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Waiting at Celestial Portals.

Loosed from earth's environment,
Grief and pain are thine no more
Drifting on the dim expanse,
Of this shifting sea of chance,
Shifting chance and accident
Thou hast found the steadfast shore.

Religion of souls's repose,
Where life's shining river flows;
Realm of deep tranquility;
All things—land and sky and air—
Thrilled by love's intensity;
Law and order govern there.

And, by ways I cannot tell,
I can enter where they dwell,
Linger for a moment's space.
See, though not with eye of sense,
The calm splendor of the place,
And the pure angelic grace,
On each long-loved countenance.

Then I look in thy dear eyes,
And God's heaven around me lies,
For I breathe the atmosphere,
And I touch the silent sphere
Of divinest harmonies.

Lost earth's sweet companionships,
Lost the touch of loving lips;
Yet I see it, more and more,
Slowly inward swings the door,
Slowly outward flows the light,
And the arms outstretched in greeting,
All the blessed work completing;
Oh, the rapture of the meeting;
Oh, the wonder of the sight!

—M. LOWELL ELLIOT.

Riverside, Cal.

BORDERLAND

A MESSAGE FROM THE SPIRIT SIDE OF LIFE.

My friends of earth, I come from the higher realms of life to greet you, and to describe to you some of the beautiful scenes we have over here, could you all but look into the great beyond, how much different you would all live while your stay was in the mortal form, first of all why not try to cultivate that spirit desire? then all other conditions can be made for you, and you too will be able to cast aside the spiritual veil that at present obstructs your view from the angel sight, for "it is only a thin veil between us."

We too are longing for that time to come, when we too shall see our friends and loved ones with that fully developed spiritual eye. Oh friends of earth make the vibrating connection so perfect in harmony that we all may reach mortal without so much pain or suffering as today from the earth side.

As we look down upon you poor weak mortals, we are fully convinced of the mortal suffering and anguish. Oh, do you not realize that something must be done to help the humanity of the earth plane, make new laws of love and let harmony exist over all your land. Let freedom reign supreme in and over all our universe.

At present your social affairs are in what we call a cloud of ignorance and inharmony working against fellow man and sister woman, the barriers of fate and folly must be unchained and together link the band of love and harmony with peace, happiness, health and success for one and all.

You mortals dwell to much with self and past. It is now and the present—you must meet. Live and look and learn; onward, forward and upward, we are one endless chain of vibratory action, always moving out into time and eternity, for it is a current that has no end—"Ye shall all know when you have learned that one law."

Oh, that you might all realize it now, but alas;—you seem to turn a deaf ear to all who wish for your own better conditions of your mortal plane.

We are now pleading with one and all, your land is in great dangers, I come to warn you, heed before it is too late, there will be great loss of life, and oh, help us to save you from peril and destruction.

Your labor question is what we call corrupt to the very core, why do you not all set an example for those who call themselves subjects of the law. You make your own laws, and they are all made in pure ignorance, why? for you have not followed out the first principle of the grand and great Golden Rule which was sent to your great world from the divine spirit of all that is good and pure.

It is your duty as fellow men and women to do all you can to help bring peace and send it broadcast over all the land.

Your undeveloped beings, can you not see what a mistake you are all making. Why do you force nature into such dreadful conditions.

Make you a new government, select your men that are pure and holy and men who are based on the true principles of life, not those who are living a lie. Oh! you base hypocrites of earth, you wretches, you are losing your hold, wake up before it is too late.

The most successful men you have on your earth are the poorest and humblest, with scarcely a place to lay their head. Why? Because a man who has courage and is forceful is not going to dodge sinners because his lot has been cast among sinners. The best plan is to be considerate with all you meet.

We don't all think alike and it is a good thing we don't. The main point too, is to think something, next do something, and do it now, and one thing at a time. Ignorance breeds nothing but crime, misery and sickness.

Man an intelligent reasoning being and not a brute, can and shall practice self control when desirable and necessary in order to obtain and enjoy happiness and health, in your own self destiny.

