well attended. Many speakers took part in endeavoring to solve the question of the "First Cause."

The Psychical Society—Will C. Hodge occupied the platform last Sunday morning and closely held the attention of his audience while he

logically showed that every individual is morally responsible for his or her own actions. Mr. Hodge will speak next Sunday evening, July 3, in Orient Hall, 1416 Sutter street, San Francisco.

Fraternal Hall—On Sunday afternoon the meeting in this hall was addressed by Mr. Carter and Mr. Judd after which circles were formed and messages were given. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Gillette occupied the platform.

Mrs. Nellie T. J. Brigham of New York, a popular speaker in the ranks of Spiritualism, accompanied by Miss Belle Bush, made a "flying uisit" to her friends in Oakland last week, departing on Saturday for the Yosemite. Let us hope that on their return, arrangements can be made for lectures, as they have many friends and admirers on both sides of the bay.

OUR EXCHANGES.

The July number of the Phreno. logical Journal is especially designed for mid-summer. It contains an illustrated article by the Editor on "How a Man's Career Shows Itself in His Face," with portraits of President Roosevelt, Hon. Gov. Cleveland, Hon. Seth Low, Mark Twain, and Chief Judge Alton Brooks Parker; "Phrenology on the Farm" is appropriate for this season, when so many are visiting the country, and is written by Dr. M. Tope. "A visit to Plymouth, Mass.' is another breezy summer article, by F. V. Townsend "Phrenology and Art" proves that Phrenology recued one young lady for this profession, even against her ideas of her own talents. The "Health Notes" are appropriate for

summer weather, and are edited by Dr. E. P. Miller. 'The Exercises for July" are arranged by Captain Jack MacDonald for ladies. The Editorial Department has an article on "How to Succeed," and is appropriate for this graduation period when so many young men and women are just starting out in life. Also an article on The American Institute of Phrenology and its Proposed New Work. The "Reviews" contain a description of Bishop Fallows' new work on "The Science of Health, from the viewpoint of the Newest Christian Thought.

The August number will contain a sketch of the late Henry M. Stanley, and other interesting matter.

"ALICE" MESSAGE CORNER"

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium

Katinka Meynrs—A lovely spirit comes now and while she speaks, light radiates from her face and a glory of love for all humanity is seen about her, she sends a greeting to her sister and gives you the happiness you have earned, you are asking only your due when you ask for peace and it will be given. Tell them that I am not far away.

Ira Knox—For my mether a voice says, I cannot see the spirit but the voice is sweet and sounds like the voice of a young man. I hear him say: Sister Alice is with me and O! what a help she is to every one. Mother your children are all right and you can look forward to a happy life soon, we are with you when you thought you heard us you were right; it was your children Ira and Alice.

Mrs. Sickels—A weak voice speaks and says: I would like to reach my friends. Tell Mrs. Eager that her old friend has kept her word and reported. Little Angie and Ethel are with me so is dear Walter and John my old friend, we all send love. Thomas will send a message soon, it is so much better than we expected over here and not for the whole world would I come back to the pain and the sorrow of earth life.

John Harris—This is for my wife Lucinda Mount Harris. I want to tell her that the deed was all right I meant it to be just that way, I want to make her so comfortable she will forget the trouble I made her and Lucy, but it was not I, it was the drink; for all the time, I loved them and today would suffer torment, if by so doing I could blot out the sadness I put in the home; but I have found the light and am fast learning to overcome the evil. Give them my love and say I see fairer days before them both soon.

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SPIRITS WORK IN BELGIUM.

[Continued.]

Returning to the spirit of Dr. Spiro the boys mother continued: "It is not unusual for him to say (always in writing through the boy's agency), 'This is a case I will visit tonight and prescribe for tomorrow. This is done and with wonderful results."

Naturally the peasants round crowd to the door whenever they are sick, and even those of better classes do not disdain, when the resources of the family practicioner do not succeed, to send an envoy, or to write and beg the aid of the extraordinary boy. Tee local doctors scoff and rage, but cannot explain the cures.

I was so interested that I asked whether I might attend a seance, which I did another night, wading throught deep snow in company with Belgian journalists. One of them was the editor of the Journal de Charleroi, not a believer in Spiritualism, and inclined to doubt the spirit cures, though he owned he had heard of such marvellous effects of the herbal spirit treatment that he was fairly puzzled. He had, like myself, paid a previous visit to Chevelipont, and, struck by the reports he heard on every side, he decided to test the wonderful spirit cures. He therefore described the case of an old lady who was very ill, having been unable to sleep at all for many weeks. She had moreover, a badly swellen leg which no one was able to cure, and which prevented her walking, and kept her in bed.

After listening to the details the boy withdrew a few moments to a darkened room and emerged with a paper on which was written, "I will visit the patient tonight." A prescription followed, which—some herb being required that was not in the house—was to be forwarded.

The editor lived some distance by train from Chevelipont, and returned home late without telling anyone of his errand. Receiving the medicine next morning he called on his friend to recommend its use. Greatly to his amazement he was told she had had the first good night for weeks, and that she was still sleeping like a child. She has continued to mend ever since, the oinment has cured her bad leg, and she is walking about. Such a testimony from the editor of a paper like the Journal de Charleroi, and a man who is not a Spiritualist, was very striking.

