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HOPE.

EDW. F. COBB.

Light out of seeming darkness,
Power from meekness grown:
Beauty from earth in the flower,
The bird from the nest has flown.

Sweet is the voice of children,
At play in the brightening sun;
A tender word in the morning,
At night brings victory won.

Darkness, sunlight and flowers,
Birds, children and tender deeds;
These bind all the world together,
Supplies all the hearts great needs.

Love is the potent power, strength-
ening
All with its life-giving breath;
For life is alike in flower or child,
Never knowing the thing called
death.

I SAT ME DOWN TO THINK.

MRS. S. J. WILSON.

I sat me down to think,
The stream of thought flow'd fast;
The golden chains passed thro' my brain,
Inspired my soul at last.

I felt so blest in the calm sweet rest,
That my heart was bounding with joy;
It seemed to me I had found that rest,
That no earthly foe could destroy.

The world seemed strange,
And the people seemed pale,
To see me reach for this light;
The more they try to tramp me down,
The more for the Truth I fight.

I've no jewels to deck my hair,
Neither have I title or fame;
But this is the question I often ask—
Do I carry an empty brain?

An empty brain and aimless life,
Is the burden I wish to leave,
And gather new thoughts every day,
Like a gleaner would, gather the
sheaves.

A SPIRITUAL VIEW OF PRESENT CONDITIONS.

BY DAVID A. LEISK.

The complex problem of human existence, viewed from the present outlook, is one which calls for patient investigation and sympathetic insight. The evolution of the race progresses slowly, but according to one undeviating plan. Through cycles of time, amidst the throes of racial wars, religious strife and political corruption, humanity has

gained an eminence in development which aforesaid it never was privileged to attain to. The race has been humanized, the animal man of the past is giving place to the spiritual man of the present, who is moulding the thought of the age, and will ultimately dominate the mind of the future.

This age is an age of the generation of new forces, the influx of thought from all spiritual centres

in the heavenlies has been plentiful and the result can be seen in the multifarious spiritual movements which have characterized this age. All have striven to give expression to their ideals, and however poorly they may have succeeded, the effort has not been altogether in vain. The seeds of truth have been sown in the soul of humanity, and in due time and state the earth shall reap the harvest.

forth and striking humanity as one great prism, it has been caught and its light reflected in a glorious galaxy of colors, according to the spiritual and mental organization of the various types of the human race. The present condition of things is the resultant therefrom. Chaos can soon become cosmos when the law of harmony is properly adjusted.

Humanity, as a whole, must understand how to manipulate the machinery of these simple laws of life which will bring about harmonious thought and action. The apprentice spiritual mechanics of the race are endeavoring to do the work of the skilled journeyman, and the machinery is out of gear, owing to their unskilful manipulation. Humanity can be likened to a great machine, every joint, screw, swivel, cog and flywheel having to perform their necessary function towards the harmonious working of the grand whole. If the swivel endeavors to take the place of the cog, and the screw that of the flywheel, and so on *ad infinitum* what result other than chaos can be expected. Cosmos no longer reigns, but instead, the machinery of life becomes hopelessly mixed up in a jumble of screws, cogs, joints, swivels and flywheels all trying to accomplish something, but hindered in their efforts, because not adjusted to the essential part required of them.

To-day is a day of strenuous activity in all departments of human life. Mankind is awakening from the sleep of his forefathers. He is understanding more of that ancient philosophic maxim, "Man, know thyself," and of the possibilities of life, and therefore applying himself more diligently to attain to greater heights of usefulness.

In the struggle for emancipation he makes many serious mistakes, in the eagerness of his desire for power and knowledge, he is more often cruel and selfish, than humane. The operative power in man is good, but the expression of that power through undeveloped souls, is often anything but spiritual



TWO OF OUR MISSIONARIES.