The study of mind is the only wisdom, now dear ones think, do something arouse yourselves.

Your kind instructor,
Col. Robert Ingersoll,
through pen of Mrs. Clara U. Myers.

FROM BORDERLAND.

When first released from mortal body affection held me to my earth home I could not for a time leave my dear companion without the soothing influence that my nearness could impart, and I know it has comforted her. Nor was I alone, my father and mother and others who had come before were here to meet and welcome me, and I felt so relieved and blest to be free from my mortal body and its weakness,

and to feel new life surging through my being. I still am so blest, that although human voice has been hushed. I can send over the lines some words of comfort to my dear companion, and assure her that the separation is only seeming, that I am as near to her as ever, and believe I have been able to make her understand. She I know is somewhat comforted.

Many, many times during my existence upon earth, I had anticipated the joy of a visit to the old haunts of youthful years, and will say, that it is fulfilled. I have been able to make the long desired visit and have enjoyed the delight of beholding the familiar faces of friends in the long ago.

Mother and Father bore me company, so did many others with whom I had been associated in earth life. My brothers who had recently passed from mortality met and joined our party, this was all natural and life like, just as it used to be when we went to meet friends expected on an incoming train. This has been to me a season of great rejoicing and crowning it all is the high privilege, of being able and permitted to come here and write of it, to my dear ones and friends of earth. My experiences so far have been confined to the earth, and I cannot now write of the heavenly homes. We shall soon return to my still dear Summerland of earth for a limited stay, and will then seek that fairer Summerland of human souls and investigate its beauties and possibilities.

I want to assure my dear wife that I shall not go beyond the reach of her call, but shall ever respond to her need, and memory will always fondly cherish the happy past while the knowledge of a more blissful future will compensate for the brief season of waiting. I send to all friends a kind greeting in particular my old spiritual teacher and friend Loveland, of whom the world is not worthy.

I now realize and appreciate the work he has done, and is still doing to break the fetters of ignorance and folly that bind humanity. The task has been an arduous one, while the world has gone on unmindful of his human needs. My soul goes

out to him in gratitude, for the inspired words that I have heard fall from his mortal lips. I would not be there again, I am not only satisfied, but am delighted with the change called Death.—W. Pitt Allen

THE QUESTION?

"Can I be a Theosophist and a Spiritualist at the same time?" Yes, and no. You can be externally a consistent member of each at the same time. But some points you will accept with "mental reservation." Spiritualism embraces all truth.

There is no truth in Theosophy or any other cult that a Spiritualist may not acquire without joining. There is no limit—no "thus far and no further." If you think that Theosophy holds or teaches some truth that Spiritualism does not, and you know of no other way of its attainment but by joining, by all means do so.

Spiritualism has no boundary, all are at liberty to accept truth from any quarter, sect, or ism. Each society has some truth, no one contains the whole. Spiritualists do not claim to have it all, but are being led by the spirit into all truth, a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. The light only moves forward as the feet take steps. No advancement if you stand still.

No real Spiritualists embrace all that is called Spiritualism, nor do they accept everything that purports to come from spirit spheres. The wisest of men differ in their conclusions on subjects of which they have made a life study. Why should they not differ, for a time, at least after leaving their natural bodies? We believe in progression there is no progress for one who knows it all!

Because the same distinguished spirit tells a different story through a different medium or at a different time is no disparagement of the truth of Spiritualism. People on a different plane viewing things differently is no evidence of fraud or falsity. Both may from the standpoint given be correct.

Another person's honest opinion may not necessarily be yours, honestly believing a thing does not make it true.

There are some things we have learned by experience, whether there is a heaven or a hell for souls hereafter may not be so well known as the fact that both heaven and hell are right here where we now find ourselves. We are at liberty to choose which we will inhabit, or it may be which will inhabit us. Happiness is only to be found in well doing, people differ as to their conceptions of what is right, let us be charitable.

