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A LITTLE FARTHER.

BY ALICE M. WARREN.

Only a little farther
To death's swift flowing tide,
And I shall know what lies across—
The greatest gain, the deepest loss—
Upon the other side.

Only a little farther
And, one day, I shall stand
Beside the boatman on time's shore,
And let the softly moving oar
Push outward from the land.

I wonder if the billows
Are tinged with crimson glow,
Reflected from some far-off sky:
If, on its surface, lillies lie—
Ah! sometime I shall know.

Perchance that ere we anchor
Mine longing eyes shall see
Familiar forms upon the pier—
The ones unto my heart most dear—
With hands out-stretched to me.

Only a little farther
The violets will blow
A few more times. What lies beyond
This life, with all its yearnings fond,
And love and hope, I'll know.
Springfield, Vermont.

VOICES FROM THE SPIRIT LAND.

BY JOHN S. ADAMS.

In the silence of the midnight,
When the cares of day are o'er,
In my soul I hear the voices
Of the loved ones gone before;
And the words of comfort whispering,
See they watch on every hand,
And I love, I love to list to
Voices from the spirit land.

In my wanderings oft there cometh
Sudden stillness to my soul,
When around about within me
Rapturous joys unnumbered roll;
Though all around is tumult,
Noise and strife on every hand,
Yet within my soul I list to
Voices from the spirit land.

Loved ones that have gone before me
Whisper words of peace and joy;
Those that long since have departed
Tell me their divine employ
Is to watch and guard my footsteps;
Oh, it is an angel band!
And my soul is cheered in hearing
Voices from the spirit land.

—Poems of Life.

DELEGATE'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Board of Directors of the California State Spiritualists' Association:

I hereby submit the following report as chairman of your committee of delegates to the twelfth annual convention of the National Spiritualist Association, held in St. Louis, Missouri, October 18—21, 1904.

The meeting was called to order promptly at the time appointed by President Harrison D. Barrett, with delegates and alternates from nineteen state associations, and one hundred and twenty local societies not affiliated with state organizations.

Fortunately, I found Mrs. Galbraith, well known in San Francisco, Miss Kathryn Overlander, San Diego, whom I authorized to act as California delegates, and the rest of the number to which California State Association was entitled I selected from spiritualists who were present, and who I knew to be earnest and willing to work under instructions for the good of California. In presenting the needs of our remote organization I claimed the right of California to at least one member of the board of trustees, believing that such a person could do work which would strengthen your hands as a board. I presented the name of S. D. Dye, Los Angeles, and in a speech to the delegates asked their co-operation in justice to our far away region, and after some hard work the majority was ours, and S. D. Dye elected.

In voting for the place of the next convention, Mr. Dye made a proposition that they come to Los Angeles. He offered to provide the finest hall in the city, do all the advertising, and give one hundred dollars to the association. Other offers were made from other cities, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, was decided upon. When I represented your association at Cleveland four years ago I voted for San Francisco, and stood alone—more in jest than otherwise—but at this time there were twenty-eight votes for California, which was more than for any other city except Minneapolis, and from this and some feelings expressed I believe that next

year in Minneapolis they will vote to come to California.

In the amendments an effort was made to make Washington the fixed place of meeting, but believing that the influence of one of these conventions is beneficial to Spiritualism where they are held, the majority ruled to hold it a movable convention.

Reports of societies to the N. S. A. brought out a good deal of discussion, and a motion was carried to prepare blanks differing from those already in use to be sent to each society, requiring them to give an account not only of the finances but of the number of societies auxiliary to the state, and the number of members of each society, as they wished to know as far as possible the number of societies in the organization; and these reports must be with the secretary of the N. S. A. by October 1st of each year. You will see this in printed reports but I thought it well to call attention to it, as local societies would have to be notified to bring to the state association in September their reports accordingly.

The convention closed on Friday night, and the board met early on Saturday morning for the transaction of business, to hear requests from such as might have any to present, and as Brother Jones had written me that Mrs. Chesbro was again under arrest in Los Angeles, and believing I was doing what would meet with your approval, I went before them and presented the following article:

"To the Officers and Board of Trustees of the National Spiritualist Association, I hereby present the following request, asking your immediate action upon the same—That, inasmuch as a city ordinance of Los Angeles, California, demands a license fee of our mediums for the exercise of their medical gifts, placing them on a level with fortune tellers and charlatans; and in view of the fact that J. Shaw Gillespie, president of the California State Spiritualists' Association, and other spiritualists, have brought to bear upon the city officials what influence they could, I, as their representative, ask that a document be prepared setting forth the fact that Spiritualism is an organized and legalized religious

body, with auxiliary state associations; that its mediums in their various methods of giving communications are its recognized ministry, and as such should be allowed to practice their gifts and do their work of ministration unmolested.

