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BY FLORENCE SHAW KELLOGG.

A mother's love, a mother's care, Thank God! thank God for them, 'Tis mother still who shares with Christ The garment with the seamless hem.

The grace of God about her clings,
The love that never pales.
Though other friends may prove untrue,
A mother never fails.

The love of God is in her heart,
Her care is like to His;
And she it is who builds secure
Our faith in endless bliss.

She makes a home by which we know The joys that's known in heaven, A tender rest, so sure, so strong, No other where is given.

To her we go with every care,
She shares our every grief;
And when the stress of life grows hard,
Her love will give relief.

She guides our childish feet along
The flowery ways of peace,
Nor ever dim to hoary age,
Will that dear guidance cease.

And though she leaves the earthly home For one of bliss above, To us the sweet assurance comes Of mother's changeless love.

And though we love to think of all
The angels there to meet us,
Tis mother whom we feel with joy,
Will be the first to greet us.

And as she led us ever here
Through scenes of peace or strife,
So still we think she'll lead us on,
In that immortal life.

Mid all the angels sent by God,
To guard and guide us surely,
The dear old mother here or there,
Will lead us still most lovely.

Fay, Kansas.

THE GOSPEL OF YESTERDAY
AND THE
GOSPEL OF TO-DAY.

BY J. P. COOKE.

The gospel of to-day differs from the gospel of yesterday. Let us point some contrasts.

The gospel of yesterday praised the beauty of submission. To day's gospel sings the benefits of liberty.

The gospel of yesterday set up a model of the converted man. The gospel of to-day holds up the model of the spiritual and the enlightened natural man.

The gospel of yesterday opened a vision of happiness in another

world. The gospel of to day opens a vision of happiness and progressive spirituality here on earth. This is god's world—all of it.

The intelligent gospel of to-day promises the fulness of that immortality as the natural. God given inheritance of rational beings—the extension of rational existence beyond the grave.

These are sharp contrasts.

The title of the spiritual philosophy to acceptance is based on its reasonableness.

It makes peace between the two worlds — the temporal and the eternal.

The thinkers and the lovinghearted worshipers can hold communion. Philosophy and faith are reconciled.

Our brother, W. J. Hull, the editor of The Light of Truth, truly says:—

"Nothing is surer than the steady growth of sentiment and interest in Spiritualism in the world at large, and the newspapers, while threshing a great deal of old straw in connection with it, see 'the handwriting on the wall' and are getting ready to exploit the work of the spirit world as a matter of expediency and profit, just as the 'simon-pure' brand of Spiritualist papers has been doing.

"The Light of Truth, while firmly anchored to the original proposition—spirit return—which is defined by the ordinary methods of Spiritualistic propaganda, nevertheless boldly declares to the world that spirit return will never of itself, as a mere fact in the world of discovery, achieve the purpose and destiny of the Spiritual philosophy.

"For over half a century this communication between the seen and the unseen realms of life has been going on, in haphazard and desultory ways.

"Now a movement of moral, social and spiritual regeneration must be judged by the effect it produces on the moral, social and spiritual life of a people in the aggregate. Viewing the work of Spiritualism as a factor in removing doubt and uncertainty regarding the after life and the creation of wide and commanding interest in the subject merely, with little or no advance in the general enlightenment of the people along lines of

liberty and independence, it-must be set down either as a failure or that it really has not begun its work as a moral, social (and spiritual regenerative force at all.

"At no time in American history has slavery, moral corruption and spiritual blindness been so prominently on the front seats before the professors of good works as they are to-day; and while people who know spirit return to be true and who commune with the spirits of the departed are counted in legions, their influence and power upon the great moving mass of humanity cannot be seen with a microscope."

The Spiritual philosophy has already shown that the God of the living is in truth the living God. The want of this day is the living God. God is life. To know God truly is to live.

