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INSPIRATIONAL POEM.

BY W. J. COLVILLE.

TO MISS H. M. YOUNG.

THERE is another work for thee—
A higher work remains in store:
More than the days of yore have brought,
New mysteries thou must explore.
Another leaf in thy life's book
Is turning open to thy view—
A new and higher work appears,
And like the softly falling dew
Unto the flower, will be that truth
In new-born measure which will come,
Out from the heavenly life to speak
Of other and more blessed home.
Thou hast been faithful to thy light;
Thou hast thy work right bravely
done,
And many a gem is in the crown
Thy faithful service has

But now thy work is to be done
Which thou on earth did'st come to
do;
There is another task for thee,
Another road thou must pursue.
And this full soon is clearly shown,
For those who've passed from earth
away,
And now keep watch and ward o'er thee,
And shelter thee where thou dost
stray,
Hold in united hand a key,
Which pointeth to a closed door
Which will be opened in thy life,
And through it others enter more.
And still more will the light appear—
Follow its guidance day by day;
It will come but in single beams,
Each one to lead thee on thy way.
And in the future near at hand,
Thy larger work will be explained,
And the meaning of full many a doubt
And mystery which hath remained
Will soon be cleared away, and thou
Beyond the mist the light will see
And know. The tangled skein of life
Thou wilt unravel perfectly.
Soon there will dawn this larger work,
And means of usefulness and power;
With outward means comes inward
grace,
To open the next promised flower.
And still the name which comes to thee,
Held in thy hand is the "Silver Key."

PERTINENT QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

BY ROZILLA M. KING.

WHAT practical use is Spiritualism to us? This is a question asked so many times by investigators of our religion. Let us see. First—A truth is always a knowledge to be

desired. Our religion is founded on a practical basis—a knowledge of spirit return, which we can prove, and with the proof that there is no death, the change called death is simply a step onward in the great cycles of time.

This alone is a comfort few would barter when you have laid in the ground the form of a beloved child whom you have watched unfold as the greatest blessing in your garden, the bud of such promise seemingly dead; and when you find it is simply transplanted into more perfect surroundings, and what is still better not in a garden far off beyond that wonderful blue sky but

growth and perfection. Is not that a religion great enough for you?

I know this and you can know it if you will. Perhaps not from me, but I can assure you if you will persevere in your investigations there is no question that some where through some organism—possibly your own—you can receive this proof beyond a doubt.

But have we no creed—what do we accept? We accept truth wherever we find it, and claim that all material is spirit, for all matter always exists, not always in the same form—matter changes form, but still exists—and this would be the crudest form of spirit material. As we advance, passing through the changes in the spirit world, the material becomes finer.

We are told to seek all truth and accept what appeals to that great soul power—our reason—as truth, and we are not bound by the fear of an angry God, simply because every man and woman have the God-principal, and if they judge with an honest judgment according to the dictation of their true selves they must judge near truth's standard.

What of the vicarious atonement? There, also, we must face truth. "As we sow, so also shall we reap," not only here but until we overcome the conditions within ourselves—when they are not just—which caused us to do the act, and until we have recompensed for the deed.

We accept truths which are told in the Bible, and the example of Jesus can only be looked upon with respect, as an example of a life well worth our striving for. But as to his being more divine we do not agree to that. His lessons were taught from the spiritual sight and not generally comprehended. Take St. John xi. verse 25: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live." We are all a spark of the divine God or soul, individualized and embodied. Now, when Jesus said "I am the resurrec

perish. Not the man they saw—a Jesus—but the divine part of him. As we are all a spark of that great God, to believe in him would be to believe in ourselves, so "he that believeth in me"—the real I—the Ego or God-principal—could not perish. "Though he were dead yet shall he live."

He was talking to people who lacked spiritual unfoldment, and was trying to make them comprehend the real beauty of life, which can only come through knowledge—which is the belief—of spiritual things.

There is another benefit in the knowledge of spirit return. If our friends can come back, so also can the philosophers whose words of wisdom are sought in books, the pages of which are yellow with age.