Therefore, in justice we ask that all persons duly ordained and possessing certificates of ordination or recognition and protection by the California State Spiritualist Association, whether as pastors or mediums, shall not be subject to this license fee.

Also, that the case of Mrs. Maud Ghesbro, now pending in the courts of Los Angeles, be withdrawn, she being an ordained and authorized minister of Spiritualism, and Association.

I also ask that in case the suit is pushed the N. S. A., from its mediums' defense fund, contribute toward the same in part.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, chairman of delegates' committee.

Mr. Mayer, the treasurer, replied, saying he supposed we were "in a land of gold." I told him that it was certain that not much of the gold of California flowed into the coffers of the State Spiritualists' Association, and that we labored under many disadvantages. They assured me that the matter should receive immediate attention, and the paper be prepared for Mr. Dye.

They then said no claim could be made upon the N. S. A. for aid from its mediums' defence fund except through the state association. I claimed that I had not been discharged and was acting at the time as their authorized agent, which they agreed to. Mr. Barrett assured me that there was no reason why they should not assist me in the matter. I would suggest that the Chesbro's be counseled to act as carefully and economically as possible, as they did before, for of course we could not expect but part of the help from them. I told them I thought the expense of the previous trial was between two and three hundred dollars, and I think if held somewhere near that they would contribute one-half if called upon. When the necessity arises you could send word to them direct,

as it is through your state association alone that the aid could be obtained, and if necessary I feel certain you will meet with a willing response.

The report of the proceedings of the convention in pamphlet form have been found to be too expensive and the sale of them too few to warrant the printing in that form, and Mr. Frances of the *Progressive Thinker* being present, arrangements were made for all necessary reports to be published in two successive numbers of that paper, and the several state associations could place them with local societies, so that each could have on file a copy of these for reference. I ordered a package and paid for it to be sent to the JOURNAL office—both numbers to be sent in one package.

I was present at every session from ten o'clock in the morning until eleven in the evening of the four days, have worked upon important committees—one of which I am still working on, that of forms and usages for marriage and burial services, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Galbraith, Miss Overholt, and Miss Jennie Hagan Brown all rendered royal and faithful service for California, and to all who accepted our commission we are indebted for earnest work.

Hoping that what has been done will meet with your approval, and will result in the good of Spiritualism and the advancement of Truth, yours, sincerely and fraternally

R. S. LILLIE.

BY THEIR FRUITS SHALL YE KNOW THEM.

The Scientific American gives an interesting account of the empire of Peru previous to the advent of the Spaniards. The government is said to have been the most enlightened despotism that ever existed and the nearest approach to a Utopia which has yet been reached by any people. Each man was allotted free of charge a dwelling site, an extended area of land for him to cultivate to maintain his family. The surplus was given to the government for charitable and other purposes. The character of the people was of a high order—corruption and theft were not known—a resident with a large amount of gold and silver in his house left it wide open, only placing a small stick across the doors as a sign that the owner was out. Nobody went in.

It is written—"By their fruits shall ye know them," and when those ancient people are compared with the so-called civilized nations of to-day, it is no wonder that the antiquarian is disposed to term the morals of the nations inferior to so-called pagans. It was the dictum of one of the ancient prophets—"The soul is an older authority than prophecy, and its voice the gift of God in the beginning."

The distinguished Jewish editor and scholar, the late Dr. Isaac M. Wise, strongly condemned the misconstruction the mis termed "orthodox" have placed on the simple re-statements of the Hebrew prophets, and that fully equipped statesman and scholar, Thomas Jefferson, sharply condemned priests' commentators for their perversion of the teachings of Jesus, who have substituted a "bankrupt cult," not only subversive of God's laws, but of the most demoralizing character. Never will I seek or receive private, individual salvation, but forever and everywhere will I strive for the universal redemption of every creature throughout all worlds."

