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THE HOME OF MY CHILDHOOD

Mrs. F. E. Rogers.

I am sitting alone tonight, darling,
And dreaming of days gone by,
Of the dear old place, where in infancy
I first saw the starry sky.
And the huge gray rocks, that in silence
stood,
Like sentinels, towering high.
As if nature, in one of her grandest
freaks
Had scattered them here and there,
On the velvet sod of the meadow green,
Or in places brown and bare;
Some stood as if with skillful hand,
They were set, with wondrous care.
And the beautiful hills of my native
land,
Sun-crowned, as in days of yore,
That to the eyes of childhood
Were like the gleams of the sun-lit
shore,
To my vision came, and bright memories
Of scenes I may view no more.
The pebbly brook and swift running
stream,
The pond at the foot of the hill,
In which were reflected the trees and
the sky
In its depths; and the old saw mill
Makes music each day but the seventh.
Meant rest, as it murmured, be still,
I have cherished the dear old memories
And pictured them o'er and o'er;
I know every spot on the homestead,
The trees and the fruit that they
bore—
The home of my childhood, the dearest
spot
On the fair New England shore.
In looking back over fifty years,
Sad changes we all can trace;
But the sweet home pictures I've stored
away,
No change can ever efface.
Dear Grandpa, way up in the nineties, is
there,
With his stately form and grace,
A hero of revolutionary times,
Of the grand old Puritan stock,
For freedom and right his soul was
stamped,
And in principle firm as a rock.
His motto in life was, justice to all,
In the pathway of honor to walk.
The dear old home of my childhood!
I know of some land-marks so fair,
But the castles I built in my day dreams
Have vanished like bubbles of air.
We are nearing the City of Light,
darling,
The home of dear loved ones is there.
—Sterling, Ill.



A WORD FOR THE PAST, WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

B. F. FRENCH.

We as Spiritualists, mediums and speakers have in the last 55 years accomplished a greater work, far greater than many of us realize because it is a leaven that works secretly and silently in the divine human soul, lifting the mental and spiritual desires of men and women far above the superficial, spectacular, and frivolous affairs of material life. We have, by the aid and guidance of those in celestial life, torn away the pall of doubt and hopelessness which crushed and almost paralyzed the life and consciousness of many millions of our fellow men, and have given cause for trillions of our glorified race in higher spheres to sing songs of eternal love and praise.

Our work has been a peculiar one, manifesting largely in individual life, very often opposed by social friends, and unaided, perhaps persecuted, by our nearest and dearest relatives; such a work has required firmness, patience, and a worshipful love of truth, and an untiring devotion to the interests and upbuilding of humanity on earth, and filial obedience to our arisen helpers and guides.

What of the future? Progress is eternal; we are spirits now; there is no stopping place in the divine life; our cause will proceed and expand until its vital principles shall enlighten and spiritualize all mankind yet "we must not sleep on guard" we have only cleared away the brush and demolished the outworks of the enemy, the main fortress with its gloomy walls and truth defying embattlements remain almost unscathed, and the hosts of mammon and theology are straining every nerve to obstruct our divine work, and to continue their influence and rule over the

uncultured masses; perhaps I may not say that another step forward is essential to our continued growth but I do not say that that vital doctrine announced by the angel world in the beginning of the new dispensation, namely "we have come to redeem the world from the thralldom of ignorance, poverty and crime, and to destroy the prestige and power of a commercial and paganistic religion," should be placed in the foreground of the spiritual field and accentuated as the present and immediate future sphere and character of Spiritualistic effort.

A theistic, idolatrous idealism has cursed the world for ages; man's central thought has been kept upon the unknown and the unknowable, thus inculcating almost a total ignorance and disregard of human rights and of his own divine life and natural immortality. Humanity is silently sighing for a religion of facts, of reality, sick, weary, confused destroying each other by thousands, how gladly it would, if it only could, cast off a theistic religion of cold and heartless formality and accept with joy, a warm living magnetic and natural religion of man.

When the divinity of man is recognized by the governing element in society, there will be no sweat shops, the lives of little children and helpless females will not be allowed to be coined into gold by capitalism through the agency of an effete and unjust industrial system; then every child of earth will be looked upon as sacred, his or her life and rights venerated as divine.