They gave us words of wisdom such as their surroundings would allow their souls to express; but without the material body they can cull greater thoughts than when here and transmit them to us, provided they have a medium whose vibrations are in harmony with theirs. So it is not for us to simply stand ready to receive without an effort on our part, we must cultivate our intellect and spirituality to come in touch with the higher spheres.

So many say, "If my mother could come back I know she would make me see her, and come to me

instead of a stranger;" and others have tried to get a message and have given up soon because they receive nothing.

The law that controls this is the condition we must abide by, and a medium is a peculiarly organized individual, subject to influences of people in the material form, as well as spirits whose vibrations are nearly in unison with their own, and it is often the case that a spirit can manifest through a medium once and not ever again, owing to the difference in the vibrations and surrounding conditions at different

give a clear understanding of spirit manifestations in this article, but I will touch on clairvoyance and clairaudience.

Clairvoyance is seeing through the spiritual eyes. Each one of us has a material form and a spiritual form, and the soul or God-principle is the power that manifests through these forms.

The spiritual and material bodies are connected by a magnetic current, and when this is severed so-called death takes place in the material form, and the soul only manifests through the spiritual body.

Radiating and extending from the spiritual and material forms of those here on earth is an electrical current called aura, in brilliancy and size it is strong and large according to the soul's unfoldment. When the spiritual form is severed from the material this aura surrounds the spiritual, as it is a manifestation of the soul. Moving in circular waves around the head is a magnetic current, its vibrations in unison with the vibrations of the brain, as this portion of the organism is the door which the soul uses to manifest through the body, and the more perfectly the brain is developed, the more perfect will be the harmony, and in consequence greater truths can be expressed.

When a clairvoyant sees a spirit the vibrations of spirit and medium must be in harmony—the medium must be able to concentrate his soul-force on the spirit, being posi-

tive to outside conditions. By positive I mean not affected by their surroundings, and negative to the spirit. By negative we mean coming in touch—in sympathy with the spirit.

Often a spirit cannot come in sympathy with the medium and finding some one in the audience whose vibrations are in harmony with their own, the spirit stands in their aura and the medium can see them.

Clairaudience—which is hearing the spirit—needs similar conditions. Also the spirit must understand how to transmit its thought.

Of course this is but a small portion of spirit manifestations and not all the conditions, which must be complied with. But from this you can judge why all can not have the same gift. We are all subject to some influence whether we know it or not, and many are saved from harm by a loving hand that has passed from their sight.

And now once more—What practical use is spiritunism?

As a scientific religion which we can prove the truth of, it must be of good use, for never can truth be useless. And what is better than to know that there is no death, that there is eternal progression, that

love, and we are all brothers and sisters working in one grand cause. Love of humanity and universal brotherhood here and hereafter.

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The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

SAN BERNARDINO LETTER.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

By the advise of the spirit guides we came to this city on the 1st of October. We find the society here owning a neat, comfortable chapel, but we are told they have had no lecture since last March. I have delivered three lectures for them and have been invited by the officers to act as their pastor for the next three months, and as much longer as I am willing to serve.

Accordingly on Sunday the 23rd October I announced a conference meeting for 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, 30th October, and invited the ladies to meet me at the hall on the preceding Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of organising a ladies auxiliary.

We met on the afternoon of the 26th October and organized the Sunflower League, with twelve members to begin with. The object of the league will be to promote sociability, to visit the sick

and strangers in the city, to improve the furnishings of the hall, and work for the renewed interest in the truths of Spiritualism in every possible way.

I assure you I felt greatly encouraged by the interest of these ladies, and I am certain they will accomplish much good. On the evening of November 2nd the Sunflower League held their first social.

A lady has been secured to act as organist of the society, and we look for greater interest in music.

Mrs. Eva Smith, a kind and spiritual lady, has been doing her part here as a private medium.

We have rented a cottage in a good business location, and opened our seance room for private work on October 24th.