Such was the beneficent utterance of Buddha several hundred years before Paul judged himself and assigned "a crown of righteousness" for his own use. Not only was Paul wrong on the woman question; but unlike Buddha he expressed no solicitude for humanity as did Buddha, who after measureless suffering and self purification he had gained the right to enter Paradise, but with compassion filling his heart he put his reward aside and resolved to remain without to teach and to help until every child of earth should have entered heaven before himself.

Such was the character and teachings of God's peerless prophet—Buddha.

QUAKER.

A MUCH-NEEDED BOOK.

Mrs. Laura G. Fixen, 429 La Salle Avenue, Chicago, Ill., vice-president of the Illinois State Spiritualists' Association, is arranging to publish a list of the spiritualist societies, lyceums, camp meetings and mediums in the United States and Canada. The officers of these societies are requested to mail her at once the name of their society with officers and their addresses, and all mediums will please send her their names and addresses and phase of mediumship. This list cannot be published complete unless each one will co-operate, and it is hoped that an early response will be made.

SAN JOSE NEWS.

During the month of November we have had four Sunday services. On the first Sunday evening a short lecture was given by Brother Harker, which was very interesting; a recitation by the writer, "Be Thyself," by Matthew Arnold; a reading by the president; a recitation by Dahl Hambly, "Heaven is not Reached at a Single Bound;" and Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes gave messages to those assembled. This was Mrs. Holmes' last time with us as she has gone to Sacramento to reside.

We have said farewell to five

mediums—all in public work—during the past few months—all good, honest mediums. Who will take their places?

The other three Sandays Mrs. Cowell of Oakland, has been with us in the forenoon meetings, also one Sunday evening. All enjoy her hearty, genial presence, and the convincing tests she always gives to strangers and others.

The Rev. Hall Cook held a meeting one Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Ragan being present was called on and gave messages for half-an-hour. In the evening Mr. Cook gave a lecture, and illustrated by stereopticon views many things in the psychical research category. On the last Sunday of the month he again occupied the platform. Good audiences attended the meetings. Many people present being quite surprised at the facts illustrated by him in regard to auras, telepathy, spirit photography, etc.

The rainy season setting in will no doubt keep many people from attending the meetings, but we expect to have as good speakers and mediums as we can procure for the month of December.

MRS. H. L. BIGELOW,
Vice-pres. First Spiritual Union.

THE CAUSE IN OREGON.

The Rev. G. C. Love, president of the State Spiritualists' Association of Oregon, has just completed a most successful engagement with the First Spiritual Union of Corvallis. There was a good attendance and increasing interest till the seating capacity of Barrett Lyceum was overtaxed at the last service held. Mr. Love is a very magnetic and forceful speaker, logical in his argument, and pleasing in manner. The tests given at the close of the lecture were well received, and nearly all were recognized and acknowledged. Mr. Love was accompanied by his wife, who favored us with the sweetest of songs, with the sweetest and richest of voices. It was indeed a treat to hear her. Spiritualism is doubly attractive when so presented.—Yours truly,

JESSIE S. P. FLINT.

MEDIUMS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

The annual election of the directors of the above association was held at 267 San Jose Avenue, resulting in the election of the same officers.

CALIFORNIA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.

The regular quarterly meeting of the board of directors will be held at headquarters, Room 8, Odd Fellows' Building, on Saturday evening, December 3rd.

W. T. JONES, Sec.

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.

Childrens Progressive Lyceum, Odd Fellows Building, Room 8, 2nd, floor, 10:30.

Mrs. M. Bird, messages 235 Larkin St. at 8 p. m.

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

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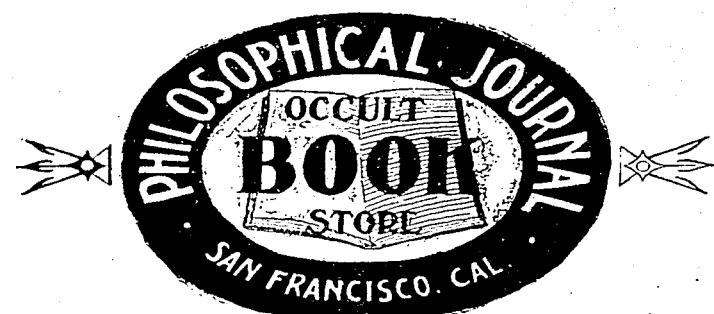
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Mele, New York.—With this influence I get a condition of mirth and gaiety. I want to do so much, and yet my hands are tied. We would say to this one, be more courageous; there are conditions about you that are not uplifting enough; you should bring about a more congenial companionship. There is much in life for you, but you do not seem to reach out in the way in which you would be most successful. You are one well adapted for a stage career; but you have been one to aim to cross the bridge before you reach it. Come back, and do not let the mind run away with itself; you must concentrate more, and that will make you more positive. Map out a plan, and live within it, and in time you will see it grow until it becomes a part of yourself.