MRS. C. K. SMITH
San Diego, Cal.

JEWISH PASTOR DOES NOT BELIEVE IN ORTHODOX HELL.

The Rev. Dr. Bernard M. Caplan of Sacramento has been chosen rabbi of the Bush street temple. The election was made at a meeting of the congregation. He delivered his first sermon at the regular Sabbath service August 6th, taking as the subject "What is Religion?"

Rabbi Caplan was educated in the public schools of New York City and holds the degrees of B. A. and M. A. from Columbia College. He pursued special studies in ethics, philosophy, literature and education, and later was graduated from the Jewish Theological College of New York. For five years he was rabbi of the leading Jewish congregation in Canada, where he was also Dominion chaplain. He came to Sacramento about two years ago and has ministered there with much success.

In a recent sermon Rabbi Caplan started his congregation by denying the existence of an orthodox hell. He said that it was true that the horrors of hell were in a way a power for good, as they served to enforce obedience to the moral law, but they were like heavy chains on the human soul, crushing out his freedom, its joy and its true moral beauty. He argued that the belief in hell was inconsistent with the idea of God's love and goodness. The rabbi said he could not love a God who would permit men, women and children to be tortured by fire or in any other way. The ethical idea of punishment was to prevent evil, he said, but not to avenge it.

Rabbi Caplan is only twenty-nine years of age. He succeeds the Rev. Isidor Myers, who resigned from the congregation some time ago.—S. F. Ex.

COLD STORAGE APPLES.

The conditions under which the prolonged storage of apples may be successfully carried out has been studied during the past two years by the United State Department of Agriculture, and the cold storage of apples has now made this fruit available practically the whole year around.

Several hundred different varieties were stored in order to make the tests. It appears that there is no difficulty whatever in storing apples in the autumn and keeping them until late the following spring. All that is apparently necessary is to keep on equable temperature; just about freezing point is the most satisfactory.—Scientific American.

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A PARTIAL LIST OF CAMP MEETINGS OF THE SEASON 1904.

UNITY CAMP MEETING.

Washington State Spiritualists Association Camp Meeting at Edge-wood Camp, Surprise Lake, from July 31 to August 21, 1904. Closing August 22 and 23, with 8th annual convention. For particulars apply to Julian W. Smith, secretary; 1115 North Fifth street, Tacoma, Wash.

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 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.

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 or family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

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.

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.

Lake Sunopee, N. H. Camp—Lake Sunopee Spiritualists' Camp-meeting will open July 31st and close August 28th, being four weeks and five Sunday. Lorenzo Worthen, Secretary.

CIRCLE OF LIGHT CAMP OPEN FROM MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 31.

The deep satisfaction of consciously walking with God, of living the Inner Life working in the smile of His approval and the joy of His benediction is so dear to many hearts, that Mother Virtuzia has decided to open the Camp "Retreat" on the shores of Lake Geneva, where these friends who are drawn to Peace, Harmony and Helpfulness, or who are in search for health and strength, Physically, Mentally, and Spiritually, may find a welcome rest and refreshment of Spirit.

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

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

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QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS.

MISS MAE HUNT, MEDIUM.

Q. How is it that before one is dead, their spirit can appear elsewhere?

A. Because they are just as much spirit in the body as out, nothing is impossible to spirit whether embodied or disembodied. It isn't the flesh that manifests, it's the spirit or life within it, for when the spirit takes its departure the body is powerless to act, or perform its usual functions, that proves its the spiritual essence that animates and manifests through the physical, and people who are still living, do appear in their spirit form to friends etc. Many sensitives go out of the body hundreds of times and as long as the current is not detached from the body, they can return at will.