You will realize I am a very busy woman with the various duties, but I assure you I am very happy to be of use, and I feel stronger physically than I have been for a long time.

With kindly greetings to our workers all.—Yours for the truth and the good we may do,

LILY M. THIEBAUD.

N. S. A., 600 PENN AVE., S.E.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
NOVEMBER 5TH, 1904.

Editor PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL,
San Francisco, Cal.:

form you that at the recent convention of the N.S.A. in St. Louis, Missouri, a unanimous vote of thanks was extended to you for your unflinching helpfulness to this organization in lending the use of your valuable paper to the work and objects of this association.—Cordially and fraternally yours,
MARY T. LONGLEY,
N.S.A. Secretary.

AN ABLE LECTURE ON NEW THOUGHT.

The positive "I will" habit of looking at the problems of life was the subject of a most interesting and largely attended lecture given in Native Sons' Hall last night by Charles J. Anderson of the Santa Cruz "New Thought Center." The lecture was the first of a series of free public meetings to be held in Native Sons' Hall every second and fourth Tuesday evenings, for which Mr. Anderson has been secured by local people to lecture on the New Thought philosophy.

The lecture last evening was a general review of the philosophy of success. Mr. Anderson is a speaker of much power and earnestness, and convinces one of his absolute sincerity and his desire to benefit others. His lecture last night excelled all his previous talks here, and was greatly enjoyed by the large and appreciative audience.

Miss Hornberger contributed a piano solo to the programme, and after the lecture Mr. Anderson answered a number of questions concerning the subject of his talk.—*Watsonville Register.*

AN EARNEST APPEAL.

BY MOSES HULL.

THE time has come for me to make an earnest appeal to all the lovers of efficient platform work. As Jesus said when his time had come, "Now is the judgment—crisis—Greek of this word. So I say now is the crisis of the Morris Pratt Institute, and a more general education among Spiritualist workers.

The long-talked of legal battle for the continued existence of our only educational institution begins at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, on Monday, December 5th. To fight this legal battle we must have money, and we must have it now. There are travelling expenses and hotel bills to pay for ourselves and numerous witnesses. Besides that, attorneys and others must have something immediately.

Mrs. Clara L. Stewart, our secretary and financial agent, is out now doing all in her power to raise money to supply immediate demands. Her success so far does not lead us to hope that she will get enough to meet immediate court expenses. Now, if ever, is the time for every one to prove his interest in and loyalty to the Morris Pratt Institute. Please prove your

Our attorney thinks there can be no doubt but that we shall win our case, and thus save many thousand dollars to the cause of Spiritualism. All we want is the means to meet the impending expenses.

Spiritualists, will you help us now, in our time of greatest need? Send your contributions either to Clara L. Stewart or to myself at Whitewater, Wisconsin.

I write this as much as ever determined to devote all I have and all I am to the Morris Pratt School.

OAKLAND NOTES.

The attendance at the Mediums' Meetings at Fraternal Hall on Thursday evenings is all that can be desired, every seat being occupied as a rule. These meetings are conducted by Mrs. L. Parsons, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Dr. Stewart Ellis, assisted by visiting mediums. On November 3rd Mrs. Cowell and Professor Buswell took part in the meeting.

Mrs. Amanda Smith, assisted by other workers, holds a test meeting at Loring Hall every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

The meetings at Woodmen's Hall on Sunday evenings continue to be largely attended. At a recent meeting Mr. and Mrs. Harris rendered some sacred music, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A

short lecture on the subject of "Character" was delivered by Mrs. Phelps, after which Mrs. Cowell followed with tests, which were recognised and gratefully received. The meetings steadily grow in interest and spirituality.

On November 6th, at the ripe age of seventy-five years, our sister Charlotte Clark, wife of Brother Horace Clark, passed to spirit life. She had been an invalid for years, and with all her suffering she was ever bright and cheerful. Calmly and peacefully she awaited the change that should bring to her a freer and fuller expression of life. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mollie S. Phelps, after which the remains were borne to the crematory to be cremated. Brother Clark has been for years an earnest worker in the spiritual field, and the Spiritualists and his many friends extend to him their deepest sympathy.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS.