Fame and fortune are for you, but we would like to see more push and energy which your calling demands.

D. K. K., Sandusky.—With this influence I get a love for flowers, and I see them pruning the shrubbery and taking great pleasure in looking after the beauties of nature. You are not often daunted, but there are times when the mind wanders to the conditions of the past, and you feel could you live again in the past, life would indeed be very different. But as we cannot, be of good cheer, for there is much brightness shown; and ere long changes will come that will be of a nature that will surprise you, and you will yet shoulder the wheel of fame, and realize and know that God has not passed you by. You have done well, and He in turn will bless you.

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COMMENTS.

UNDER the touch of genius a common phrase becomes luminous with meaning. Sam Walter Foss has so illuminated the sentence—"He was a friend to man, and lived in a house by the side of the road."

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There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self content;
There are souls like stars that dwell apart
In a fellowless firmament.
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Through the ways never ran;
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road
Where the races of men go by—
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban;
Let me live in a house by the side of the road.
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the arder of hope,
The men who are faint with strife;
But I turn not away from their smiles or their tears—
Both parts of an infinite plan—
Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height,
That the road passes on thro' the long afternoon,
And stretches away to the night.
But still I rejoice when the travellers rejoice,
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road
Where the races of men go by—
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,
Wise, foolish—so am I.

Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
And be a friend to man.

* * *

A simple poem is sometimes a full sermon—a trumpet call to action—a soothing hymn of peace. The "Poet's Corner," if it be truly a poet's corner, is the final touch that makes a home journal. Every thing in verse is not always poetry, and some grand poems have been without rhythm.

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Some of you remember that worthy representative of spiritual journalism *The Golden Gate* and its talented editor, J. J. Owen. From the cherished file of an old-time subscriber are chosen these two selections by Richard Realf and Ella Wheeler Wilcox as fit companions for the quotation from "Dreams in Homespun." In "Indirection" Realf tells how

Fair are the flowers and the children,
but their subtle suggestion is fairer;
Rare is the rose burst of dawn, but the secret that clasps it is rarer,
Sweet the exultance of song, but the strain that precedes it is sweeter;
And never was poem yet writ, but the meaning out-mastered the metre

Never a daisy that grows, but a mystery guideth the growing;
Never a river that flows, but a majesty scepters the flowing;
Never a crane that soars, but a stronger than he did enfold him.
Back of the canvas that throbs, the painter is hinted and hidden;
Into the statue that breathes, the soul of the sculptor is bidden;
Under the joy that is felt, lie the infinite issues of feeling;
Crowning the glory revealed, is the glory that crowns the revealing.

Great are the symbols of being, but that which is symbolized is greater;
Vast the beheld and revealed, but vaster the inward creator;
Back of the sound broods the silence, back of the gift stands the giving;
Back of the hand that receives, thrills the sensitive nerves of receiving.
Space is as nothing to spirit, the deed is out-done by the doing;
The heart of the wooer is warm, but warmer the heart of the wooing;
And up from the pits where these shiver, and up from the height where these shine,
Twin voices and shadows swim starward, and the essence of life is divine.

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Ella Wheeler Wilcox brings us "Recompense."
Straight through my heart this fact today
By Truth's own hand is driven,
God never takes one thing away,
But something else is given.
I did not know in earlier years
This law of love and kindness;
But without hope thro' bitter tears,
I mourned in sorrow's blindness.
And ever following each regret
For some departing treasure
My sad, repining heart was met
With unexpected pleasure.

I thought it only happened so,
But time this truth has taught me,
No least thing from my life has gone,
But something else is brought me.

It is a law, complete, sublime,
And now with faith unshaken,
In patience I but bide my time
When any joy is taken.

No matter if the crushing blow
May for the moment down me;
Still back of it waits Love, I know,
With some new gift to crown me.
COMMENTER.

OAKLAND NOTES.