When the idea of divinity is removed the unknown, the mythical and unreal, and placed where it belongs in man, the living, the real, the highest immortal, the only known divinity, then our earth will blossom as the rose, and an affirmative answer to the prayer so often felt and expressed, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," will be at our door.

I have brought to view a mere glimpse of the future field of labor for the van-guard of our ranks, should they fail to occupy the field,

then the hosts in celestial life, who are leading this movement and conquest will give the vineyard to those who will do their will and bidding.

San Francisco, Cal.

THAT COMING FIGHT.

J. P. RIPLEY.

The distinguishing characteristic of "religion" is worship, and worship originated in the personal or anthropomorphic idea of God. Men do not usually worship an "omnipresence"—not in a temple and with the aid of a priesthood. Scientists do not thus worship "matter," nor philosophers, the absolute or Infinite Being. It seems to be perfectly natural to worship a great man. God in a temple dedicated to that purpose and with an ordained priesthood officiating, but something incongruous in thus worshipping a God who is in all time and place and therefore omnipresent in all things.

Orthodoxy retains the anthropomorphic idea of God; therefore, the full forms of worship, and the temple and priesthood. Liberal church people pass on to the absolute concept of God, but retain something of the forms of worship, which obtained under the anthropomorphic concept. We do not pretend to say whether liberal church people, in this, are influenced most by emotional habit, or by a desire to break as little as possible with orthodoxy. Liberal church people also retain the temple and priesthood, but put them to a slightly different use.

Notwithstanding the conservative effort of liberal church people to prevent an open rupture with orthodoxy, by claiming something of the forms of worship, temple and minister, the former is likely to continue widening. It would be difficult to see anywhere ahead any sort of compromise between orthodoxy, and those liberal churches which, not only have the absolute concept of God, but also set the Bible down as ordinary Jewish

literature, and Christ as a good and great man, but in no other special sense the Son of God. In fact it seems that the "coming fight" is to be between liberal churches and orthodoxy rather than between these, and out-and-out liberals, and it is likely to be a bitter fight; these parties are in close touch with each other at all points, and religious wars are not always the most loving. Of course these people, all are too decorous to do any actual fighting; the general sentiment any way is rather against that sort of thing. But many a sharp two-edged word will be thrust at each other, and forked lightning shoot from angry eyes. And if any orthodox man should blow up from sheer, pious indignation, there will be an occasional detonation. But we suppose it will be a fair fight and that neither Comstock nor the Courts will have any occasion to interfere.

We wish both parties well; for in a general way they are most excellent people, only we would like to see the truth prevail, whatever it may be. One advantage in this fight is that liberal churches will be able to bring the truth to bear on those who most need it—that is the advantage they have in being in close touch with their antagonists. Orthodox people will find out that some one is shooting at them and at close range.

The ordinary liberal might expend all his ammunition yet the man he shoots at never hears a word about it, because he won't allow that sort of bomb to come in his house.

WHAT IS ASTROLOGY?

BY HENRY WAGNER, M. D.

Astrology in its universal application is threefold: it is a religion, a science and a philosophy. In its application it is the scaffolding, the stair and the elevator to enable all classes of people to climb to the dome of God's temple, the universe. It is a language of signs and symbols, and its alphabet must be understood before one can read the deep and hidden meanings concealed beneath these hieroglyphics.

In the English language we have twenty-six letters with which to write the learning of the world: the way in which these letters are arranged gives us the means by which to express an infinite number of ideas, and the same is true of figures.

The twelve signs of the zodiac, and the nine planets and our earth, comprise a language of symbolism that is scientifically, philosophically, and religiously true to Nature's law of evolution on the planes of spirit, mind and matter. The zodiac of the sun symbolizes the universal

spirit as the ocean of unmanifested being in its involution and evolution, governed by the law of polar motion.

The zodiac of the Universal Mind is symbolized in ideas and words, while matter is symbolized in forms and colors of an infinite variety from the atom in mineral up to the atom in man, in which we find the highest form of matter, the embodiment of all other forms in one as the miniature universe or the epitome of Deity.

Man is made in the image of God, male and female created he them: positive and negative or dual opposites on all planes of manifestation, be it mineral, vegetable, or animal.