TOMORROW.

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

Friendship hall—At 335 McAllister St. Lecture and Messages. Mrs. C. J. Meyers

Steinway Hall, 223 Sutter street, H. H. Brown, "Now" Lectures.

Oriental Hall—Madame E. Young and Mrs Sarah Seal, Lectures and Tests.

Peoples Church, 223 Sutter st., Lecture and Messages, Mrs. Anna Gillespie, Pastor.

10:30. door,

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Mrs Sadie Eberhardt, messages, 267 San Jose Ave., near 25th.

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"ALICE" MESSAGE CORNER"

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium.

Mattie Rusk.—Will you send this to John and Nellie. While they know I am not far away, a word from me may lighten the burden and make life a tone brighter. Tell John, too, I heard that splendid sermon on faith, and, oh, how true it was. Faith and hope are the two best angels when the tear clouds are between us and the sun. How many sorrowful ones you help, dear. Do you know how glad it makes me? I send you both our love, and only wish you too could see the glory of God's better land.

Manual Aranna.—The one who comes now is so earnest in his endeavor to reach his wife. The way is not quite clear to him. He is assisted by an elderly man who wears a uniform. A young lady and a little child comes with them. Annie, Emma and Catherine are the names I hear. The latter is an old lady, very small and bent. They are all together, and are all for one person. I can hear this—We are willing you should do as you feel is right. Don't be in a hurry. Wait, and when you do decide you will be better pleased. Our friends

to be broken. Will help you in your development. Be patient, it will soon come.

James Roberts.—To all my friends I want to say—no matter what is said—I am still the same man—am alive and they could not bury me. This is a strange experience to send a message in this way, but a pleasant one. Tell the M. P. A. not to worry it will all come out right for them all. The trouble will have to come, but it will soon blow over. The time will soon come when Truth will have the freedom of the world, and law will be employed to protect, not to tear down mediumship. The workers must hang together. Let no jealousy or unkind thoughts enter the ranks, for "In union there is strength."

PSYCHOMETRIC DELINEATIONS.

The PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL extends its appreciation to its patrons and desires an extension of its patronage to their friends and asks that they will give them a few lines of their own handwriting and we will give to them a psychometric delineation of character, we ask not less than five, not more than seven lines to be sent and if you should not receive your answer immediately we hope you will bear with us, as we have others already in

and will answer each one in their own turn, we ask you to give a fictitious name so that you need not be afraid that any one will know you.

Annie, Oakland, Cal.—The influence I get from this writing is one of great mental strain. You are one who must use more discretion in looking after the physical. You tax your strength to its limit at times. You want to think of a hundred and one things at the same time. We see much in life for you. You are one easily discouraged. We would suggest to you to look at all times on the bright side of life, and to take out of it the very best you can as you go along. It will help you. You are bright and vivacious, artistic, musical, and fond of the good things of life.

In regard to your question—Is it possible for a stranger to the medium to get a spirit message through "Alice." Yes, it is quite possible.

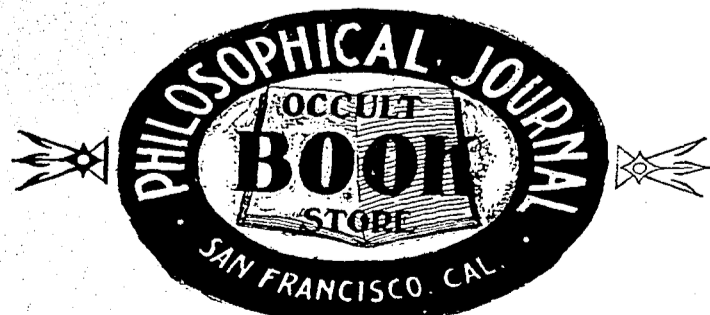
Good Luck, San Jose, Cal.—With this influence I get a desire to be on the top of the fence. I am a little disposed to feel a little vacillating to vary the monotony of life. You are artistic, and have the ability to do much in the line of painting, etc. but you seem to be

not be of much value. You do not seem to have the push and energy that would be necessary to bring about a successful career; but we would advise you to build up the physical, as you are not very robust. Take physical culture exercise, tone up the system. There is a lack of vitality one can scarcely do much without. There seems to be some one about you—although the intentions are good—they are not suited for you. The future will be bright if great care be manifested in the choice of a partner.