We present in this issue of the Philosophical Journal portraits of two of the foremost workers in the cause of Spiritualism and organization of the movement in our country. They are missionaries of the National Spiritualists' Association of the United States and Canada, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, of Jamestown, N. Y. They are making a tour over some of the north western states and the Pacific coast states, including California, where they are filling engagements in the principal cities at the present writing. The report of these missionaries, covering three months of labor, beginning at Lawrence, Kansas, in December, 1904, and extending over the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Washington and Oregon, reaching San Francisco the first week in March, as published in last week's Journal and continued in this issue, furnishing interesting reading, and showing grand results for our cause wherever and whenever our philosophy is truthfully presented. The Philosophical Journal bespeaks for them kind and generous treatment while in the "Golden State," and also extends to them free and liberal use of its columns.

The spiritual light now descending on the present age, has to all appearances not been focussed and centralized, and in consequence thereof cohesion has been lacking. Light has been scattered in a variety of struggling beams in the darkened places of the earth. The beneficent powers who have been instrumental in shedding these rays of heavenly truth, have not

lacked purpose, neither have they been divided in their intention to spread light and knowledge over the entire earth. As the single ray of light strikes the prism, dissolving into a variety of colors, blending one with the other, yet all different, but produced originally from the one ray of light. So, in like manner, light from the one great angel centre has been sent

and brotherly. The machinery in these cases has not been harmoniously adjusted. But how are they to be adjusted? Surely this will evolve itself naturally. Man is first of all a spiritual being, endowed with intelligence like unto his infinite creator. As such he can profit by his experiences, and learn how to operate so as to harmonize with the grand whole without injuring his neighbor. He will surely learn in time that it is a useless performance for him to undertake the work of a flywheel when he is only a swivel.

The stress of present conditions, socially, commercially and politically are the resultant of what has been already pointed out. The powerful forces now at work unfolding the human race, not being understood and harmonized by the adjustment of spiritual law, has caused individual units in the human race to selfishly strive for wealth and power, irrespective of the rights of other units who are also as much parts of the grand whole as they themselves. Man has a right to strive, and it is good for his development; but he must strive lawfully, or he becomes unspiritual and out of harmony with the order of the Infinite. There will be an abolition of misery in all departments of human life when these laws are understood and conscientiously obeyed. An adjustment of conditions will take place, and a spiritual light and warmth generated throughout the earth, which heretofore has never fallen to its lot.

Socialism in its truest aspects, is but another expression of that intelligence now at work which is striving to show mankind that all are brothers, and that individual happiness can never be attained at the expense of others. Neither can any unit enjoy heaven when another unit is suffering. The highest attainment of spiritual development is, when that state is reached where as individualized beings, that oneness with the whole is recognized which seeks the perfection of each and every unit comprising it.

TO MY CRITICS.

BY J. P. COOKE.

Dear Editor: It begins to look as if I must defend myself for declaring God and proclaiming the truth that I have seen. So I must ask for a little of your valuable space.

It is interesting to find out to what extent these representative Spiritualists will allow their brothers and sisters to declare God. Brother B. F. French in the kindness of his heart allows us to preach "Humanity," but not God. Not declare God, the cause of all that is decent and noble in His "divine

humanity." How can we explain that which is noble and worthy without proclaiming that Love and Light which is the attraction and the glory of the over soul, while it is the inmost life of every creature. That divinity which is the origin of harmony. It is

The soul and source of music, which makes known
Eternal harmony, and sheds a charm
Like to the fabled Cytherea's zone
Blending all things with beauty; 'twould disarm
The spectre death, had he substantial power to harm.

I must admit that in the man-made schemes of theology there is much to excuse or justify the position of Brother French. The spirit, it Leiah, who was Jesus controlled, once said to him, "*Priestcraft and hell have always walked hand in hand,*" and the history of religious persecution has warranted the words. But because priestcraft is odious, shall we be silent about the truths of the spirit of Good? The spirit of human sympathy which Brother French exhibits in his article towards its close. There is too little of love and helpfulness in the world. There is too much of the beast and of that brutality which makes and continues the unhappy conditions which Brother French justly deplures.