The zodiac and its symbolic alphabet enables the student of nature to read the past history of our earth and its geological revelation.

The Bibles of all countries are written in the language of symbolism. We must familiarize ourselves with this language in order to read and interpret them aright, otherwise our Bibles are sealed books not understood by our wisest scholars. Pictures and symbols are used to teach children: the children of our race, when it was in its youth, had to be taught in this way; now that manhood has arrived for our race, we must teach them by the means of the language of science, philosophy and religion in their varied and complex uses as witnessed today in modern life. The symbols of the old and the new must be interpreted and explained to prove to man their same origin.

The infant races and the mature races are equally God's children: He created them and He supplies them with food suited to their growth, both physically and mentally by means of the laws planted in man. The microcosm evolved out of the macrocosm. This is pure astrology as taught by our forefathers who gave us their knowledge.

The chair in which the Pope sits in the Vatican, has the zodiac carved upon it: this is significant to say the least, of his spiritual rule and symbolic of his power and relation to the universe as an embodiment of nature's hidden mysteries revealed only to the astrologer who alone can read and interpret the meaning concealed in the horoscope on this chair, which in brief tells the whole story of the Pope's authority and power.—*Bible Review*.

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COLOR.

E. N. TREADWELL.

The color question has recently been alluded to by a prominent mental science teacher and healer, as one of irrelevance, having no value as a practical aid in smoothing away wrinkles, and rolling from our pathways either pebbles or boulders that may be retarding the fulfillment of our wishes. To class color as a remedial agent in the removal of mental and physical ills seems to this same Mental Scientist, preposterous.

Such an attitude is surprising in its ignorance, to those at all familiar with the scientific value that is found daily, in the proper use of Color, both subjectively and objectively.

The opinion alluded to is not a surprise to us, when we consider that the person giving it, is practically deaf to Pitch, in so far as their ability to intone the steps of a melody in a given key is concerned. This Mental Scientist's bodily action reveals a deficiency in Rhythm, save in the pulse of a straight up and down 2-4 or 4-4 motion of the March. When this Teacher of Mental Therapeutics attempts the undulating wave of the 3-4 or 6-8 pulse, they have shown themselves consummate failures, therefore, the person ignorant of the relation of Color to Pitch and Rhythm, is not competent to pass judgment upon the healing virtues of Color.

This Teacher of Mind Science is not *totally* deficient in any of these three qualities of thought as expressed by the sensory nerves, which receive these vibrations from without and from 'The Beyond,' because he observes interesting cadences in his reading of poetry and prose by the speaking voice; but his efforts to express Pitch and Rhythm by the singing voice, and the Poetry of Motion as expressible in dancing, are unquestioned failures.

This person calls for melody prior to certain mental tests.

Why in sound, if it has no color value?

Why, indeed? All colors have Pitch! Each Pitch vibrates a certain color! If this person is not conscious of the relation of Color to Pitch, then he needs some Fairy Fingers to touch his brow, that they may unseal his clairvoyance further.

The healing value found in the use of certain colors in one's clothing are unquestioned.

The deterrent effect in wearing the *wrong color* in our clothing is equally apparent to a Color Scientist.

This denial of Color as a remedy for inharmony demonstrates what some people DO NOT KNOW about Finer Forces that are constantly

weaving over their heads, passing their doors, and vibrating beneath their feet, every second of time.

Thought has Color, Pitch and Rhythm values!

Each person vibrates and radiates a Prism of Color in their Aura, but there is one color predominant at conception, and your best efforts are tuned in that color's pitch.

We are told 'the rose has no color!'

This statement is the lie of an ignoramus deficient in the sensing of the Chromatic Scale in Color and Pitch.

As well say, that the girls walking down Market street at eight in the morning have no roses in their cheeks!

Color is focused by the Iris and Pupil, and photographed upon the Retina, and then conducted by the optic nerve through the Brain to the Medulla Oblongata, which is the sensitive seat of Consciousness for this order of Vibration.

People denying Color cannot think, see, or hear a Blend, so deny blends in existence.

[To be Continued.]

"SYNESTHESIA."

Such is the nomenclature science gives to what it is pleased to term color-hearing—that is, "receiving the impression of colors in connection with sounds—the stimulating of one sense by another," and, of course, terms it something abnormal—neuropathic.