Dear Sister,—You are one who though of a kindly temper would not be trampled on. We would say to this dear sister be of good courage, the contemplated trip will come surely, and with it there will be the usual condition of much anticipation of a nature that will decide much future work and also some pleasure and a desire fulfilled.

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HELP! HELP!!

In another column of this issue will be found an earnest appeal for assistance from the Morris Pratt Institute, made in its behalf by its president, Mr. Moses Hull, through whose indefatigable energy and efforts, aided by an able corps of instructors, have made the school not only a success, but have shown such an institution to be a great necessity to the future needs of humanity, which Spiritualism for. "It is ever thus." new movement confronts un-

may be found men and women sufficiently in sympathy to furnish the required sum to successfully carry the suit.

COMMENTS.

THE great labor congress is in session in San Francisco, and those who will may learn at first hand the meaning of UNION. Here are men of diverse training, from skilled and less skilled crafts, drawn together by a common purpose, working for the general good. They fully realize that the good of all is the good of each, and that the individual must be boss in the social good, to in truth be free. It gives a new meaning to the so-long misapplied text, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever will lose his life—for any other's sake—shall save it."

Every movement of the day speaks for unity instead of separateness. In all material things men are learning to act together, learning that the interest of humanity is a common interest. Superficially it may appear that capital and labor are acting in opposition instead of together. Some capitalists and some laborers may be so arrayed, but Progress must use both hands to perfect her work—the right hand Labor, the left hand Capital.

These are the days of the personification of forces. The caricaturists are making hideous each of these great powers, symbolizing the one as an over-fed gourmand, the other a starving vagabond. The representatives of labor seen on the street during the past week are certainly well clothed and well-fed.

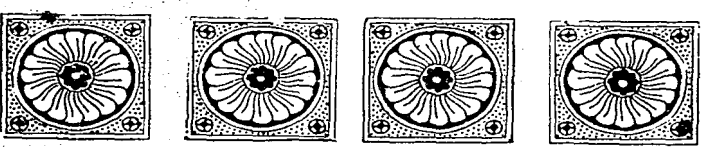
Feeling precedes thought, thought precedes action. The right feeling must be engendered, that the right thought shall rouse to the right action a people whose very natural life depends upon the proper solution of the great industrial and economic and social questions of the hour.

Who so well qualified to find that solution as those whose minds are illuminated by the power of wise ones in the realms unseen? The spirit world has given a new basis upon which to proceed. Man is no longer a physical being who may develop a soul, but a soul wearing a physical body that material things may become spiritualized.

The powers of that soul can and will create for itself that which it desires. The ideals of one age are the realities of the succeeding age. The twentieth century is reaping the harvest of the ideals of the nineteenth. What a sowing of ideals is preparing for the harvest that will be gathered an hundred or

Materialism was rampant half a century ago. To-day it colors the thought of every movement. Material results are the chief object sought. The unseen saw the condition into which humanity was fast sinking, and sent vibrating through the earth the mystic messages out from the realms of space. Slowly these mighty tones are reforming the thoughts and actions of humanity. Crude and imperfect are the efforts toward unity to-day, but the feeling, the desire, is stirred. The impulse toward brotherhood is moving in the heart of human kind. The thought of brotherhood is beating in the brain of the awakened ones. The realization of brotherhood is at hand. "Tis coming up the steeps of time and this old world is growing brighter."

COMMENTER.