Q. Do the spirits advocate vegetarianism?

A. Most assuredly yes; fruits, vegetables and cereals are the most nutritious and spiritual diet, it is not right to murder animals and eat their bodies for subsistence. People want to become spiritual and be unimpeded in their growth, and yet partake of the coarse decaying flesh of pigs and other animals. Every particle of flesh of the cow is poisoned from the fear she suffered when butchered. Fear, is what causes a cow to bawl, just before slaughtered, animals sense danger more readily than people do. The time will come when human beings will rise to such spiritual vibrations that they cannot partake of the slaughtered remains of their animal friends, any more than they would wish to eat one another, they will develop such strong love for everything that has the principle of life within it.

So many suffer from deranged stomachs etc., just from improper food, excessive coffee drinking clogs the liver and blood, and meat is worse, clear pure water is the best drink, and while we cannot lay down any special rules, for what is good for one is not good for another yet gradually as people evolve into higher grades of unfoldment, they will not desire coarse flesh foods and hearty drinks.

Q. How do the laws of life differ on other planets?

A. The laws of life do not differ on other planets. The same laws govern everywhere, in all worlds, but different planets are under different degrees of unfoldment and enlightenment, but all are as one system, whose motor power is the same. That which this planet throws off in its great revolutions is gathered up by the law of attrac-

tion and in time goes toward the production of other worlds yet to be, and they become more perfected as time rolls on and it takes many decades before they are inhabitable by animal or plant life. There are planets which are much more spiritualized and unfolded than the earth, where beings live who are very accomplished and have grand noble characters and aspirations, and some others which are not even ready for animal life yet, but all are governed by the same spirit power.

Q. Did Jesus raised the dead?

A. No, when one is dead, they cannot be brought to life again in the physical body, Jesus worked in accordance with the laws of existence, not against them. No one, not even a Jesus, can go outside or beyond the laws that govern, it would be the same as pushing the world outside of its orbit, everything has a magnetic orbit, human beings as well, and everything has to be done within that orbit or vibration. Jesus simply recalled the spirit into the body, which had been held in a comatose or trance condition, because he had the knowledge of the law, had the silver chord that holds the spirit to the physical form been detached, Jesus nor anyone else could have raised the "dead."

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Here are the headings of some of the thirty-three chapters constituting the book:—

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Chapter twenty-nine treats of An Obsessing Spirit Forced Away From His Victim and Imprisoned. Rescue Work on the Borderland: Spiritualism versus Spiritism; Etc.

Here follow several quotations from this new book:—

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This is what an intelligent spirit (see page three hundred and four) says of the philosophy of obsession:

"Psychically clinging to an individual for a time, this spirit, either ignorant or malicious, becomes magnetically and sympathetically so much a part of his or her obsessed life that whatever the person does or thinks, this spirit entity enters still further into relationship with the party, so that ere long it finds itself almost a real

part and factor of the person's life, with many associations to stimulate it to continue in mortal flesh.

Later this familiar or obsessing spirit finds itself in touch with the nerve centers of the brain, still retaining its personality to a certain extent, and when augmented by other entities, they gradually come into full power, swaying the persons mind till it becomes a center for their work, and sometimes for demoniac work and for insanity.

At this stage individuality is impinged upon, if not invalidated, and subjected to a condition so dark that outside guardian influences fail to release the conscious imprisoned spirit. This depends upon the will—the stubborn wills of the obsessing demons. Angels even, are not infinite in power. The most exalted spirits and circles of spirits are neither omniscient nor almighty in power.

We venture to say that this most interesting book will call out some sharp if not severe criticism, especially from such Spiritualists as Mrs. Richmond and Mr. Colville, who believe that there are no evil or evil-disposed spirits in the next stage of existence.

While this volume contains many harrowing tales of low obsessing spirits, it also contains many beautiful passages, here is one:—

"While in foreign lands where Gods' were born I had quenched my thirst at many fountains, I still sought for more crystal waters. Feasting at many luxuriant banquets, I still hungered for that inspirational bread that comes daily out of heaven; listening to the solos and orchestras that cheer church and palace, I cried out all the more for those fascinating melodies that thrill with joy and ecstasy unspeakable, the blessed homes of the angels.