The instance cited in the *British Medical Journal*, is of a boy who heard nothing without a definite impression of color.

That all sounds were colored, including cries of animals as well as of the human voice; and, in addition to some sounds, taste and sensation were experienced.

As a phase of mediumship we would simply term this a combination of clairvoyance in connection with sensitiveness—the spiritualizing of the sense of taste coming in for a third share in the program.

Spiritualism may be regarded as a child against scientist, but it is perhaps the child that shall eventually "lead them."

ARTHUR F. MILTON

A LITTLE MOUSE

OR
THE FORCES UNDERMINING THE FORTRESS OF CONSERVATISM.

BY W. J. COWEN.

The divines of the established churches, thinking their position impregnable, the doctrines which they taught, unassailable, used to tell a story, the object of which was to belittle the attempt, of Mr. Ingersoll to demolish their fortress of conservative thought.

As near as we can reproduce it, the story was similar to the anecdote, or fable which we now relate.

One day, a lion and a mouse, was traveling together through a dense forest, the mouse was boasting in a conceited manner of its own strength.

Coming to a giant oak tree, the mouse addressed the lion and asked if he wished to see that mighty tree fall to the ground, receiving a reply in the affirmative, the mouse gnawed a hole beneath the tree, and giving a mighty shove upward till the bones of its little back cracked with the exertion, returned to the light to see the effect of its efforts.

No impression having apparently been made upon the stability of the tree, the mouse with renewed confidence in its ability, returned to its task making a greater exertion than before, the mouse broke its back and never again returned to the light of day, while the giant oak still stands, the symbol of strength and endurance.

The giant oak represented the fortress of conservative religion, the mouse, the attacks of Mr. Ingersol, the atheist, directed against self-same fortress. The fable attempts to show that conservative thought is entrenched behind an impregnable wall of dogmas, and is proof against the assaults of opposing elements, while this is apparently the case, we will endeavor in this discourse to prove to you, that there is a factor, a little mouse, which is undermining the fortress of preconceived opinions, which is slowly and surely changing the trend of thought. This factor which is but seldom considered, which is mightier than Ingersol's agnosticism, this factor, which will demolish the fortress of conservative thought, is Spiritualism. With these few preliminary remarks, we now direct your attention to a few thoughts pertaining to that factor, that element, which is revolutionizing the world of science and knowledge, which is making great changes in accepted beliefs and opinions, and which is destined in the future, to be recognized as the one factor which has wrought about the progress of thought along all the lines of religious and scientific knowledge.

Every preacher ordained by ecclesiastical authority; to whatever sect of Protestantism he may belong, or whatever opinion he may hold in regard to the dogmas of religion, has been in the past and is now, using all the influence which he possesses, against the truths of Spiritualism. Both from the pulpit and through the religious press and the secular as well, our revered divines are denouncing as heresy of the rankest kind, the principles and phenomena which are the essential features of the religion of Spiritualism, why all this opposition to a religion which is simply striving to prove to the world, the truth of the immortal existence of man, a truth which is the base of all the religions of the present day? what is the factor that draws the people from out of the folds of the churches, towards this new influx of religious thought? Why is the new, more attractive than the old forms of religion? In spite of all opposition, in spite of the warning voice of the church, directed against the new schism, in spite of the efforts of the church to attract and retain its votaries, there is a gradual and steady depopulation of the church militant, to fill the increasing ranks of those who espouse the truths of Spiritualism, what is this factor, this agency, this little mouse, which is causing such a flurry in the circles of conservative religion, let us look for an explanation of this phenomena, this change of base, this difference of opinion on the part of those who formerly espoused the cause of Protestantism in one or more of the

many forms with which it is presented to the world.

There is this difference between the old and the new forms of religious thought, which makes a union of opposing elements impossible. This difference is a slight one but upon it, hangs, as if it were the slender thread, the sword of Damocles threatening to demolish the arguments of those who oppose the truths of Spiritualism. The tenets of Protestantism, like those of Spiritualism, teach the "immortality of the soul," but Protestantism, in its teachings denies the truth of the return of the immortal spirit and the fact, that there is any means of communication between the two worlds, between the mortal and the immortal, the tangible and the intangible, the visible and the invisible spheres of existence. Here then is the weak place in the fortress of conservative religion, which Spiritualism has detected and by means of which, the truths of Spiritualism, like the mouse in the fable, are entering in and taking possession of the minds of the people.