The seance was held in a kitchen divided in two by a partition about seven feet high, one half being used for a dispensory and the clerical work connected with the quarry. The door between was open, and we were constantly in and out. The room was absolutely bare of anything except the chairs and a heavy kitchen table.

The party consisted of about twelve, the Pirsch family, the Belgian journalist, myself, and some stolid-looking peasants, with certainly nothing suggesting imagination about them. The boy sat at the head of the table with a blank copybook and pencil, and began writing under the influence of the guiding spirit Callon as scon as the room was darkened. The boy wrote without ceasing in absolute darkness for an hour an a half, the only break in the silence being the croaky voice of the grandmother in the chimney corner, who, every time she heard the three pencil taps, which was the spirit signal that the bottom of the page was reached, cried "Turn, turn," like some voice of fate.

The essay, when finished (and glad we were when the drop of the pencil on the table gave the intimation that it was ended), proved to be a clever treatise on Spiritualism. excellently worded and admirably presented. It also touched on religion and politics, and would have been a praiseworthy production from a man.

Many other spirit messages came later on, but this and the table turning that followed differed little from ordinary seances, except that there were no "properties" in the room to aid in any cheating. The table was the most lively I have ever seen. It endeavored to climb the wall, and actually succeded in leaping the 7-foot partition into the next room. The noise as it clattered about and turned, top down, on the stone floor with resounding smacks was deafening, and by the end of the evening the top of the table was well split.

The seance closed with a consultation of Dr. Spiro by the various persons on behalf of their friends, and letters were read from sick people anxious for remedies. The boy wrote the answers in the dark, as before, each case being very carefully diagnosed, and prescriptions given. I obtained the following prescription for a friend who has internally damaged her knee

falling when crossing a railway line:

"Grind and make into an ointment the following ingredients:
Ten grammes of pure boric acid, five grammes pure arnica plant, ten grammes elm bark, five grammes powdered charcoal, ten grammes very strongly phenticated water.
Rub well with this twice a day."

Up to the present I have not been able to put the prescription in practice, but it as a specimen of the spirit work.

The Belgian journalists who had already received specimens of the boy's writing from his college carefully examined all the papers written that evening—many being written backward—and failed to find any similarity between any of the MSS. which varied with the spirit, and the boy's own.

The seance lasted till three in the morning, beginning at nine in evening. The only person of the party that did not look worn out was the medium himself, who was as fresh and bright as possible at the end. His mother says he is always well, and very bright and gay.

Seances are continually being held, to which anyone is welcome, providing arrangements are made beforehand. This is obligatory on account of the great number of applications. Four is the outside number of strangers at a time, but investigation is invited, and every day's post brings piles of letters from sick people asking that the spirit doctor may be consulted on their behalf, or expressing gratitude for recovery.

The lad is writing a book under spirit guidance, but he does not know which spirit, and has been forbidden by the intangible author to read what is written. He, therefore, from time to time, is busy in a half trance writing he knows not what, for a long book, which his parents naively hope may be a volume on herbal treatment.

Many boys who have thus attracted attention would have become conceited and self assertive. Edward Pirsch, however, remains a simple lad, apparently not greatly interested in all this spirit guidance of which he is the instrument, but rather bothered with it. He is much more interested in his stamp collection, or in the hundred and one other things that attract a boy of his age.

The last words of this mysterious boy as I waded out into the snow, and set out through a tempest of whirling flakes on a long walk through lanes with my new acquantances, the Belgian journalists, were: "Dont forget to send the stamps you promised, and a copy of the photograph you had taken of me. I want to see if the mustasche, which I am sure I can feel coming, shows at all in the picture."

A few days after leaving Cheve-

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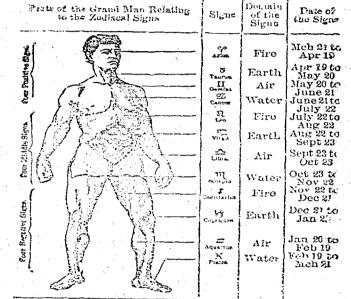
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The Ladies Aid Society spent Wednesday afternoon of this week with Mrs. Hattie Hitchcox, 1375 Stevenson street, after the business session was concluded Mrs. Clara Mayo Steers spirit guide starlight was introduced and for an hour highly entertained the company in her inimitable way of giving messages. At the close, refreshments consisting of de, licious Ice Oream and Cake were served, and everybody were happy for being there.

There are many societies and meetings of Spiritual import that have suspended operations during the summer months, but inasmuch as some of us cannot always vacate even if we would. We will continue to assemble as of yore, at Scottish hall, 117 Larkin street every Sunday evening for the purpose of receiving and giving such benefit as will come when we are in accord with the highest spiritual sources to which we have access. Our meetings are receiving the satisfactory comment and assistance and are growing in attendance, also the test and developina circles Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 1220 Mission St. GEO. F. PERKINS.

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