I do not speak of God as a mere idealistic speculator. I describe that which I have seen. My description is recognized by A. J. Davis and Charles H. A. Bjerregard, the mystic and frequent contributor to the *Metaphysical Magazine*, both of whom have seen the spiritual sun, the sunlight of all souls. Through the power of "Navi-culation" I was taken up and held in that condition and enabled to perceive it; I promised in that holy condition to declare the Truth when returned to earth. I am not at liberty to hide this truth, and I do not wish to do so. If thoroughly understood it would explain nature, its modes and meaning. The central life and soul is bringing His human creations into rapport with His divine ideas, His truth and knowledge. True, "divine humanity" is the highest and noblest which has come forth from the blending of essences, of matter and mind.

Faith is the great spring of human progress. Faith in the unchanging goodness gives courage, hope, energy, and the nearer the faith approaches to a pure spiritual theism the greater is its power to carry men upward and onward. This living faith gives us comfort when we lay our little ones and our dearest ones away, knowing that a tender care and love inspired hands are about them. When we are called to pass through the dark valley itself it banishes the dread of death to know that there is light beyond its darkness—that we need not stumble and fall in the deep shadows as being without hope, but can press forward knowing by reason that there is light beyond the

darkness and that death is "but a kind of welcome servant that with noiseless hand unlocks life's flower encircled door to show us those we love." †

The slave in his chains when anchored in faith is stronger than his tyrant.

When Mohammed taught his wild Arab tribes to renounce Idolatry and accept one God and one God only—The primal Soul of all souls—he created the seeds of a civilization which illuminated Europe for hundreds of years. We owe much to it ourselves. When Mohammed said "Ye are all brethren; see that you feed your slaves with such food as ye eat and clothe them as you clothe yourselves." He taught that humanitarian spirit which Brother French so justly admires and so fervently hopes for in the coming age.

When Luther defied Rome in the name of a faith purified from its corruption, he helped to plant germs of modern art, science, literature and freedom. When the pilgrims founded New England for the sake of a REFORMED REFORMATION they gave a stimulus to human civilization and progress which still survives in Europe and America. They gave promise of the free speech by which we may speak to day without dread of the stake or the ax, even though we declare the truth of the living God.

Out of the dark the circling sphere

Is rounding onward to the light.

We see not yet the full day here,

But we do see the paling light:

And Hope that lights her fadeless fires

And Faith that shines a heavenly will,

And Love that courage re-inspires,

These stars have been above us still.

This confidence in the inevitable truth of the central spirit and light is a great gain. If any wish to see its scientific demonstration let them read Andrew Jackson Davis' book, "The Stellar Key to the Summer Land." His exposition is all that I can ask and the truth will stand all the investigation we can bring to it. The free press, the free intelligence and integrity of our modern world cannot fail to pulverize with their invisible tread all obstacles, stone or brazen, which lie in the path of human progress. The laws of the spirit and intellectual world may be taken for granted. My little voice may well be silenced forever, but the eternal word of Truth will always be articulate.

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May Ervin.—A tiny, blue eyed girl, sends love to mama and sister Grace. The child is one of wonderful loveliness. Music is all about her; she shows me a tiny violin and says "mama knows about it." I have one like the one grandma gave me over here. With the child is a young girl who has been in the spirit world many years. She gives the name of Naomi Shepherd; she will be glad if the friends will send word to John H. Shepherd of Wheatland, that he may know she has not forgotten the dear ones. Now I see a man with them who was, they say, my uncle. I see three letters. They are I, D, W. I do not hear a message.

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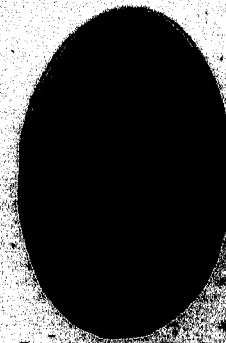
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COMMENTS.

The key note of the Journal of March 11th is, "Stand firm." In the intricacies of Charles Dawbarn's article, you may not at first fully perceive the note. But a second reading will keep its vibration clear through every paragraph.

