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## AN INVOCATION TO MOTHER.

FLORENCE SHAW KELLOGG.

Mother, come from thy home in Spirit-land,  
And speak to my spirit to-night;  
Help me again, as in days gone by,  
To keep in the paths of right.

Speak once again in those tender tones,  
So sweet to my listening ear;  
Touch me again with your loving hands  
That once were my comfort and cheer.

I would be nearer thee, oh, mother,  
mine—  
See all thy beauty and grace;  
With the light of thy spirit, peaceful  
and clear,  
Shining over thy beautiful face.

With thee I would walk in ways of truth,  
Growing stronger as day follows day;  
And thy sweet approval, oh, mother of mine,  
Will drive all the gloom away.

Help me to follow where thou dost lead,  
And live for service and truth;  
While my spirit shall bask in holy light,  
Of love's eternal youth.

Come from thy home in that beautiful  
land,  
That angels have builded above;  
Help me, my mother, as in days gone by,  
To walk in the ways of love.

Fay, Kansas.

## ON MEMORY'S PAGE.

The things we hold within our hands,  
May wither and decay;  
But those we hold within our souls,  
Can never pass away.

Knowledge like a fragrant flower,  
Holds fragrance for one short hour;  
But the memory of that sweet perfume,  
Will leave a trace that time cannot  
consume.

The past is like a written book,  
That we have closed forever;  
The present like a fleeting joy,  
That does the past and future sever.

So on our memory we should imprint  
A book of golden thoughts,  
As when some day that book is viewed,  
There'll be no blanks or blots.

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I cannot think but God must know  
About the thing I long for so;  
I know he is so good so kind,  
I cannot think but he will find  
Some way to help, some way to show  
Me to the thing I long for so.

## THE DEMONSTRATION OF CONTINUED EXISTENCE.

BY WILLIAM EMMETTE COLEMAN.

Spiritualism has demonstrated to many the existence of the spiritual universe, and of a future life for man. The vast utility of this demonstration can scarcely be over-estimated. The tide of materialism—the dogmatic denial of the possibility, even, of a continued existence for the human consciousness after the dissolution of its physical environment—has been for years past, swelling higher and higher, gaining new impetus at each successive wave, threatening ere long to overwhelm the crumbling banks of spiritual faith and insight.

foundations of traditional supernaturalism and pseudo-historical miracles, submerging the verdant plains and flower-covered landscapes of human hopes and heavenly aspiration in the dark, drear waters of dread annihilation.

Physical science, in its restless encroachments upon the sphere of mythical theology, probative of the universal supremacy of law in the wide domain of Nature's infinite sweep, has crushed beneath its iron heels of demonstrated fact and self-

swa, such as the existence of personal triune deities; univesal creation from pre-existent vacuity and nothingness; the hebdomadary formation of the earth but six millennia agone; miraculous endowment of primitive senseless clay with human immortality; magical metamorphosis of an intercostal rib into a living, loving entity; introduction of decomposition and dissolution into Nature's realm through the mastication and deglutition of a Paradisean pippin; relegation of all humanity to the doom of interminable darkness, or fiery flames eternal, as participants in the suppositious guilt of a sup- positional remote ancestor, to be escaped only by a select coterie, through a king vauntful professions of a reasoning credence in a substitute of atoner; with many another of this ilk—all of

which have been popularly supposed to be inseparably connected with the world's faith in supramundane existence, super-terrestrial abodes of human thought and activity.

These chimerical speculations being overthrown, beyond hope of revivification or rehabilitation, the eternity of matter and the persistence of force, alike uncreated and uncreatable, have been posited in their stead as actual verities and well-established truths; while in neither anatomical dissection nor in physiologic research have any traces been discovered of the spiritual entity inhabiting man's earthly encasement of flesh and blood. Nor has astronomic discovery or telescopic vision given faintest intimation of the vivid, burning brilliance of the universe of spirit, ablaze with the auroral effulgence and scintillant coruscations of transcendent summerland zones, spiritual suns, and celestial galaxies swarming the illimitable fields of space. Such being the case, it is but natural and inevitable that grave doubts of the existence of the soul, apart from the physical body, should arise in thinking minds and pulsing hearts, throbbing with devotion to the true, the good, the beautiful.