Spiritualism is a religion based upon facts, therefore its foundation is lasting and strong. Spiritualism rears its structure upon truths only therefore is a fortress impregnable

to all assaults of false creeds. Its attractions are like so many magnets drawing the people out of the darkness of error and uncertainty, into the light of real tangible experiences.

The religion of Spiritualism appeals to all classes of people because it is a religion which teaches the truths which all need, and which are common to the brotherhood of mankind. It is not exclusive, like the teachings of Calvinism. It brings the gift of life to the knowledge of all and does not favor a select few whom Calvinists would call the "elect of God."

The truths of Spiritualism are forcing their way through every obstacle to the front, who can dispute occurrences which are daily happening in our midst; no more can we dispute the reality of the phenomena which we witness, proving to us, that the existence of the spirit is a truth.

The various phases of mediumship, and those who are the receptacle of the thoughts of the spirits, are the real factors of the world's progress. The mediums, through whom the spirits manifest themselves, are the instruments in the hand of God for performing a great work in over throwing the old conditions and establishing new phases

of thought. Spiritualism with its teachings and its phenomena will bring the two worlds into a closer contact with each other and will develop a broader and more liberal platform of religious principles upon which all may stand. The errors and mistakes of the past will be rectified by the knowledge which the spirits will give us of the future condition of man, and as, one by one, we shall be brought to the knowledge of the truths which Spiritualism teach us, the ranks of the Spiritualists will be filled by earnest seekers into the mysteries of spiritual science.

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SPIRITUALISM AND THE WAR

So long as the spiritual is looking out for its own interests solely, we have very little conflict or contact on the physical plane. But the moment it undertakes to affiliate or assist on that plane, all changes or transmutations indicate the transition from spiritual unfolding and final purpose, to a physical dominance seeking dissolution as its first move.

Spirit is always a creator, both originating and building. Wherever physical growth seems to be taking place, if we examine closely, we shall find the spirit is really the invisible force that lives and moves and has its being, both by direct and reflex action developing all we recognize as vitality and the overcoming of barriers.

On the other hand let the physical begin to manifest, and its first steps are the weakening of all the apparently creative conditions and a resolution into the original status of the unformed. Everywhere in all nature, the various combinations of physical elements, in their outer expression, verify this statement. The original organic form and any return thereto, is due entirely to spirit power, either with or without physical consenting.

To the thinking mind, the brooding and breaking of the war cloud in the far East, has been and is, a matter of much interest to all, in whose minds there exists perceptive consciousness of the difference between Spirit and Matter.

The ancient quarrel between the Russian and the Japanese, has never been settled. It has culminated in the vast preparations which have but one end and aim—mutual destruction. The restless seeking for an excuse for legal murder has gone on. Spirit disturbance has increased until the mentality of mankind which reflects the physical movements of the human race, is stirred through its entire dimensions. Nation after nation are being wrought up to the fighting pitch. A very slight excuse would serve them as a pretext for hostil-

ities. This is due to the disquieted harmony, beginning with the contestants, and spreading through the area of all nations, everywhere. This disturbance is especially felt by psychics, who are ever conscious of any opposition from the physical side of life. It is then our bounden duty, to hold ourselves steadily and calmly, as above all strife, or dissension.—W. P. Phelon, M. D.

"POEMS OF POWER."

The many readers of the JOURNAL, will be interested in learning that a new and revised edition of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's "Poems of Power" has just been issued by W. B. Conkey Co. of Chicago. This new volume of verses is handsomely bound in illuminated cloth, gold lettered, price \$1 and contains her very latest poems together with many old favorites that have adorned the pages of the JOURNAL.

Mrs. Wilcox's poems touch the heart and contain vital truths that appeal to every earnest soul. Nearly all are familiar with the passage—"This, too, will pass away," and apply it to every event in life that seems hard to bear. This entire poem is reproduced in this edition also, the one commencing—"Talk happiness; the world is sad enough without your woes." Another familiar one oft quoted contains these lines: "You never can tell what your thoughts will do in bringing you hate or love." The entire poem is in this beautiful volume; also those entitled "The World is Growing Better;" "You and Today," "Smiles;" "Song of the Spirit," etc.

