



whose work showed both an interest in the National Association and its objects, and in the cause of Spiritualism in general. At that convention—and later in board meeting of the trustees—that able writer and thinker, Hudson Tuttle, was commended for his good work as Editor at large, and he is retained to fill that position for another year. The friends of Spiritualism are invited to send Mr. Tuttle at his home in Berlin Heights, Ohio, any printed matter pertaining to his work of critic and reviewer, they see in the secular or religious publications. Mr. John W. Ring of Galveston, Texas, is retained as general superintendent of Lyceums, and his little lesson paper for Lyceum work is commended by the N. S. A. Officers and friends of Lyceums are requested to give Mr. Ring encouragement and assistance in any way that they can, and to correspond with him concerning his work and the paper which he prints. This Lyceum work is a noble one and should be well sustained.

The N. S. A. special missionaries at present are Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, whose good work in itinerating labors of the past is too well known to need attention. Our Missionaries-at-large for the ensuing year are Mr. Max O. Gentzke, Mr. George Brooks, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing and Mrs. L. B. Prior.

Its consultants are extended to the Spiritual papers for their unflinching help and courtesy towards this organization at all times. The earnest thanks of the N. S. A. and its members are also extended to all mediums and speakers who assisted in making the late convention a successful and important gathering for the dissemination of the truths of Spiritualism.

The Mediums' Relief Fund is being largely drained by its monthly outgo. Since our last report another veteran has been added to the list in the person of Dr. B. Franklin Clark of Belvidere School fame. Dr. Clark is helpless and nearly blind, and more than eighty years of age—a worthy veteran in a noble cause. This round out the number who receive a monthly

October 1st. The fiscal year of the N. S. A. will henceforth close on September 1st.

Notice is also made to all chartered societies that any society in arrears for dues to the N. S. A. for more than two years, shall have their charters revoked unless they show good cause for their delinquency.

Our thanks go out to each friend and helper to the N. S. A. Our greetings of harmony and good-will to all the world. The N. S. A. officers, including the secretary, are grateful to the editors of the Spiritual papers, and all other good-wishers for their congratulations and kindly words.

MARY T. LONGLEY,  
Sec'y N. S. A.

ORDINATION OF MRS. BAKER.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

On November 15th, 1903, the Truth Seekers' Spiritualist Society of Dallas, Texas, secured the services of Mrs. Alice Baker as their regular speaker. Mrs. Baker has continued continuously in such capacity, and still acceptably fills the position. Just previous to the annual meeting of the Texas State National Association of Spiritualists, held in San Antonio, Texas, September 29th to October 1st, 1904, Mrs. Baker made formal application for ordination. As the usages less than one year previous, the application was not acted upon at the annual meeting, but deferred until after the annual meeting of the N. S. A., to be held in October 1904, in St. Louis, Mo. Here it was found that the usages adopted by the N. S. A. only strengthened ordination when made by the several state associations; and upon return to her home in Dallas, Mrs. Baker began arrangements for her formal ordination. Mr. John W. Ring, ex president of the Texas State Association of Spiritualists, was authorized, under date of November 25th, 1904, to perform the ceremony, and accordingly spent Wednesday, November 30th, 1904, in the city of Dallas for that purpose. In the afternoon a lecture service was held and two children were named—William Leo and John Herbert Grizzard. The hall, comfortable and tastefully decorated, were used in the ceremony. At the usages Mrs. A. was Alice Baker.

dained... ty. The audience was large and very attentive to the impressive ceremony. The spirit of peace pervaded, and surely the work looks up in Dallas, Texas.

PASSED ON TO HIS REWARD.

William P. Phelon, M. D., founder of the Hermetic Brotherhood of Atlantis, Luxor and Elephanta, died at the headquarters of that society in this city, December 29th, 1904. Dr. Phelon was born in Yorkshire, England, September 28th, 1824, and came to America in his infancy. He was a studious and thoughtful young man, and choosing the profession of medicine made of it a success. He served his country faithfully as surgeon for an Illinois regiment during the civil war. After the war he devoted a large portion of his time to investigating occult philosophy, finally devoting his whole life to the work. In the early seventies he founded, or rather reorganized the Hermetic Brotherhood, to renew and carry on the work to which he felt he had devoted his former incarnations in the lost continent of Atlantis. He was the author of many books on hermetic philosophy, and was recognized throughout the world as one of the greatest souls of modern times, and a power in the spiritual uplifting of his race.