"The great change for which the secret religiousness of the age pines, is the deliberate adoption into heavenly places of this world, its faculties and affairs, just as God has made them and man's unfaithfulness has not yet spoiled them." This saying is true, but the "heavenly places," as well as the heavenly powers that fill them, are to be formed in those very faculties and affairs, and only wait for us to seek them out and apply them in a loving spirit.

For heaven's eternal years shall prove That life and death and joy and pain Are ministers of love.

A TEST BY SCIENTISTS.

BY CHARLES DAWBARN.

The scientist finds it quite possible to compel such conditions for "form materialization" as will render fraud impossible. That is to say he can do it—if the medium is willing. He can then be strict without harshness, and win the friendship of the medium, while securing absolute protection.

But it is well for the scientist to recognise that, even when he has thus satisfied himself by his successful experiment, he has but reached a point where his laboratory caution can carry him no further. He can protect himself, the medium and the witnesses against the simulation of form. After that

the man with letters after his name and bedecked with titles, has, like the rest of us, no other protection save his own common or uncommon sense. He stands face to face with the invisible where, his puny tests can no longer demonstrate that he is in control. He may believe or not believe, but it will be by a standard that every keen-witted man can wield as well as himself. A recent experiment, witnessed by the writer, was this first stage in a scientific attempt by mortals to win proof of human immortality by the demonstration of "spirit return."

Prof. Willy Reichel, formerly of Berlin and Paris, but now a resident of Los Angeles, was one of these scientists. The other was Van der Naillen, Professor of chemistry in the school of Engineering in San Francisco. These two learned professors, skilled in the search for truth, arranged for a seance with C. V. Miller the well known medium of San Francisco. The seance was to be held under their own conditions, and, strange to say the medium not only consented to serve, but refused all remuneration. The professors had a dozen of their friends present, including several sceptics. The medium had several of his friends with him, and the party gathered in one of the . parlors of the Palace hotel in San Francisco where the scientists had prepered a cabinet after their own heart.

The writer is not intending to play the reporter, for the whole incident is to him, but a text or lesson for another kind of investigation of life's mystery. A brief account of the conditions and results is all he will inflict on the reader of this article.

When the medium entered the room it was for the first time. He found the cabinet ready for him, and the professors proceeded to fasten him to his chair with tapes that they tied and retied, crossed and recrossed, till the man and the tape were inseperable. And even after that the ends of the tape were nailed to the floor. It thus became an assured fact that if any form came out from between those curtains it would not, and could not be that of the medium.

The writer would humbly sug-

their ilk, that in future experiments they foregather with a brother scientist, learned in the art of ventillation. This is, however, only a hint on behalf of a perspiring audience, and an exhausted medium.

The medium was not even entranced for he continued to direct the regulation of the light, and to give name to each of six forms that presently, one at a time, came out from between those curtains. There was one form that specially distinguished herself. She was announced as the cabinet control, and walked out nine feet from the cabinet to the present writer, giving him a slap on the arm such as she might possibly have administered to children who were naughty, before she became an angel.

While this form was out and away from the cabinet the medium made special request for quiet, and that no one should speak to her, thus by his voice demonstrating that he was still in his chair. As proof that a form that was not that of the medium, could come out of that cabinet, her appearance was a success that compelled the assent of the sceptics present, and won the admiration of the believers.

There is, I am told to be a detail. ed and scientific report of the seance for learned men of France and Germany, of which a translation is sure to appear in American papers. The one fact I am now presenting to the reader is that under fraudproof conditions, forms, other than that of the medium, came out of the cabinet. They differed in size from short to tall. My own visitor, who presented me with a motherly slap, was rather undersized. I imagine from the appearance of the medium that the whole six forms could have been splintered from his 225 lbs., more or less, and have still left the making of a citizen and a voter.