To stem the rising tide of blank angel hosts descending their blest abodes, bringing life and immortality to light as they have never been brought before, demonstrative of supernal being and transmudane corporeity; revealing to men's enraptured gaze a second universe, eclipsing far the bright and radiant one encircling them on every side, aglow with sublimest beauty and pulchritude perennial—a universe of natural grandeur and of rhythmic splendor, its beatitudes felicitous and glories empyrean surpassing measureless our loftiest imaginings, our most transcendental conceptions.

How opportunely, then, did the living demonstration of immaterial substantialities dawn upon the globe, checking the fast-extending growth of earnest conviction of spiritual nonentity, of immaterial inexistence. "If a man die, shall he live again?" has been the anxious questioning of earth's some

and daughters from immemorial time, but never before answered with proof positive in affirmation; it remaining for this era of true enlightenment and rationalized systematic knowledge to peer even into the unseen realms of nature's actualities with clairvoyant introspection and psychometric illumination.

## A MESSAGE.

FROM SPIRIT A. JAMISON.

Dear Friends of earth.—In a previous article I gave to you a few thoughts on the spirit life. I will now try and give you a few more thoughts along the same line. Ev-

life is real, and spiritual beings are real beings, bountiful supply has there been provided to meet their necessities and desires; if there are forests and ornamental trees, there are also fruit-bearing trees and vines in abundance, which furnish suitable sustenance for the nourishment of spirits; the question has often been asked, do the spirits require food? Every thing that has life must have something to sustain it. Spirits in the lower spheres subsists on the odors of your dishes while more elevated spirits subsists on fruits, etc., which exist at their desire; let me impress this truth upon your minds; the spirits in the lower spheres still retain their gross earthly appetites in force, and as they cannot directly consume the material food, daily furnished for mortals, they frequently place themselves en rapport with certain persons in earth-life, who are generally upon their own plain, and through whom they eat, drink and enjoy the invisible elements of the food they consume. This is a species of vampirism, and is revolting to a sensitive mind; but we are dealing with facts, not fiction, and it is well this truth should be known by all, there is not a gourmand nor a drunkard in earth-life who has not at least one such spirit within him, and who, when his own sense and judgment suggest forbearance, is certain to urge him to further indulgence, and generally successfully. This rule as to

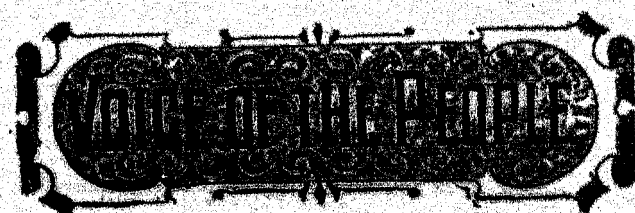
temptation by depraved spirits, applies equally to every one who pursues a vicious course in any respect. No man can seriously contemplate a wrong act, or pursue a wrong course, without his thoughts attracting spirits of like feelings and inclinations; spirits possess marvellous powers which appear to be necessary to the full enjoyment of their spiritual existence; and it is most generally the case, that investigators, when they acquire satisfactory evidence of the existence of spirits, and of their possession of certain of these powers, are disposed to credit them with the possession of others, which they do not possess. Perhaps we are all more or less inclined to extremes, and our natural tendency is either to doubt all, or believe all. The remembrance, more or less distinct, of the acts and circumstances of the past life, must be a condition of the future existence of punishment there, follows as a consequence of sins committed here; for simple, abstract punishment, without consciousness of, error committed, would be a reflection not only upon the goodness but also upon the wisdom of God. One of the noblest gifts with which men in the future life will be endowed, will be the capacity to acquire more truthful and more elevated ideas of the power and attributes of Deity. The exalted faculties of the spirit, will