The funeral services, which were held at the residence, consisted of reciting the Brotherhood Mantram for the year: "Father of men, teach us to avoid sorrow, bid our lives refuse the touch of grief, permit us while returning to Thy mercy seat, to be conscious of Thy happy face." This was followed by a sketch of the life of the departed Elder Brother by Dr. W. C. Bailey. J. U. Spence delivered a short address on the work of the brotherhood. Mrs. Frances Rogers, who succeeds as Elder Brother, in an impressive manner consigned the mortal remains to the angel of fire.

Our esteemed Brother Phelon was for many years a reader of the JOURNAL, and also a frequent contributor to its pages. A co-worker and a heart to heart friend of the late Thos. G. Newman, Brother Phelon, as a strong personality, will be greatly missed in San Francisco circles, while his life work, devoted to the establishment of love, peace, mercy and good-will among men, will live after him and be perpetuated by those who succeed him in the work of the brotherhood.

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- Friendship Hall—At 375 McAllister St. Lecture and Messages, Mrs. C. J. Meyers.
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ring about health by thinking good thoughts, and desiring the divine one to strengthen you. No desire asked in a right way has ever gone unanswered. Salt water baths would help you much. They would absorb old conditions out of the system, and let nature do her work more satisfactorily. With this one we feel that much of life has been scattered by the misunderstanding of nature's laws. Could you undo much of the past you could overcome much that holds you now. Now I see you setting traps for rabbits, and I see also other conditions of a pleasant nature to you, and we feel that you have taken much pleasure out of life with these and other conditions of a similar nature, and you now feel that as life has changed you would rather sit down and read. We feel that occult studies would be very interesting to you—such as magnetic science, mind culture, and many others equally interesting. They would help you in your present condition.

Truthseeker, Dayton, O.—With this influence I get a condition of mirth. I like to have a good time. Life is too short to make it otherwise. You are one of those kind who like to be on both sides of the fence at the same time. Be careful, look well before you leap and you will come out all right. We can see you a good student. You

would make a good lawyer, a good orator and critic, and a very desirable friend. Now I want to help you out of the trying ordeal that seems to have befallen you. If your friends feel you are rich, let them. It is good. If healthy and well-informed, it is also good. Leave the coarse part of nature out. I am pleased to know that you are cultivating the kindest of feelings. That is excellent, and will bring you good. Lastly, underneath all this I see a gold heart.

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John Curry—"I was not too late this time," I hear a voice saying, as a tall, dark-haired man, attended by a little woman comes to the circle. I hear the names of John and Johana Curry, and also Daniel Evans called. The group is for one present, and they all lived far from here. Am taken to New Jersey, then I see the long trip overland, the covered wagons, and see one little grave on the desolate road, but the happy faces of the spirit friends show no trace of the sorrow they knew on earth.

J. B. Adams.—I hear a voice say, "I must reach Grace and her mother. O, dear ones, how I have

this new life is beautiful, but when I see your troubles I wish I could be in the body and help you. But you must be patient. It won't last long. Henry will soon be able to help you. All stay together in the old home. It is my wish."

Adelia Brooks.—The lonely face of one who has seen many years is before me. I cannot tell why, but I feel as if this lady was one who nursed the sick, that her life was devoted to helping others bear pain and to relieve all who suffer. With her are three others. One young man called Edwin Brooks, one girl called Edna, twin sister to Edwin, and a curly haired child about three years of age called Dot. No message is given, but as they come I hear this, "We come for Dr. Stevens, he will know," and the word is "Alcidora."

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COMMENTS.

SPIRITUAL things must be spiritually discerned. But some writers on Spiritualism seem to overlook this important point, and measure the things of the spirit with the little foot-rule of materiality.

Commenter is not required to reply to Dr. Peebles' open letter to J. P. Cooke. The latter is quite able to defend his own position. The learned doctor has said many good things in his much writing, and his writings are generally wise. But surely he is not so liberal as to refuse to admit that all schools of thought have their portion of Truth—that the view point of all men is not the same. New Thought is making the world better, why cavil at a nan.