Such is a very brief account of a most interesting seance, untarnished by any monetary consideration, for, as I have said, the medium re fused all remuneration. In these days when we are hearing so much about 'blue books' and cabinet frauds, it was most refreshing to the writer to witness a fraud-proof manifestation, and he congratulates Mr. Miller the medium upon having aided in such a scientific demonstration of the possibility of human appearances, evidently created for the occasion. They were not a medium posing as a spirit, for that was made an impossipility. Confederacy was out of the question, for the light was sufficient to render visible, every movement of the guests. All present recognized that something came from that cabinet as forms that appeared and disappeard by a volition over which medium and scientist had no control. It was a stupendous reality. It was a fact, and, speaking for myself, I love a fact, but I always try to learn its lesson. I particudarly appreciated this fact be ause I can make it my text for a brie!

examination of such phenomena, and their limitations.

I am not writing to advertise the long established mediumship of Mr. Miller. One of the above scientists has made lengthy, and most interesting reports of his experiences at many seances with this sensitive. The evidene was not at such times scientifically attested, but many forms claimed and received personal recognition.

The mere coldblooded scientist may be contented with a fraud-proof/appearance, but the average mortal, like myself and the reader, craves a personal recognition of the visitor, rather than a proof that the ghostly form is fraud proof and ironclad against suspicion. Of such recognitions the cabinet seances of Mr. Miller have furnished, I am told, thousands satisfactory to sitters but of course not under the banner of science.

For many years I have sought spirit influence and experience sitting alone, and in the silence, so I can offer no voucher for any medium. I have no doubt that Mr. Miller, like others admitting unknown visitors to such seances must have encountered suspicion from those who seek fraud rather than truth.

I decline to take part in either attack or defence. I only care to examine phenomena at their very best, and the public seance, as usually held, is about the worst possible place for one who seeks knowly edge of the inner life. So with a friendly hand clasp to Mr. Miller, and warm greetings to his cabinet control, who wears the unglorified title of "Aunt Betsy." I and the reader will proceed to discuss cabinets in general, and the phenomena on which they rest.

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Amanda, Frisco. - With the influence of this writing I get a condition of loneliness. Yet there is much in life for you. There are changes that have come, and though it is apparently dark, it will bring to you much of a nature that will fill the vacancy with good, and a change that will be for the betterment of your condition generally. You are one who can, through the knowledge of the occult, overcome much, and we feel you have much to look forward to, and we see that in the near future other conditions will come of a nature that will bring to you a life of more usefulness, and it will be of a more congenial nature than has heretofore been. And, now, we want to say, bé of good eheer, all will be well.

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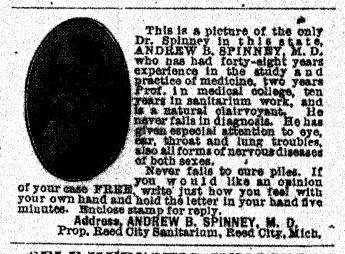
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COMMENTS.

All truth'is one, though at times certain partial statements of truth seem contradictory and lead to disputation. Or phrased another way, the positive and negative seemingly oppose each other, but in fact work together to bring out results.

The conceptions of good and evil, of the builder and the destroyer, arise from an imperfect view of the mighty processes of construction and reconstruction.

and matter as existent in the universe about him, and consciously or unconsciously accept the idea of a dual universe. If studying deeper he tries to separate the two, and finds them ever co-existing, he may come to say there is one principle whose opposite polarities are matter and spirit.

But let him increase the circle of his knowledge to the fullness of his power, yet just beyond lies a wider circle of the unknown. His finite mind may never measure the heights and depths of infinity.

The study, the mental effort, has been good, but man's own work is on the earth. The allegory of the Garden of Eden says man was put there "to dress it and to keep it." In that allegory certainly lies a profound lesson for him who can read its valid meaning.

Some may object to the vailing of truth, but nothing is fully revealed—the real is always hinted and hidden. It is this hint of something hidden that stimulates mankind to effort.

May it not be the hint of a hidden, power that has led to so much study of the origin of the God idea? That tempts to so much searching to find out God.