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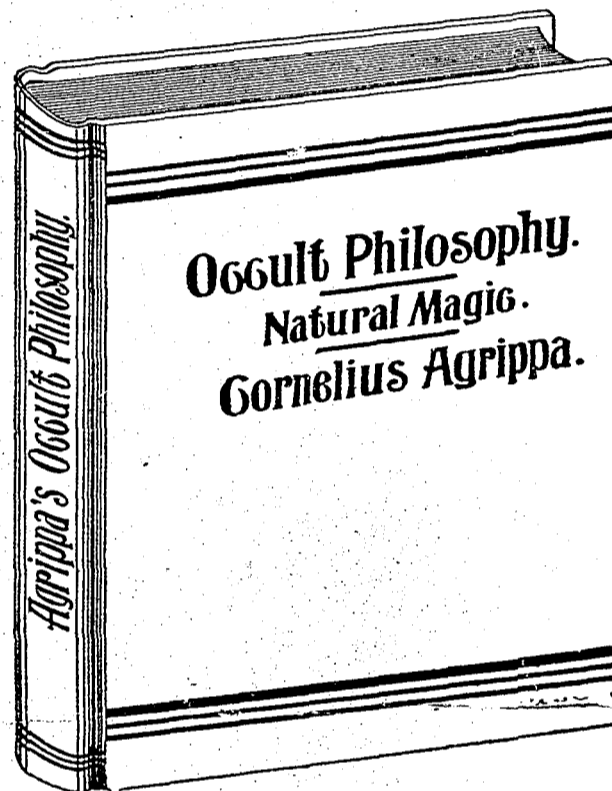
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Please make note—Persons who received as loan, Badges belonging to the Ladies First Spiritual Aid Society, also Delegates Badges belonging to Cal. S. S. A. and worn during the recent convention, please return them to Mr. Wadsworth custodian 1429 Market Street.

Covenant Hall was crowded to the door last Sunday evening. Miss Mae Hunt's subject was "The Radiant Life," which was well handled by her able inspirers. Little Vera Ransdall rendered two beautiful songs. The conference preceding the lecture was interesting and instructive.

The bi-monthly social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, on Monday evening, was largely attended. The programme was unique and pleasing in every way. The following numbers were faultlessly rendered: Piano solo, Miss Linda Zink; recitations by Mr. William Rider, Miss Iva Lyons, and Mrs. Elvira Brush; songs by Misses Elsie Pen, Ethel Clark, Mrs. and Miss Percival. At ten o'clock all joined in games played and enjoyed so much in boyhood and girlhood days. The next social of the People's Church will be held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Simpson, 708 Golden Gate Avenue, December 5th.

Every available chair was occupied last Sunday evening at the People's Church. The subject of the pastor was "The King's Gift; or, what have we to be thankful for." After dealing with the disappointments and struggles of life which are the common lot of all, she turned to the countless blessings, joys, and contentment that comes to those who seek and find the truth as taught in our philosophy, and proven by the demonstration of its claims, which brings knowledge and a certainty of continued life, with opportunities for growth, advancement, and perpetual soul unfolding. Death is not punishment. It is merely a gate at the end of the lane of mortal existence—"God's after-math"—just an entrance into a higher condition of soul life. She said that the day of our death should be the happiest of all, for if we live the good life, and practice the precepts of our religion, there would be so much to our credit to rejoice over. A piano solo was skilfully executed by Miss Linda Zink, and Mr. Gillespie and Miss Jessie Gardner each rendered vocal selections. Mrs. J. J. Whitney followed with messages and full names, which were readily recognised. Many good things were said during the conference. They should be heard.

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The Lyceum had an increase in attendance and interest on the 20th. Recitations were given by Sibyl Steers, Ida Foulsham, Hellen and Edith Hickman; a song by Elsie Percival, and a piano solo by Linda Zink. The dumb bell and darsarte exercises under the direction of Mrs. Gillespie were very interesting. At the close Mrs. Steers Jewett's control, "Sparkling Water," gave many fine tests that were recognised.

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