Enumerate twelve of the best writers of New Thought, and who shall say they have not done as much—if not more—for the spiritual and moral uplift of humanity as the twelve writers the venerable doctor names?

There are those who have read Mrs. Towne's "Solar Plexus," and been awakened thereby, who would have fallen in the dead sleep of materiality in trying to understand Dr. Buchanan's "Anthropology," or Dr. Peebles' own "Defeat"

New Thought is foolishness to uninitiated, and if any thing can come nearer being foolishness to the uninitiated than a Spiritual circle, will Dr. Peebles please name

"Sit quietly, both feet on the floor, hold your neighbor's hand, don't break the circle, etc." You now the whole set of rules. Your uninitiated friend says "Why?" and answer, "Because the results are at way." "I don't see the

sense of it, and I'm not going to do it." He does it not, results do not come, and he pronounces spirit manifestation a vagary of unbalanced minds.

Your New Thought friend says, "Concentrate, go into the silence," and the rest of the directions. You reply, "Why?" Because through these practices come the demonstrations of mind over matter. "I'm not going to do any thing so silly." You get no results, and New Thought is a delusion.

Ralph Waldo Trine's "In Tune with the Infinite," is one of the many New Thought volumes that have blessed the age. Its closing paragraph is a benediction—"As one comes into and lives continually in the full conscious realization of his oneness with the Infinite Life and Power, then all else follows. This it is that brings the realization of such splendors and beauties and joys as a life that is thus related with Infinite Power alone can know. This it is to come into the realization of heaven's richest treasures while walking the earth. This it is to bring heaven down to earth, or rather to bring earth up to heaven. This it is to exchange weakness and impotency for strength, sorrow and weeping for joy, and the consciousness of realization. This it is to come into fullness of peace, power and plenty. This it is to be in tune with the Infinite."

Or, as Eliza Pittsinger phrased it—

Oh, I stand in the Great Forever,  
All things to me are divine;  
I eat of the heavenly manna,  
I drink of the heavenly wine.

O God, I am one forever  
With Thee by the glory of birth;  
The celestial powers proclaim it,  
To the utmost bounds of earth.

I think of this birthright immortal,  
And my being expands like a rose,  
As an odorous cloud of incense  
Around and about me flows.

A glorious song of rejoicing  
In an immortal spirit I hear;  
And I feel a power uprising,  
Like the power of an embryo god;  
With a glorious wall it surrounds me,  
And lifts me up from the sod.

COMMENTER:

OAKLAND NOTES.

UNION SPIRITUAL SOCIETY.

The usual Sunday afternoon conference of the above society was held in Fraternal Hall on New Year's Day, and was very well attended considering the other attractions and the holiday season. The subject of conference was Dr. Peebles' book on Denonology, and Mr Gillette opened with a well thought out address. Other speakers followed, but the concen-

opinions expressed was that the demons we have to contend against are the thoughts we give utterance to. Hence we ought to be careful and keep a guard on the "unruly member." The conference was followed by spirit messages and psychometric readings.

The above society also hold a meeting every Sunday evening in Fraternal Hall, and extend a warm welcome to all visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Gillette have as co workers in these meetings Madams Gordon, Knott and Nelson, and they are sparing no efforts to build up the cause of Spiritualism in Oakland. A social for the benefit of the society will be held at the Gillette home, 619 Eighteenth Street, on Wednesday evening, January 11th. The admission will be 25c., and it is hoped there will be a large attendance to aid the good cause, as funds are much needed to carry on the work.

PEOPLES MISSION.

At the People's Mission, 508 Telegraph Avenue, on Friday evening, December 30th, a Christmas tree claimed the attention of a large audience. The business of the evening began with a musical and literary programme, in which Miss Dewey and her class of trained voices took a prominent part. Mrs Knott, Mr and Mrs Handle Mrs sang and recited until it was time for distributing the presents. The highlight of the evening was made by presenting a full sized rag baby to a prominent young bachelor in the audience, said baby being accompanied by a bottle of real milk. Many of the gifts were calculated to evoke laughter, and in this respect it can be claimed that the occasion was a howling success. A few words were spoken in regard to the Mission and its work, and those who engineered the celebration have the satisfaction of knowing that the seed has been sown for a good crop in the future.