perceptions, we are unable to discern, and the power, wisdom, and beneficence of God will there be apparent in all that pertains to that existence, and we will vividly realize that His love and wisdom govern and control all things. We will then know that the spirit-world is a land of unfading beauty, pre-empted by human life and human thought, the real land of the living where all the faculties of the mind are exercised in perfection, and in these blessings. That glorious land is the destined home of all. The eye is there enchanted with lovely landscapes, embellished with beautiful habitations, around which cluster flowers and shrubbery, that fill the air with their fragrance. There are mountains whose sides and summits are bathed in the light of a golden sun. Valleys threaded by silvery streams and clothed with the richest verdure; rivers whose surface reflect the purity of the skies above them. Bordered, and flowery banks, and whose crystal waters musically murmur their sense of the Infinite presence. The balmy breezes fan the cheek, and the breath of the atmosphere exhilarates the soul. There are skies of celestial blue, in which floats fleecy clouds, resplendent with the brilliant and varied tints of a sun, which upon the happy beings below, shed a rich and mellow light. Birds of the richest plumage warble their

song of sweetest melody, and the air is redolent of the perfume of innumerable flowers, beautiful children are engaged in their amusements, their voices musical with innocent joy and mirth, while youth and adult age are represented by multitudes of both sexes, who drink in the rapturous beauties around them, while every breath is a prayer of thanksgiving to the loving Father, who has so bountifully provided their happiness.

Far in the glories of a fadeless day,  
Amid excess of beauty, and the swell  
Of rich and everlasting melody.  
Our angel-kindred dwell.

J. W. Cowan.



The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

#### A SPIRITUAL SERVICE.

##### EDITOR JOURNAL:

In the modest little chapel in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery on Saturday morning, February 4th, at 11 a. m., the funeral services of Miss Bethiah Cortey were held, at which Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, a minister of the gospel of Spiritualism, officiated.

The occasion gave the writer an opportunity for the first time, and compare it with the orthodox service. Miss Cortey, Bird, as she was known to those who loved her, was, is yet, my dear little friend. Her loyalty to her friends, devotion to her relatives and patient endurance through long years of sickness, endeared her to all who knew her. None of the family are Spiritualists but it was at the request of my little friend, through her sister, that the Spiritual service was

Instead of a formal prayer service, read solemnly by a robed minister, all breathing of death and separation, as though the friend we have loved, love yet, was divided from us by a gulph only to be crossed when death leads us. The service opened by a quartette from the Loring Club with "Crossing the Bar," beautifully rendered. After a short prayer the quartette followed with "It is well with My Soul." Mrs. Gillespie read Susan Coolidge's "If I should die" and then commenced a service helpful, hopeful, assuring the bereaved relatives and friends that, though gone from our view, our dear ones are still our near ones; that death is only the key to a higher, broader and sweeter life, and after a really beautiful discourse, wound up with a tribute to the memory of the loved one, that must have been balm to the hearts of the sorrowing

sister and brothers. "Good-bye, I'm Going Home," rendered by the quartette most feelingly, concluded the sweetest little funeral service I ever expect to hear.

E. W. Briggs.

Whitewater, Wis.,

February 4th, 1905.

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Esteemed Co-workers, — Knowing there are many friends on the Pacific coast who are anxiously watching the out come of the suit between the estate of Morris Pratt and the trustees to whom Mr. Pratt conveyed, by deed of trust, the building known as the Morris Pratt Institute in Whitewater, I write you to say that the court has rendered a decision in favor of the trustees in every particular. The association is declared the owners of the property, as the original organization and incorporation was effected to that end and purpose. The last deed, a quit claim deed, emphasizing the first one. This gives the Spiritualists a clear title to property valued at over twenty thousand dollars at the lowest figures. Surely we have cause to rejoice.—Fraternally,

Clara L. Stewart, Sec.