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Dear Brother Jones and readers of the JOURNAL, I thought I would let you know that I was again in California. I arrived in Los Angeles in time to speak on Sunday, November 20th, and again on the 27th. I am to speak for a time for the Truth Seekers' Society in the morning and the Harmonial Society in the evening, as I feel I must spend some time at home with Mr. Lillie at Montecito, Santa Barbara County, and this is not so far from that point but I can come Saturday, return Monday, and have some time at home. As the Progressive Society of San Francisco left me to act according to my wishes, I am doing so for the present.

Mrs. Maud Von Frietag, who is the permanent speaker for the Harmonial Society, has been very ill, but is recovering. Their meetings had only been in progress two Sundays when they were left scarce knowing what to do. They looked upon my coming as opportune, and both societies have given me a very pleasant welcome, and good audiences have greeted us both mornings and evenings.

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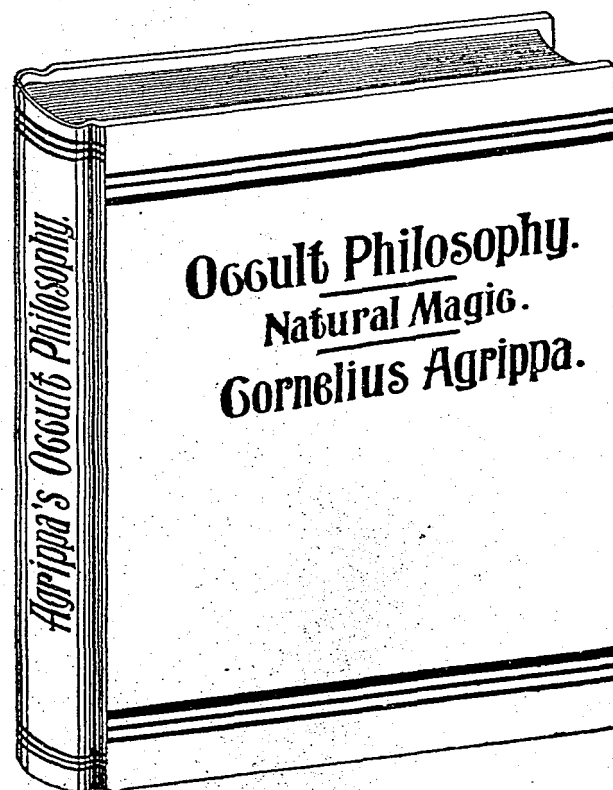
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The exercises at the Lyceum on the 27th ult. were very enjoyable and the attendance excellent. On December 4th there will be a new wrinkle in the platform exercises, as it is proposed to have an entertainment committee of three or four appointed each Sunday, so as to bring out new talent. A move is now being made to get up a good Christmas celebration. Come in everybody and help boost the good work along.

The People's Church, Elks' Hall, held a large audience last Sunday evening. "New Covers for Old Books" was the subject of the pastor for one of the most interesting lectures given by her during the year. The conference was helpful and instructive. The music was good. Special mention should be made of a well-rendered vocal solo by Miss Edith Norton. The young people of the church deserve great praise for the willing service given when ever they are called upon.

The Don't Worry Club gave its first social and dance last Wednesday night in Room 8, Odd Fellow's Building, which was a grand success in every way. A good programme, consisting of songs and recitations, was well and pleasingly rendered, followed with good music and dancing, which continued until midnight. The president of the club in closing his opening address delivered an Ode appropriate for the occasion, which, for want of space, is postponed to another issue of the JOURNAL.

The Band of Harmony held its third monthly entertainment and social at Orient Hall, 1416 Sutter Street, on Monday evening, the 28th ult. The hall was well filled with harmonious people, who thoroughly enjoyed the excellent programme, consisting of songs, addresses, recitations, and messages. One of the pleasing features of the evening was the very cordial greeting to Mrs. Morris who has returned to her home after an absence of two months in Tennessee, where she was called to be with her mother during her last illness. These social gatherings are held every last Monday evening in the month, and all who attend are made welcome.

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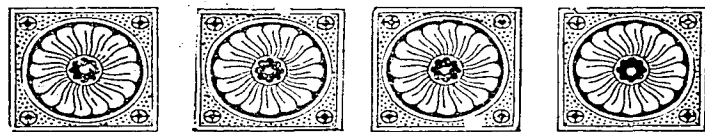
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