On New Year's Night Mrs McEvoy spoke under spirit control on "New Resolutions," and many of those present allowed it to be the best address they had heard her deliver. On Sunday first, January 8th, at 2 p. m. arrangements have been made to start a Sunday school. Those interested are requested to bring their children.

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after which the presents were distributed to the delight of all concerned, lots of fun being evolved when some of the articles were shown. Saturday evening was devoted to a Watch night meeting, Dr Anderson and others making addresses, etc. Refreshments were provided, and all spent a pleasant time until the midnight hour was struck.

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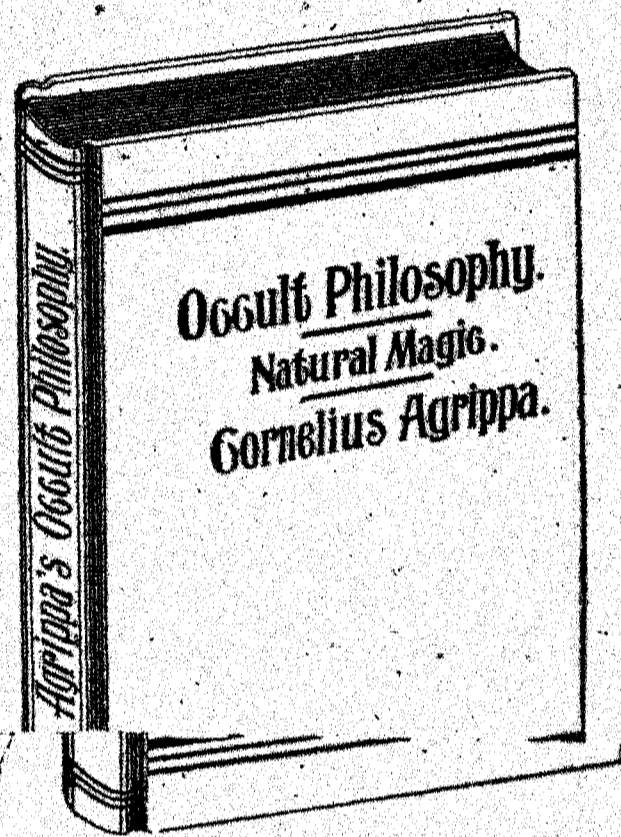
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### STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Philosophical Publishing Company will be held at 10 a. m. on Monday, January 9th, 1905, at headquarters, 1429 Market Street, San Francisco.

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### PERSONALS.

Mrs. Fred Manchester, Murphy, California, and her sister, Miss Richardson, recently from New York, are visiting Mr and Mrs Gillespie, 631 Van Ness Avenue.

Dr and Mrs Kick of Angels, California, have been spending the holidays with friends in this city.

### PASSED TO HIGHER LIFE.

On Wednesday, December 21st, 1904, Madeline Sablick, a member of the Mediums' Protective Association, a true and devout Spiritualist and medium and a searcher after truth, one whose motto and striving was duty to God and man, which to the best of her ability she faithfully performed. The funeral services were conducted by Mrs. Sarah Seal. The remains were incinerated at the Odd Fellows' Crematory.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

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. 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 can be filled out and forwarded to the Sec'y.

### CHURCH OF THE SOUL.

A large audience assembled at 619 McAllister Street last Sunday evening. Mrs Sarah Seal's guides in a very eloquent manner answered the question given by the audience—"By Whom and How are Prayers Answered?" Madame Young followed with messages which were marvelous.

### PEOPLE'S CHURCH.

The regular weekly services of the People's Church was held last Sunday evening in the Elk Hall, than usually interesting. The subject—"The Spirit of 1905"—was on this the first Sunday of the year, peculiarly adapted to the occasion. Mrs Gillespie in her tender review of the past year and beautiful promise for the new, held the close attention of an appreciative audience. A solo by Mr J. Shaw Gillespie, music by the choir, and a number of well-received readings by Mrs Carrie A. Wermouth—who kindly volunteered—made up a most attractive and instructive New Year's service.

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