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There are certain friends in the cause, we can rely on them to do their best but in addition to these, we implore other Spiritualists to send in their contributions for the needy mediums. Do not say or think that others will do this without your help, we need all the aid possible; the expense of the pension list never stops and money is required all the time to keep it open for the aged, worn and invalid ones who are its beneficiaries.

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Fresno, Nov. 6th.—Well Grandma you ask me why it is that when you want to be good and do good you always do more harm than good? Well Grandma dear, your life has been one not easily understood; but ere long we see changes that will be good. You are such, that spirit forces can take hold unconsciously, and if they choose could turn you any way. We would say to you be careful of yourself, and as the divine one has bestowed on you this power so that you can use it for the betterment of conditions at all times, in all ways; we would advise you to sit in silence and desire that divine power to strengthen and keep you, and as you desire so you will receive; live in that influence of light which no darkness can penetrate, and you need not fear for harm cannot then reach you. You are so inspirational and prophetic, and we would advise you to be very careful; you know the old maxim "Like attracts like", and psychics are so receptive to conditions that it behooves us to be very careful.

ence of writing I get a condition of one who has so many around her and so anxious about everyone, and some are of a nature that it is difficult to satisfy. We see changes for this one that will take you from home for a time; we see a sick bed, and again, we see conditions that will be more pleasant, and we want to say to this one be more careful of the physical, you have suffered much, but now the road seems clearer and the darkness is being overcome, and all will yet be well, and you will reap a goodly harvest, and those who have blighted your life will pay the penalty, and God your God will care for you and bless you, and in closing let me say to you, that what has been stolen from you will be returned without a doubt.

"ALICE" MESSAGE CORNER.

MRS. ANNA L. GILLESPIE, MEDIUM.

Mary Baird.—To my dear sister. Not often do the teachers make room for me to send a word to my friends. But I am so glad that you can see if only a little. And go to Margeret, she will tell you that I sent her a message for you. This is for sister Bell and Sarah. Father and Mother met uncle and helped him over the stream. He is so happy now, and sends thanks to you, they are all here, dear Will sends his love to you both

Alice Shepherd.—A little lady with dark eyes and brown curls, round face and happy smiles, comes to the table and asks me to send her message to Aunt May in Stockton. "Tell her," the child says, "that my head was hurt that day, and that is why I did not hear the wagon, for that man did speak and tell me to get away, but I never heard it at all." Grandma Mason and Uncle Chester are with me. I can write my own letters now and I will try and write again.

Blue Bell.—My dear medium will be glad to get this from me I know, she has waited so long I heard her say Go to the Alice corner and get a word sent to me. So here I am. I know how hard it has been for you for a little while and we are all trying to help you; just be patient what is needed. You are doing so much good and it will soon come back to you Lirita and Millie are with me. The children are all so happy and love to come to you, for you have been our friend, and the little corner where our gifts are placed is dear to us as though we had lived there in the body. Tell Grandma we did not forget her, and one of these days we will come after her, but not now.

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COMMENTS.

With increasing frequency the contributors to the Spiritualistic publications are uniting along altruistic lines. It would appear that the angelic forces have by repeated efforts at length established the thought vibrations that the earth plane is the true sphere of human activity.

Mortals have on occasions felt called upon to educate returning spirits. Have formed circles and held meetings for that purpose. But in no uncertain tone has come from the other side the instruction, "if you would escape earth bound conditions let there be no bondage on earth. If you would have the spirit free when it leaves the body, it must be free while in the body."

Man is learning that he is not only his brother's keeper, but that he is kept by his brother. Kept from his highest and best if from those around him is withheld that which is highest and best for them. conditions producing disease exist in the next street. That malaria knows no high or low.