Dawbarn's writings often present a phase of Spiritualism which it is not always pleasant to contemplate. Yet a phase which demands earnest, painstaking investigation.

Better let the spirit friends seek you than be calling them continually to seance room or circle. They have their work, their duties, their needs all demanding their careful attention. What progress can they be making if you hold them in continual attendance upon you? You should not wish to keep them in "fog land." But your desire ought to be that they be blessed and profited in their life, and be permitted to enjoy the spirit world as you desire to enjoy the material world.

When they have a message, when you need their aid, they will find the means to help you. Every time you are tired, every time some little thing annoys you, it is not necessary to invoke spirits to relieve you. Stand firm and help yourself.

This constant impromptu makes possible some of the simulations of which Dawbarn speaks, or binds to earth-souls who would gladly go forward. It is not less but greater love that gives liberty to the one beloved. Nothing is ever lost that is truly yours. "Nor height, nor depth, nor time, nor space can keep your own away from you."

It is this thought which should enable Spiritualists to stand firm. And it is just that standing which will draw them together, and those

that are of them, into a compact, well-arranged organism. Organisms imply growth. Growth demands time, and spells progression. Hence, organized Spiritualism can not be crystallization. Though there are those who feel it must represent a creed and formula, else it will not endure.

Judaism passed into formalism, and the spirit slipped from the cumbersome house man had builded for it, and burst into new life in primitive Christianity. Christianity has grown formal, and the spirit is passing from it to newer cults.

Shall it find an abiding place for coming centuries in Spiritualism? That depends! If it be not "cribbed and confined" with two many rules and "formula," it will have free life and bless mankind in the liberty of the Spiritual Philosophy. If an attempt be made to hedge it in with a barbed wire fence of "Don'ts," the Angel of the Lord will surely deliver it from the prison house, and in the morning the watchers will find they guard only an empty cell.

The coming to the coast of the National Missionaries ought to mean to the movement larger liberty, a broader horizon; an increased power of the spirit. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague are not harvesters, they are sowers who have gone forth into the world to scatter the seeds of knowledge concerning the organized movement. Their message is rather to Spiritualists than to unbelievers. They come to consecrate the believer, not to convert the sceptic. Incidentally they may arrest the thought of the outsider, but directly their purpose is to arrest the thought of the insider. To help him to stand firm by giving him a firm foundation on which to stand. Their work is just begun. San Francisco and San Jose have given them a hearing. It is to be hoped every society in the State may have their message in the time they are to give to California. Then the Spiritualists of the State will know whether the National is an inspiring power, receiving that it may give forth more abundantly, or if it merely cumpers the ground.

Send to headquarters for the records of the work that has been and is being done, and they will inspire you to lend a hand. Will give you the desire to be a part of the great movement for spiritual emancipation, for mental liberty, for physical perfection.

COMMENTER.

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- 3.—Music, Audience.
- 4.—Address, Mr. A. S. Howe.
- 5.—Music, Choir.
- 6.—Messages, Dr. Stewart-Ellis, Mrs. Jennie Robinson, Mrs. H. A. Griffin.

COLLECTION.

- 7.—Solo,
- 8.—Addresses, Mrs. Mary A. Wells, Mrs. M. S. Phelps, Mrs. Louisa S. Drew.
- 9.—Music, Audience.
- 10.—Messages, Mrs. Sadie Eberhardt, Mrs. C. E. Wermouth, Mrs. M. E. G. Howe.
- 11.—Address, Mrs. E. R. Nickless Cobb.
- 12.—Music, Choir.
- 13.—Messages, Mrs. Salome Cowell, Mr. E. P. Cobb.
- 14.—Doxology, Audience.
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- 1.—Instrumental Selection, Violin and Piano, Prof. Rich. and Mdme. Young.
- 2.—Address, Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie.
- 3.—Vocal Solo, Miss Edith Norton.
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- 4.—Address, Mrs. Sarah Seal.

COLLECTION.