Earth's incompleteness saddens, tires me. Tarry not, O beautiful death angel, for under your mask is the majesty of immortality. Often the restful face of the corpse is wreathed in a subdued smile, caused by a rift in the cloud, a glimpse of loving, waiting spirit friends, this is the glorious victory of Spiritualism."

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ROBERT I AITKEN OFF FOR EUROPEAN TRIP.

Well-Known Young Sculptor Goes Out of State for First Time.

R. I. Aitken, the well-known California sculptor, has left for the East and Europe on a three months vacation trip. This is the first time Mr. Aitken has ever been out of California, and he expects to have a most enjoyable trip.

Mr. Aitken's artistic work and reputation precede him both in the eastern part of this country and in Europe, and on that account his friends predict for him a great deal of kindly hospitality and greeting wherever he goes.

His San Francisco friends formally bade him good-bye by giving him a farewell dinner.—S. F. Ex.

NOTE—Many readers of the JOURNAL will recall to mind, little Robbie Aitken, a bright boy who with his Mother, Brothers and Sisters, attended the "Childrens' Progressive Lyceum" in this city twenty years ago; those who knew him then and predicted for him a useful life, have watched with pleasure his remarkable success as a Sculptor and rejoice to know that he is held in so high esteem by his many friends and the further fact that one so young has won for himself such a wide reputation as an artist. May success follow him.

EDITOR.

DESCRIBES A VISION SEEN AT A LONG DISTANCE.

Ernest Case, Wonder Worker, Tells What He Saw a Man 35 Miles Away Doing and What He Heard Him Say.

TOLEDO (Ohio), August 7.—Long before time for services to begin tonight the East Broadway Church was packed to the doors. Outside a crowd was awaiting for an opportunity to see Earnest Case, the wonderful "man of visions".

Every car brought more and pe-

destrians flocked from all parts of the compass. But they were in a measure doomed to disappointment. Earnest Case is just recovering from a severe illness and is a common workingman. He was so nervous and ill he dared not undertake to address the people, but promised to do so in two weeks. At the last moment he feared to face so large a crowd in his weakened condition. A wonderful thing occurred to him this week, as related by the Rev. Mr. Shupp tonight in the pulpit and vouched for by several ministers and others.

While sitting at the home of a friend he remarked that a certain man, naming him, whom he had not seen in many years, was just taking the train at Fostoria, thirty-five miles distant to come to Toledo to see him. He related just what conversation he had with brakemen and conductor on entering the train, which has today been verified to a word.

He says there is a light that points out all of these things to him. One local paper sent five separate reporters to see him, thinking there was some trickery. Every one came away thoroughly convinced of the genuineness of the man's wonderful visions and his phenomenal powers of discernment. In each instance he was put to the severest tests in the presence of scientists, ministers and theosophists. He has been examined by insanity experts, spiritualists, hypnotists, theosophists, newspaper experts, ministers, lawyers et al., but they do not vary in opinion or diagnosis an iota.—S. F. Ex.



The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

CHRIST.

Mr. John Murphy in the JOURNALS of July 16th and 23rd seems to know a great deal about Christ; and as the book of Mathew which is the oldest and most authentic, gives two statements, as to the birth and parentage of Christ.

In the first chapter, Mathew gives his genealogy from Abraham down, through David to Joseph making him lineal descendant of these two great men, and again, in the same chapter he says: when Joseph took Mary to wife, she had already been espoused by some one, not himself, and when he was about to put her away privately: the angel of the Lord told him not to do so, for what was of her was of the Holy Ghost (or words to that effect.)

Now as these two accounts of his parentage are contradictory and exactly at variance with each other; for if he was a descendant of Abra-

ham, David and Joseph, he could not possibly have been of the Holy Ghost, and is he not frequently referred to in others chapters of the Testament as the son of David? and if of the Holy Ghost, he could not have been a descendant of Abraham and David.

So, one of these two statements if not both, must be false. Therefore will Mr. Murphy please inform us which of the two is correct and if one is false what evidence can be produced that both are not false? and I ask all the readers of this article to also read the first chapter of Mathew and judge for themselves.