I will give a few quotations from those I have never seen in print before, which may be of profit as well as pleasure to the reader:

WORDS.

"Words are great forces in the realms of life,

Be careful of their use. Who talks of hate,

Of poverty, of sickness, but sets rife
These very elements to mar his fate.

When love, health, happiness and plenty hear

Their names repeated over day by day,

They wing their way like answering fairies near,

Then nestle down within our homes to stay.

Who talks of evil conjures into shape

The formless thing that gives it life and scope,

This is the law. Then let no word escape

That does not breathe of everlasting hope.

TRUE CHARITY.

I gave a beggar from my little store
Of well earned gold. He spent the shining ore

He came again and yet again still
Cold and hungry as before.

I gave a thought, and thru that thought of mine,

He found himself, the man, supreme divine!

Fed, clothed and crowned, with blessing manifold,

And now he begs no more.

WE TWO

We two make home of any place we go;

We two find joy in any kind of weather;

Or if the earth is clothed in bloom or snow—

If summer days invite, or bleak winds blow—

What matters it if we two are together?

We two, we two, we make our world, our weather.

This choice volume of poems contains sentiments to fit every mood, and should be a friend and companion of our daily lives. It is also a comforter and consoler in times of trouble or distress.

OAKLAND NEWS.

Mrs. Jennie Hagan Brown accompanied Mrs. Lillie to the meeting of the Oakland Psychical Society last Sunday morning, and the audience had a rare treat in the treatment of the various subjects presented, two of which were combined in a joint poem improvised by both ladies. Mrs. Brown promised to be with us again next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie visited the society at 856 1/2 Isabella street on Wednesday evening, and those present were entertained and instructed in a manner that was well appreciated.

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The ones who knew me in earth life, will remember that I found it pleasant to talk of the other life. Well dear friends the half has not and cannot be told. Flowers, music, green fields, and lovely rivers, and all that makes a land fair are here.

I await the time when you two will be with me. God bless you all,
—Sarah Whitehead.

William Curtis—A white haired, soldierly looking man is asking to send a message to his child, and as he draws near I see with him a little boy, who has his father's name, and looks like him. The child is leading the elder man I think some trouble was with the eyes. They send love to the earth friends and make special mention of a Mr. Davidson.

Captain Wilson—Just a word to my wife, tell Eva to tell her that I am most certainly alive, and I long for her to know the truth of the continuity of life. This is very strange, and I cannot explain yet how I came to get in line to talk this way.

There are so many asking to send word through the Alice message corner, and O! how long some have waited.

Thank you dear friend for the opportunity given me.

Charles Bacon—I want to send a line to my wife though far from here, she will be glad to know she is not forgotten. Tell her that I am trying to help her. Tell the rest that I am helping them too. Henry and Amalia are with me.

Homer—That is all I hear.

The name is given by a young man, one side of the face is scarred as if from a heavy blow or cut with a dull knife.

The man is bewildered by some sudden shock, which caused the passing out of the body and more, I can see that he has been in the new life but a very short time. I hear only this, Homer, Homer.

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Mme. Florence Montague expects to leave for London, England sometime during next month. See the JOURNAL, for further information.

A reception was tendered to Mrs. Jennie B. Hagan Brown on Wednesday evening the 24th in Sunflower hall. The continued rain and many other attractions unavoidably deprived a large number of her friends and admirers from participating in extending to her, that earnest and hearty cordiality she would otherwise have received. However, the evening was a pleasant one. Mrs. Lillie being a warm and loyal friend of Mrs. Brown presided at the meeting and in her introductory remarks, made every one feel at home with their honored guest. Short addresses, songs and general social chats made all present feel well paid for coming.

56th Anniversary.—A meeting of Spiritualists, representatives of the various auxiliary societies of the C. S. S. A., will be held in Sunflower hall 305 Larkin street on Sunday the 28th inst at 3 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is to select a committee to make a complete arrangement for celebrating the 56th anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in San Francisco. Let there be a good attendance and come early.