- 5.—Music, Choir.
- 6.—Messages, Madame E. Young.
- 7.—Music, Audience.
- 8.—Messages, Mrs. J. J. Whitney.
- 9.—Music, Audience.
"America."
- 10.—Benediction.



SAN JOSE NEWS.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

Thought I would drop you a line and speak of our missionaries sojourn in this place. I fear that their memory of San Jose will always be associated with the heavy down pour of rain which greeted them on their arrival here. It rained all day and night on Sunday, so there was a small attendance at the hall. However, I was fortunate in being able to go, for I very much desired to greet our brother and sister.

Though the attendance was small both afternoon and evening, we had excellent meetings, and was glad to hear such good and energetic speakers. The subjects dealt with were thoroughly canvassed and explained to the audience; and the improvised poem at the close of

each lecture was indeed a well sping of truth to each listener.

Mrs. Sprague gave some good messages, prefaced with a short talk which prepared the way for the communications. Would that we might have had them longer with us.

An appeal on behalf of the Mediums' Fund was responded to in a cheerful manner, collections and contributions amounting to \$15.95 being handed over for that worthy purpose.

In the afternoon and evening we were favored with selections on the mandolin by Mrs. Muntz and daughter Merle, both of whom are artists in that line. We always feel like exclaiming in the words of the song—"We welcome them here."

With the expectation of having a good time on the 26th, when we celebrate the 57th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, and hoping that all other societies may be equally blessed.—I am yours for the good of the cause,

Mrs. H. L. Bigelow.

TIDINGS FROM LOS ANGELES.

The world renowned inspirational speaker and author, Mr. W. J. Colville, who is on another tour of the leading cities of the world, delivered a most timely and prophetic lecture on "The Coming Co-operative Commonwealth, and how it will be Realized," in the Masonic Hall, on Sunday, February 26th.

The celebrated pianist, Prof. de Chauvenet of the International Congress de Musique, Paris, provided delightful music. There was also some excellent singing.

On Monday, February 27th, Mr. Colville gave two lectures in Riviera Hall, Long-Beech, which were well attended and evoked great interest.

On Tuesday, February 28th, he co-operated with Prof. de Chauvenet in a musical evening at Woodbury Business College, Los Angeles. There was a fine representative audience who greatly enjoyed the brilliant playing of the professor, the singing of the vocalists and the instructive and eloquent lecture which was especially timely, coming immediately after the visit of the Savage Opera Co., whose rendition of "Lohengrin" and "Tannhauser" called forth unstinted praise. The value of music as a healing and morally elevating agent is now being earnestly discussed. Requests have been made that Mr. Colville's valuable address should be permanently preserved.

Mr. Colville lectures in Masonic Hall, Los Angeles on March 12, 19 and 26, at 8 and 7:30 p.m.; and in Pasadena, at Board of Trade Rooms, Colorado st., on Wednesday and Friday, March 15th and 17th, at 8 p.m., in addition to a course of lectures in Harriman Hall, on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 and 8 p.m., March 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 30, and April 1.

Mr. Colville expects to begin a two months' work in San Francisco commencing April 9th. Full particulars will shortly be announced.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The annual election of officers of the Ladies' First Spiritual Aid Society will be held at their headquarters, room 8 Odd Fellows' building, on Wednesday at 2 p. m., April 5, 1905. All members are requested to be present.

Annie E. Wadsworth,
Secretary.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