Again supposing Mr. Murphy to be a Spiritualist and more or less associated with mediums, and as we have had communications from spirits of men who lived on earth long before Christ, as well as since: and have, or could have from the spirits of people who were his contemporaries in life and knew him face to face on earth; why have we not had communications from Christ himself or his contemporaries?

What does Christ say of himself, or his contemporaries, who knew him, say of his parentage? and if communications were had with the spirit of Pontius Pilate himself; is he not sure that he would say that he knew no such person as Christ, and never sat upon any such trial as is accorded to him in the Testament? for, I feel sure that he would.

Mr. Murphy thinks it strange that men will believe the history of such men as Solomon, Aristotle, Solon, Lycurgus, Pythagoras, Plato and others, and are reluctant to accept the history of Christ.

The reason of this is, there is no conflicting statements about the birth and parentage of these men as of Christ; their history or their own writings in life, or their contemporaries in life have been left to identify them; their lives were not written as Christ's, God, or the son of God, centuries after their death by Christian Monks and forced upon the people as was Christ.

Not one particle of evidence can be produced that he was any benefactor to the human race as he would or could be if he was what is claimed of him to be.

J. Hollingsworth.

DON'T WORRY CLUB.

A new club was born Wednesday night at 22nd and Bartlett streets and christened, 'Don't Worry Club.'

It is a very becoming name in these fretful times. The hall was arranged for the inauguration occasion and all present enrolled their names as charter members, officers were elected for the first month.

The aims and object of the Club is for all occult students to commune with each other in spiritual