He is learning that ignorance and liberty are incapable of dwelling together. That knowledge is the only safe companion for his godness—Liberty. That a free nation must be a wise nation, and that wisdom is an attribute of the spirit. It is not learned from books, but comes as the result of consciously or unconsciously seeing with the eye of the spirit. Seeing things as they are, not as they appear to the senses.

Those who are seeing things as they are, know that the message of Spiritualism is helpfulness. The spirits have been helpful to men, and now their word is, "Help one

another." Not by argument, not by fine phrases, but by deeds and by life is the goal to be reached.

Argument may stimulate the mind. Fine phrases may stir the emotions, but deeds touch the heart, and the life builds the environment which is the blessing or the bane of the individual or the community.

That life is first in thought and then in action. The New Thoughtist is right in his contention for the power of thought. But it must be a power. A power that reaches down into the very center of man's being, and stirs into activity every attribute of his being. A power that reaches out and lays hold of every element in nature, and combining the within and the without, sets, them working for the good of mankind. A power that rouses to action and not a force that slays purpose.

The dreamer of dreams has his place, but the dream is of no avail if it be not made an actuality. And no vision has been given to prophet or seer but that it might be wrought out into human life, to bring this old world nearer heaven.

COMMENTER.

OAKLAND NOTES.

MEDIUMS' MEETING.

In this age the many seem to be engrossed in the search for material wealth, but we know that comparatively few find what they are seeking for, and those who do find it often fail to get that happiness in the possession of it that they had anticipated. How few seek after the higher or spiritual wealth—a once found cannot be lost again.

Man, when placed alongside of eternity, is as yet in his infancy, and what his psychic faculties will yet develop is in the unknowable, but at the present time an interest in these matters is being awakened in the human mind that is gradually bringing about a general belief in spirit return, and that we can hold communion with those who have preceded us in the unseen. Death does not end all. It is only the beginning. There is a something within us that whispers we will live on and on. It will be an everlasting life.

The Medium's Meeting in Fraternal Hall still continues to be largely attended. Every seat was again occupied on the 9th inst., and a marked degree of interest shown

in the messages from the platform, especially was this the case in those given by Dr. Stewart-Ellis.

Mrs. Parsons, though not altogether recovered from her recent indisposition, was able to take her share of the work, which pleased a great many in the audience, as she is loved by all who come in touch with her.

Mr. Thos. Ellis presided, and said he was gradually getting his wife to call him Mr. Chairman instead of my husband, but that he meant to keep at it until she realized that he is Mr. Chairman and not her husband—for the present time, at least.

Mrs. Gordon was peculiarly earnest in her remarks, and if there is one thing more than another that we as Spiritualists admire it is the ability and earnestness of our mediums. She said it does us no good to look backward, for that which is past is gone—forgotten. There are many things in our past life we do not want brought back again, because they are not pleasant recollections. We should look forward, as it is in the present and the future that God will unfold to us His will. Concentrate very earnestly on your desires and you certainly will "get there." Forget the time when you these things you never will be successful. If your thoughts are good, God will help you. No one can keep the sun from shining, so no one can prevent you from being successful, if you put yourself in the line of success.

We were pleased to meet at the close of the exercises Dr. and Mrs. Cooper, formerly of Los Angeles, but who are now living for the present at Haywards. Had it been they were present, we would have been glad to hear some of their experiences, as they have been for many years in the work.

WOODMEN'S HALL

Many, when they are bereft of their loved ones, carry a heavy burden about with them, forgetting that there is only a thin veil between them and us, and that those loved ones are often grieved when they see how their friends mourn their departure. The loved ones have entered into rest, and instead of grieving for them we should get ready to meet them in "the land that is fairer than day."

Woodmen's Hall had a large and appreciative audience on Sunday, the 12th inst., and Mrs. Cowell was at her best. Her remarks were of

a high order, her inspiring words doing a great deal to create a renewed interest among those present of our glorious truths, and proving that heaven is very near us.