The meetings by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague and wife, missionaries of the National Spiritual Association, were held under the auspices of the Ladies' First Spiritual Aid Society in room 8, Odd Fellows' building and were well attended and managed. On Monday evening the 6th, an informal reception was held, and for an hour there was a general handshaking and friendly greeting of both old and new friends. Among the old friends were Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie and Mr. H. H. Brown, editor of the Now. The latter part of the evening was devoted to short addresses of welcome by Mrs. Annie L. Gillespie and many others. Mr. H. H. Brown referred in a feeling manner to the many pleasant visits he enjoyed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, which reference elicited the fact that from these visits and through the instrumentality of Mr. Brown's ministrations Mr. Sprague first became interested in Spiritualism. The addresses of the evening were by Mr. and Mrs. Sprague along the line of organization and spiritual thought. This meeting was presided over by Mrs. Howe. The second meeting of the series was held on Wednesday evening, the 8th, presided over by Mrs. M. A. Mayo, who after the opening song, introduced Mr. Sprague, who gave a lecture replete with reasons favoring greater unity among Spiritualists everywhere and showing that a more complete organization is paramount to all other issues in the great cause of Spiritualism to-day, and citing many instances to prove the great benefit derived and enjoyed by societies who are working in harmony with the efforts made by the N. S. A. Mrs. Sprague followed with a short address and messages. The second meeting closed with a deeper interest in and a clearer understanding of ORGANIZATION. Friday evening the 10th was the third and closing meeting of the series. There was a good audience, and Mr. Sprague reached the acme of his enthusiasm, while he presented in a clear manner the need of organization, especially where societies exist west of the Rocky Mountains. He exhorted all Spiritualists to become members of some auxiliary society and be true and loyal to the State and National Associations, as in this lies the only hope of attaining the success and the realization so devoutly wished by every true Spiritualist.

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N. S. A. MISSIONARIES' REPORT.

Especially Written for "The Philosophical Journal."

We were called to Seattle by Mr. R. T. Little, President, Washington State Spiritual Association. We served him during the week, and the local society on Sunday. Our work was highly appreciated by the Seattle Spiritualists, many people expressing regret at our leaving so soon. We were happily surprised in meeting Mrs. Sprague's sister, brother-in-law and niece in Seattle. We spent one week there and were entertained by them at the Colonade Hotel. Mrs. S. had not seen her sister but once in thirty years.

We were next called to Tacoma, Wash., by Mr. Kuowlden, one of the officers of the state board. We held two meetings with his local society. Mrs. Lovejoy is the permanent speaker. There are two societies in Tacoma, and we were told that both are doing good work. There is also a New Thought society in this city with which a few that were once called Spiritualists affiliate. May they find the sweet comfort and solace in this now (?) thought that Spiritualism in its fullness failed to supply.

We stopped in Portland over night and held one meeting while on our way to McMinnville. At McMinnville we held two meetings and organized a society. We found a small band of Spiritualists here who are progressive, earnest and loyal to our organization. They need encouragement from all who can furnish it.

We returned to Portland, where we held two meetings in Drews' Hall, Sunday morning and evening, February 19th Sunday afternoon we attended a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary. This auxiliary was organized for the purpose of raising funds to build a temple for the First Spiritualist Society.

When the report of the year's work was read it showed that by hard work the ladies had raised a little over one hundred dollars. We were called upon for remarks and electrified and astonished the audience by raising one hundred and three dollars for the ladies' building fund. It was a great surprise to the ladies, especially as we had not even asked permission to do it. However they were delighted to receive the cash.

On Monday evening we attended the regular weekly meeting held at the home of the World's Advance Thought. This Spiritualist magazine for nearly a quarter of a century has been making its periodical visits to the homes of intelligent men and women living in all parts of the world. Mrs. Lucy A. Mallory, its efficient editor, is truly a spiritual Spiritualist. Her house is open at all times for meetings. We are told that three meetings

each week the year round are held in these rooms, Mrs. Mallory presiding.

The regular conference meeting which was to have been held at this time was set aside and the meeting turned over to the missionaries. There were about one hundred persons present, much enthusiasm was shown, and at the close of the meeting there was a strong effort made to keep us for a week. We had to decline to remain because of previous engagements.

We came to Portland by invitation of Rev. C. C. Love, President Oregon State Association. He is a good speaker and medium. He wishes to correspond with good workers relative to their serving his camp-meeting association next season. His address is 354 College street, Portland, Oregon.

We visited Corvallis, Or., where we held one meeting in the little temple built and dedicated to the good work by Dr. Flint and his good wife. Mrs. Flint has been the minister of this society for several years. The temple was packed. Many stood at the entrance and some went away. This society is not chartered and has been working under the disadvantages that all societies do that are not chartered. Several of their members assured us they would work to the end that their society would take out a charter with the State Association.