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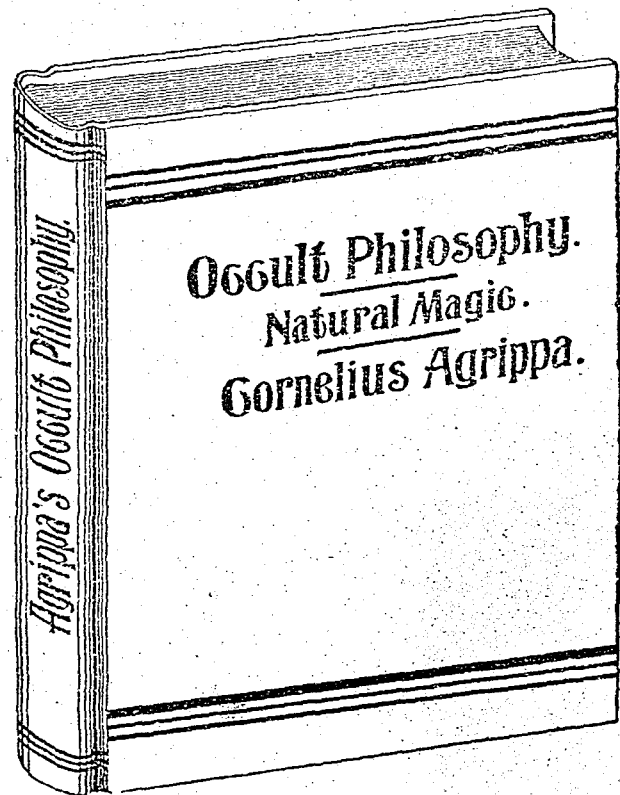
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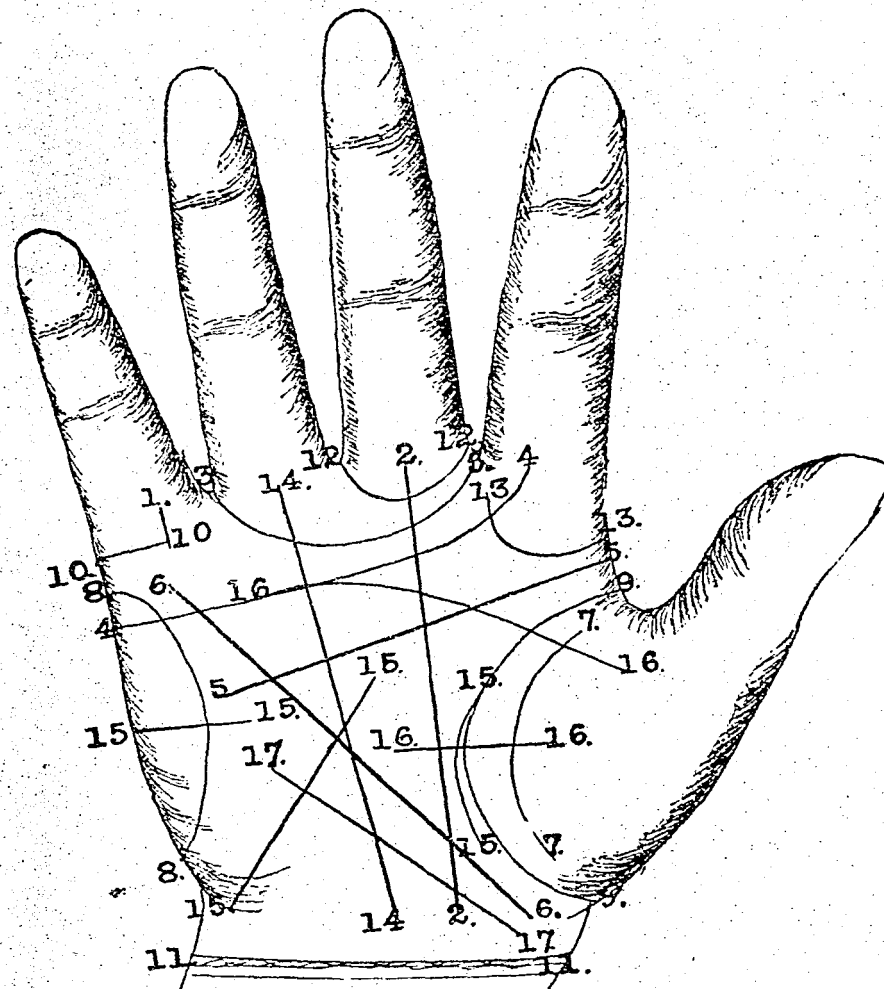
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J. Stitt Wilson delivered his fourth lecture at the Academy of Science on last Sunday. The subject being: "The Labor Problem" from an ethical and spiritual standpoint. The hall was packed with intelligent men and women who, in their hearts desire to see the day when this vexed question of Capital and Labor will be settled Right. Mr. Wilson has no superior on the platform today as an educator on these lines. He speaks again next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Dedication—Mrs. Sadie Eberhardt opened her new Hall with appropriate services on Thursday evening of last week. Mrs. Eberhardt in her introductory remarks extended to the many friends present a very cordial greeting; then she introduced Mrs. Sarah Seal who gave an invocation, following with a dedicatory address. Mr. W. K. Gardner displayed his remarkable gift as a Psychometrist and a message bearer. Mrs. Eberhardt then held the audience for an hour giving spirit messages. This beautiful hall is situated at 267 San Jose Ave. its seating capacity is seventy five. The walls and ceiling are beautifully decorated and further adorned with Pictures and Draperies. Mr. and Mrs. Eberhardt are to be congratulated on their success, in at last securing a permanent home for spiritual work.