She commenced by saying—Are you more ready for your home in heaven than you were last Sunday? How often have you stood by the bedside of your loved ones and said "Goodbye" instead of saying to them "Good-night." For they are only going away a little while before us, and we will soon meet them on the other side. As we turn over and study the pages of the old Book, we will learn more and more of that life, and be fitted to enter its portals. The trees in winter seem dead, but in spring we see them shoot forth their leaves, and after a little they are full of blossoms, indicative of a rich harvest of fruit in the autumn. So may we, after a well spent life in doing good, aiding and comforting those we have been brought in contact with, pass through what we call death, enter the home over there. Then and not till then will we lay aside this mortal body and take on the celestial one.

Dr. Stewart-Ellis said that as she came along she wondered what her sister was going to say, for this morning she had been called. She was not a Spiritualist, but a Presbyterian, and they had been friends a long time—ever since she came to Oakland over six years ago, and they had held many talks on Spiritualism. When she got to her friend's home she found the room crowded with her church people, who were praying and doing all they could to make her happy, but she was not content, and wanted Mrs. Ellis to tell her what she thought about dying. She told was speaking, her friend seemed to be happier, and shortly after she passed away. As Mrs. Ellis left the house she saw the spirit of her friend's father going in.

UNION SPIRITUAL SOCIETY.

The above Society on Sunday afternoon, the 12th inst., discussed "The Influence of Literature on the Home" at its conference. The opening address laid down the fact that classical literature has but little effect in the average home, but the secular press and periodicals carry the greatest influence. The first assists in reforms by exposing the fraud in business, social and religious circles. Scientific writers are committing much of the results of their research to fictional works and short magazine articles, educating the public who would

never look into a volume of profound philosophy or one of technical science.

H. W. Anderson, M.D., condemned the works of Marie Correlli as dwelling to unnecessary length on description, for in her account of Pilate dipping his hands in water, she uses about two hundred words, while the blunt, matter-of fact old Bible substantially says, he washed his hands, and there was an end of it. Yellow journalism has become so poisonous that it is unfit to pass into the hands of any one under fifteen years of age. A strict censorship should be established to protect the rising generation.

Mr. J. M. Murray believed that yellow journalism has been of great benefit in exposing the plots of rascals. The freedom of the press was founded upon the same principal as all our other liberties. It made a Thomas Paine possible here. It made Free Thought possible, and this opened the way for New Thought.

Mrs. Annie Gillette has read "Isis Unveiled" word for word and at one time almost concluded that her work was among the Theosophists till her opinion was reversed by perusal of "The Modern Priestess of Isis Unveiled". She believed "book" had more influence on the home than any other.

Others spoke very interestingly, readings closed the session. The subject for the 19th inst. will be "The Achievements of the 19th Century".

The evening session was opened by an address from J. R. Little, and messages from Mrs. Gillette, Mrs Knott and Mrs. Gordon.

displayed at these meetings and we are bringing before the public many speakers who scarcely ever gather in one hall at the same session.

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A valentine party at the People's Mission, Telegraph Avenue, was a grand success. Covers were laid for fifty guests, and all the chairs were occupied. The Post Office employees were kept busy till a late hour delivering souvenirs of various kinds — sentimental, comical and some more beautiful and valuable. Everybody had a good time, and each one carried away with them not only a memento, but a pleasant memory of the evening long to be remembered.

NOTES FROM LOS ANGELES.

A good letter was received last week from Mrs. R. S. Lille. She states that she is having large and very appreciative audiences in Los Angeles. She sends greetings to all friends, and promises a letter for the Journal in a week or two. She also has several words of commendation for the much improved appearance of the Philosophical Journal, which are greatly appreciated by the editor and manager.

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A VICTORY WON.

Mrs. Mary E. Kenworthy, an elderly lady, a worthy and remarkable medium (well known to Mrs. Mina Francis and others in this city) passed to the higher life, 21st of November, 1902.