We next held forth at Cottage Grove, Or., where we held two meetings in the Opera House and organized a fine society, chartering them with the State Association. The Opera House was full to the doors each evening. The President of this society, Mrs. Stouffer, and her husband (now deceased) have been workers in our cause for many years. This society is sure of success.

Our next stop was at Medford, Or. We held two public meetings and organized a nice little society. The Spiritualists saw the need of organization and have taken hold of the work with energy. We will hear more from these good people, for they have been waiting for this opportunity to get to work in the proper way.

At Ashland, Or., we found a fine society doing splendid work. One of the brothers (whose name we cannot recall) gave about \$5000 to the society to be used in building a temple. He has since passed to the better life. The society has just completed a building costing \$8000. The hall is up one flight of stairs and is a splendid place to hold meetings. The society has rented the store on the first floor, the offices on the second floor, and the hall for use of lodges, reserving it for Sunday for their own meetings. The rent amounts to nearly \$1200 a year; which will soon pay the \$3000 indebtedness, after which the society will have all the rent to support their meetings. It is one of the most business-like moves that we

have come in contact with for some time. It will help to make this society permanent. Moses Hull will dedicate this temple March 31st next. We had the honor of holding the first Spiritualist meeting in this lovely hall and our prayer is that every society in the land may have such a place of meeting.

Spiritualists ponder over this thing, and build your own halls. You can do as these people have done and make your cause self-supporting in many places. We left these people just about ready to charter their society with the State Association. We feel sure that when the society next meets, their application for a charter will be ordered.

Our work in Ashland was well appreciated. We enjoyed the two meetings we held there. We closed the month of February at Ashland, Or., and are now working in California.

We would love to mention each one of the good souls who have welcomed us gladly, entertained us royally, and given us the assistance that has helped to make the work the success it has proved to be, but we fear we have reached the limit of the good editor's patience. Let each one feel assured that we appreciate the great assistance they have so freely given us.

Let all Spiritualists rejoice, for everything is working for the ultimate success of our organization and the cause of true Spiritualism.

We will be at work in California during the next three weeks or until about April 5th, and would be pleased to hear from those who would like our services.

We expect to be in Santa Cruz March 14, 15 and 16th, and will go south working our way as far as Los Angeles, returning northward via Bakersfield, Visalia, Fresno and Stockton.

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PASSED TO HIGHER LIFE.

[Progressive Thinker, March 11, 1905.]
Passed to the higher life from her daughter's home in Hillsboro, Ill., in her 71st year, Mrs. Hetty M. Brown. She was the widow of L. B. Brown, who was well known among the early workers in the ranks of Spiritualists in Michigan. She was for years active as a medium and did much good among the sick, being especially gifted in the healing power. She was ever a staunch and earnest champion of her beloved spiritual philosophy. Simple and temperate in her mode of living, having no use for drugs or doctors, there were no bands in her transition. She passed away like one who wraps her mantle about her and lies down to pleasant dreams. Mrs. Brown was born in Fort Ann, N. Y., August 16, 1824. Married in Brooklyn, Mich., March 3, 1846. Out of seven children five are left to mourn her loss. In the locality where she passed away there were no Spiritualist speakers available, and not desiring an orthodox minister, the services were simply musical, and according to her request her remains were taken to St. Louis, Mo., and cremated. Mrs. C. H. Hinkly, Grand Rapids, Mich.

THE BENEFIT SEANCE.

The benefit seance held Tuesday night by Mr. C. V. Miller at his home, 1080 Bush street, was a grand success in point of numbers and grander still as to the manifestations. It was a rainy night, making unfavorable conditions, besides keeping many away. The manifestations were satisfactory, especially so to their friends, who fully recognized them. There were six or more spirits whose forms appeared in plain view of all. In one instance two spirit forms came together who stood beside Mr. Miller in full view, all three conversing at the time. This was a remarkable evening for all who were there, and the half is not told. At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 15th a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Miller for his kindness and generosity in behalf of the Journal. W. T. Jones Sec'y.