The Peoples' Church will give a Social on Monday evening, August 15th at the New Spiritualist Headquarters, Odd Fellows Building, 7th and Market streets, second floor, Rooms 7 and 8. The hall is large and convenient and has an excellent floor for dancing, which will be one of the features of the entertainment. The officers of the church are very desirous that every member of the Society who can attend, will do so; in order that preliminary arrangements may be made for the re-opening of the Church in September. Delegates to the State Convention to be held September 2, 3, and 4 will also be elected. Special effort will be made to give the young folks a good time. Come all, and bring your friends.
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At a regular meeting of the Sun-Flower League on Thursday the 4th inst. the following members were elected as delegates to the State Convention: Mrs. Sarah J. Stark, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Campbell, Mrs. Addie E. Wood, Mrs. Sarah E. Dungan, Mrs. Elvira Brush, Mr. G. F. Wink. Alternates—Mr. Thos. Johnson, Mrs. Mary W. Billings, Mr. D. N. Place, Mrs. Sexton, Mrs. C. E. Paul, Mrs. G. F. Wink. By the kind permission of Mr. J. Shaw Gillespie the League will hold its next meeting at his residence 1101 O'Farrell St., on Thursday 18th inst. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance.
Elizabeth M. Campbell.
Secretary.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS.

TOMORROW.

Oriental hall—619 McAllister street, Madam Young and Mrs. Sarah Seal, Lecture and messages.

Covenant hall—Odd Fellows Building, Miss Mac Hunt, lecture and messages.

Oriental hall—At 1416 Sutter St. near Franklin St., Lecture, Miss Churchill.

Friendship hall—At 335 McAllister St. Lecture and Messages.

The Ladies Aid have secured New Headquarters, on the second floor, rooms 7 and 8, Odd Fellows Building corner 7th and Market Sts., and will hold a meeting there on Sunday (tomorrow) afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Sarah Seal will deliver an address; followed by messages from several good mediums. Good music, all welcome.

Friday Night benefit meeting in Sun-flower hall, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society, was not as well attended as we wish to have it. Mrs. Hovet gave the readings which were very correct. Mrs. Hovet is very pleasing in her manner and way of giving tests. Mr. Brandt of Australia also read several articles and favored us with music. Mrs. Sitgreaves presided at the piano as she has done for several evenings, we thank her very kindly. Now that we are to have a larger and much pleasanter hall, easy to reach from all car lines, we hope to have an increased attendance. We have the promise of assistance from many of our best mediums, in the future, as we have had in the past. Who will volunteer to help us? Please let Mrs. Riley our manager for these meetings know who can give us a helping hand.
Mrs. Mayo, Chairman.

Miss Mac Hunt's meeting Sunday evening at Covenant hall, Odd Fellows building, was well attended last Sunday evening. The lecture guides used for their subject: "Mother, Home and Heaven" which was handled in a masterly manner by John Pierpont and H. W. Longfellow where upon they touched the home life in many of its branches and most especially the effects of the love between parents and children. These revival meetings will continue indefinitely.—Mrs. Julia M. Brown.

Mrs. M. A. Mayo was the recipient of a Surprise Party on Wednesday evening last at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Hitchcox in Noe Valley. An enjoyable evening was spent by the visitors and a number of musical items were gone through. One of the features of the evening's entertainment was the psychometric readings of Mrs. Clara Jewett whose wonderful accurate readings created no small stir.

It was a happy coincidence that Mrs. Alice McKie the granddaughter of Mrs. Mayo, held a party in commemoration of her natal day also under the same roof. Both sets of guests amalgamated and the festal boards showed the faces of young and old accordingly. We most heartily congratulate Mrs. Mayo on the event and trust she may long be spared for such happy reunions.

A Letter to Mrs. B. F. Small of this city from Mr. and Mrs. Lillie states they are at Lily Dale Camp. Their numerous friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Lillie is recovering from a severe sickness, but spoke last Sunday evening. Mr. Lillie has charge of the entertainments and is making himself very useful at the camp. Mr. H. D. Barrett and his estimable wife have been quite ill but are slowly recovering.

Oakland Notes.

A pleasant social was held at the residence of Mrs. A. M. Tylers, 966 West St., Oakland on Wednesday August 3rd, in honor of Mr. Will C. Hodge, among the guests were mostly members of the Psychic Society, after spending an hour or so in music and listening to remarks, from Mr. Hodge and Mr. Gillette the guests 22 in number were served with refreshments, after which Mr. Hodge departed amid the good wishes of all on his journey.

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