In the will was embodied the following request, viz.: That the ashes be scattered to the winds of heaven on the waves of the ocean. In order to carry out the last wish of his aunt, Mr. Berger came to this city, and on Saturday, the 4th day of February, 1905, a party, consisting of Mr. W. J. Berger, Mrs. Mina Francis and Mr. W. T. Jones repaired to a point about two miles south of the Cliff House on the ocean beach, where a short service was held.

Her favorite hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung and the following words, written independently on the slate, in the presence of Mrs. Francis and Mr Berger on that morning, were repeated as the ashes were scattered upon the king of the celestial spheres to accept this as a sacrifice for the shortcomings of Mary E. Kenworthy." After this short but impressive service, the party returned to the office of Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, notary public, where the legal papers which are to be attached to the will, showing that the requirements and provisions of that instrument had been signed by the witnesses and fully complied with by Mr. W. J. Berger.

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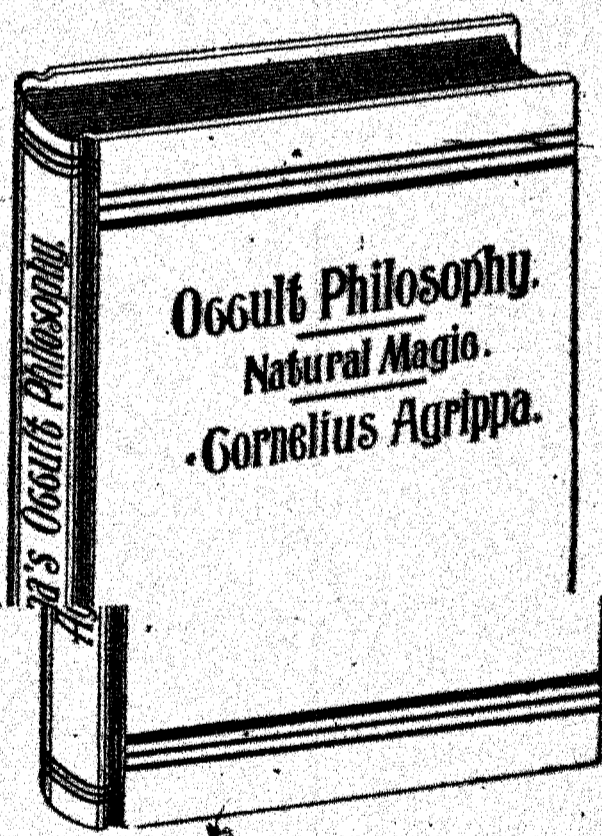
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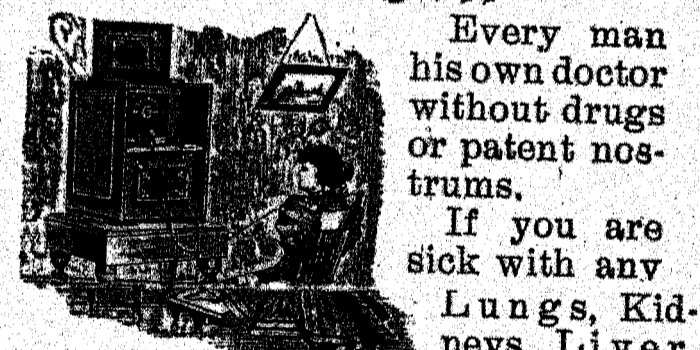
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On Sunday afternoon, the 12th inst., Memorial Hall in Odd Fellows' Building, was filled with representatives of the various cults in this city—mainly those in sympathy with the New Thought Federation Movement. Mr. Henry Harrison Brown, president of the federation, issued invitations to the

opened with music—Mr. Sam Foulds rendering "The Lost Chord" and other selections. Addresses were made by Mr. H. H. Brown in behalf of the federation, Mrs. Mary A. Wells of the Orilla Sisterhood, Mrs. Annie Rix Militz of the Home of Truth, Mrs. Parmelee of Chicago, Mr. Chas. Anderson of Santa Cruz, Mr. W. T. Jones of the Philosophical Journal and others. The consensus of sentiment, as expressed by the different speakers, advocated a greater unity and co-operation among all those whose aim it is the uplifting of all human conditions. A similar meeting will be held in March.