Psychical Society of Oakland.—Mrs. Jennie B. Hagan Brown assisted Mrs. R. S. Lillie on Sunday morning, February 21. A good audience was in attendance to listen to her inspirations. Some came with questions prepared and which were taken by her as a basis for a discourse. Among them, one upon the present war between Japan and Russia. Its extent and results also a quotation from Mathew 16th chap, 18th to 20th verses brought out excellent thought. Closing a very interesting lecture by improvising upon the following subjects: "The transition age," "The days work," "Behold the lilies how they grow." On this occasion Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Lillie engaged in a dual improvisation. This demonstration presents a fine illustration of the power of spirits over the minds of their instruments. Mrs. Brown will assist Mrs. Lillie at the same place Sunday morning February 28.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Manchester who recently left for Angels Camp for his health, is not feeling as well as his friends had hoped, but it is thought that settled weather will bring an improvement. Fred is one of the best of boys and deserves to get well and strong.

Mrs. Eva Peck has been moved to the home of Mr. Gillespie where she is being cared for by Mrs. Gillespie. She is reported as slowly gaining for which her many friends are truly thankful.

Progressive Spiritualists Society, Mme. Florence Montague drew a large audience to Covenant hall, Odd Fellows building, Sunday evening in spite of the heavy storm, where she delivered her farewell lecture from the platform of the Progressive Spiritualists Society of San Francisco. By special request of the officers of the society the topic was the same selected before the state convention last autumn. That is: "Why capital punishment should be abolished" and it was treated scientifically and eloquently. Following the usual song service, a song "At Heaven's Gate" was well rendered by the choir. Mrs. Lillie in well chosen and appropriate language introduced the speaker of the evening. While at the close Mrs. Jennie Hagan Brown in loving words, paid high tribute to Mme. Montague as a message bearer of truth to the world, and bidding her "God Speed" wherever duty calls. The proceeds of the collection \$10 were offered as a parting gift from the society to the speaker, but her friends in the audience who had not understood this at first swelled the amount to \$25 immediately after, and Madame Montague takes with her the good wishes and loving remembrances of all those who know her and appreciate her grand work and worth.

Peoples' Church.—Despite the storm Sunday evening a goodly number assembled at the meeting, and felt well repaid for the effort. The subject "As it is to be" was handled in a manner that was an inspiration to the audience. Mrs. Gillespie has never given a better lecture and all felt better for being present. "Alice was in evidence with some messages that were most comforting, given in a tender, yet convincing manner.

These messages are not given claiming to be tests but simply comforts and never fail in their object. Next Sunday evening the infant son of Mrs. and Mr. Akers will be presented for christening. This service is very interesting and impressive. Announcement was also given for the social to be held at Sunflower hall the 29th, where a good time is promised all. Every one invited to attend.

"My mind to me a kingdom is," was the line from which Henry Harrison Brown discoursed Sunday evening. He declared that he who was not at peace within, could not have a peaceable external life. Said men and women did not rule their kingdom of mind. This lack of self-government, is the cause of disease, poverty, crime and unhappiness. When every part of one's kingdom is governed with Love and Truth, there are no Manchurias upon which the invading armies of fear and passion contend for mastery. He closed with a plea for each one of his audience, to give a few moments as the bells rang each day for noon, to the Affirmation of Peace declaring for individual and universal Peace.

In a Blaze of Glory! was the verdict of all who were fortunate enough to be present at "Ye olde Time" Concert and Dance given under the auspices of the Sunflower League and under the direct management and supervision of Mrs. Anna L-Gillespie at Scottish hall, San Francisco on Thursday evening, February 18. Mrs. Gillespie was most efficiently assisted by the following committee of ladies. Mrs. D. N. Place, Mrs. Minnie Prah and Mrs. Tom Johnson—Floor Managers,—Mr. Tom Johnson and Mr. C. H. Wadsworth—Piano accompanist, Mrs. Addie Norton. Special mention is due to the following artists who so kindly responded to delight the audience in their specialties viz: Mr. Perrine in a recitation, Miss Erma Savage "Dance of the Dewdrops," Prof. Oscar Lienau in a tenor solo, and Miss Jean Logan in a characteristic dance. Space will not permit further mention but just to say, that all participants covered themselves all over with fame.

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