HOUSE WARMING.

About thirty-five friends of Mr. J. W. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Morse and Ladies' First Spiritual Aid Society of San Francisco, met at their new home in Berkeley, on Wednesday, March 8th. A very pleasant time was enjoyed, and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. There were remarks by the visitors and members, and a birthday poem by Mr. J. M. Mathews made a pleasing program. This was very near the 77th birthday of Mr. Mathews and it was in a way, a celebration of that event. He received many congratulations and good wishes for continued physical life to be extended to him.

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Mr. Arthur S. Howe delivered an address full of interest and information on the "Art of Printing—the Progress, Power and Influence of the Press." It was a history of all that pertains to the intellectual moral and spiritual unfoldment of the race. These efforts are worthy of larger audiences. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Cobb and Mrs. Howe assisted with messages.

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BIBLE SPIRITUAL CHURCH.

The above church met at Odd Fellows' Hall as usual, on Sunday, March 12th, and there was a large attendance present. Dr. Cowan, the president, occupied the chair. Tests were given by Madame Waltman and Mr. Harry Hargrave, which in every case were recognised.

PEOPLE'S CHURCH.

A good audience braved the storm last Sunday night to Elks' Hall, and were well paid for being present. It was "Question Box" night. After the usual singing and a specially well-rendered number by the choir, the pastor, Mrs. Gillespie, and her guides, rapidly answered a large number of written questions from the audience. Mrs. Loie F. Prior, for the past year pastor of a flourishing society in Seattle, Washington, occupied a chair on the platform, and followed Mrs. Gillespie with a short address, giving a brief sketch of her chosen life work, and in closing her very interesting remarks, admonishing her hearers to be faithful and loyal to the work undertaken, and uphold the hands of the pastor in her every effort to build up the cause in this city.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

As the tenth annual convention of the California State Spiritualists' Association is to be held in San Diego in September, 1905, a club of not less than sixty members is now being formed to secure a low rate of transportation. Arrangements have been completed with S. P. R. Co. for two coaches for the round trip, including side trips and sleeper at the low rate of twenty-four dollars each person. All wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity can do so by securing from the Secretary of your nearest auxiliary Society, or from W. T. Jones, 1429 Market St., Secretary of the C. S. S. A. A card explaining terms etc., which will be filled out and forwarded to the Sec'y.

CHURCH OF THE SOUL.

On Sunday, the 4th inst., the guides of Mrs. Seal, in her discourse, dwelt mainly on the sad passing of Mrs. Stanford, eulogising her life of usefulness, goodness of character and generosity of spirit. The speaker noted the fact that too often those who have found their greatest comfort and consolation in Spiritualism and communion with their loved ones gone before, are careless and neglect, when about to journey to the spirit home, to bequeath a portion of their accumulated wealth for the spread of the glorious truth and to lighten the pathway of other hungry mortals. On Sunday, the 12th, the guides answered the question— "Why are some spirits able to manifest within a few hours after passing from the body, while others do not for months or even years?" The speaker very interestingly and logically explained, giving reasons for the differences. Those having knowledge of spirit return, those having strength of spirit, and those having the desire and possessing other essentials, which are requisite.

THE LYCEUM.

Topic for Sunday, March 19, 1905. S. E. 57.—"The Spirit Garden. The gem of thought:—

There is a garden of the spirit,
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Our daily life o'er leads us near it,
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The Lyceum has made a good choice in the selection of officers for the new year. Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, conductor; Mr. E. W. Briggs, secretary; Mr. C. H. Wadsworth, treasurer and musical director; Mrs. A. S. Norton, pianist. The new officers were installed into office on last Sunday. Although a rainy day, there was a good attendance, and the exercises were very beautiful. Please do not forget that the Lyceum will hold its session on the anniversary Sunday, the 26th inst., in the Scottish Hall, 105 Larkin Street, at 10 a.m. A special programme is now in preparation. Don't miss it.

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