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**PERSONAL.**

Mrs. Harriet Ragon is at home again, 1722 Market Street, having spent a few pleasant days with eastern friends in San Jose.

A. B. Cooper, M.D., Haywards, Cal., a well known and successful healer, and his estimable wife, who is a good medium and speaker, called at the Journal office, and had a good visit with their friend, the business manager, last week.

We are glad to announce to our readers that our friend and brother B. F. Small, after having been near the "boarderland," is very much improved and is hopeful of being at his post of duty very soon.

Mr. Frank H. Parker, of Santa Cruz, called at the office last week and gave flattering reports of the good work accomplished there through the instrumentality of Mr. Charles Anderson and Mrs. Harvester.

Mr. Charles Anderson spent a few days with friends in Alameda and this city last week. On Sunday afternoon he addressed the meeting of Federation of New Thought Clubs. In the evening gave a short address at the Peoples Church. Our Boy Orator impresses his audience with his earnestness and sincerity, and he is abreast of the times on the great problems of the day.

**NEW THOUGHT**

Scandia Hall was well filled last Sunday afternoon by up to date thinkers, to take part in the discussion of the evidences of conscious existence after death of the body. There were sixteen speakers, about evenly divided in their convictions. The same subject will be discussed next Sunday. This is an open court where all combinations of thought are on trial. The meeting begins promptly at 2 o'clock.

Held his usual Sunday evening meeting in Colonade Hall 219 Eddy street. In these meetings there is an entire absence of any pretense of religious ceremony or musical exercises. The entire evening was devoted to clean, clear cut psychic phenomena, in which there was not only the spirit test, but much valuable and appreciated information. Agnostics do you want to know? or have you decided to continue to, "ostrich like," hide your head in the sand, for fear you "might know the truth".

**MISS SPEYER'S MEETING**

In the east parlor of Golden Gate Hall last Sunday morning, Miss Frances Speyer, teacher of New Thought, spoke on Spiritual Dexterity. She suggested that we be not over whelmed with the importance of anything we may do or leave undone. To overcome adverse conditions by voluntary service. To encourage consciousness of the ecstasy of life and its unchangeableness. Spiritual Spiritualists would do well to cultivate her acquaintance.

**PEOPLE'S CHURCH.**

There is an inspiration in a large and attentive audience, and last Sunday every chair was occupied in Elk's Hall, when the Pastor, Mrs. Anna L. Gillispie, took the platform. The subject of the evening was "Forbidden fruit". and proved in the hands of the lecturer a most entertaining one. A very pretty Spiritual christening service followed the lecture, the little son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hickman receiving the floral baptism. The ceremony was followed by the rendering of "Slumber land" by a quartette of young ladies from the choir, Mr. Charles Anderson who has been lecturing in the southern part of the state, but is well known to Spiritualists here, accepted a call to the platform, and made a short and very neat address, Congregational singing and the benediction closed one of the pleasantest meetings of the year.

**VALENTINE DAY OBSERVED**

Last Sunday was a red letter day for the children of the Lyceum. Appropriate recitations fitting the occasion were rendered, and every child present received a nice valentine from Mrs. Gillespie and a copy of Lyceum Stories, by Hudson and the Philosophical Journal Co. If you wish to enjoy a pleasant hour on a Sunday morning, you can do so with the happy children of the Lyceum. Next Sunday is Washington Sunday, with appropriate programme. Don't miss it.

**CHURCH OF THE SOUL.**

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