A hint that suggests a possible discovery of incalculable value is that well known statement—"The kingdom of heaven is within you." If within you, then within every one. The recognition of this truth, the conviction that the statement is true, would transform the world.

Not outside of self, but within, lies the great saving power. The depending on an outside power has wrought chaos in human affairs; has paralized mental and physical effort; has put responsibility on God, on the government, on the spirit world, on the other fellow, on circumstances or fate; on every thing and everybody, but left self irresponsible.

The call of the day is self reliance, self responsibility, self-help, or self hinderance. A new selfness in place of the old selfishness. The revelation of Spiritualism that man is a responsible being—is building a race of men who, in truth, stand erect. A race who believe in others because they know themselves.

COMMENTER.

OAKLAND NOTES.

MEDIUMS' MEETING.

The Mediums' Meeting at Fraternal Hall, 13th and Washington St., on Thursday evening, February 23d, was packed to the doors. In fact, so great is the continued success of this meeting that a larger hall will have to be secured in order to accommodate those who wish to attend. The meeting is popular because no one is slighted, all receive a message, either from the platform or in the different circles in the after meeting.

Mr. Thos. Ellis presided, and introduced the workers in a very pleasing way. Great interest was taken in the singing, speaking and in the various tests given from the platform.

Dr. Stewart Ellis said I know that Spiritualism is true, therefore let the truth be spoken, let it be our banner, so that it may guide and direct us in all the affairs of life. Let us not be ashamed of our religion, neither be afraid to say to those among whom we move in daily life that Spiritualism is true.

Mrs. Parsons said she was no speaker, but she was always pleased when Thursday night came round so as to be present at this meeting, for there is always such a feeling of love, peace and harmony.

The chairman then introduced one of the founders of the meeting,

lengthened absence. She gave an inspirational talk on the truth of Spiritualism, telling of its earliest infancy and its wonderful growth, from the time that the Fox sisters, in a little room in the State of New York, heard the rappings, asking the door to be opened, that the full Jight and knowledge might be given to the world. We know that the spirits of our loved ones are around us, and that they can and do commuicate through the mediums to their loved ones, sending messages of divine love, consecration, comfort and happiness. Leading scientists and eminent divines acknowledge Spiritualism to be true, and it is being accepted throughout the whole world. Mrs. Armstrong said in looking over this audience of refined and intelligent people, I can see you are longing for a word or a touch of the spirit hand of your loved ones who are not dead, but only gone before. It is only a change from earth life into the spirit world. It is only a wornout garment that this body will leave in the earth to decay It is only a misty vail between the seen and the unseen. Tuen let us all accept this great truth, and let it shine in our lives until the whole world shall receive and learn and know that our loved ones can return to us while here in earth life. Let advancement and progression, truth and light be our motto, and as we go into the silence let us concentrate on what we want, and it will bring to us great results. Let us look and we shall see our loved ones face to face, and let us listen and we shall hear their whispers from the angel world.

Mrs. Gordon said she had not expected to be present, for she had trouble with a headache all day, but after listening to the inspiring words of Sister Armstrong she felt a new impulse in the work, and her headache had gone. It is indeed a grand truth to know that our religion is a reality, and that it brings peace, joy and comfort to many an aching heart. We ought all to go forward with renewed vigor, and show by our actions that we live our religion.

After the closing exercises there were the usual circles formed, presided over by the four medium.

WOODMEN'S HALL

That the belief in Spiritualism is on the increase can be attested by the fact that a large number of scientists and people of education are investigating into both the phenomena and the philosophy of it. The orthodox churches teach and

Mrs. Carrie Armstrong, who has believe in a future life, but refuse just returned to Oakland after a to believe that our loved ones who lengthened absence. She gave an have passed from the seen to the inspirational talk on the truth of unseen, can and do return to us.

The churches waste their energy in thinking about a heaven in the hereafer, instead of believing that heaven is here and now. Our great Teacher said—'The kingdom of heaven is within you," and the sooner the churches realize it the better will it be for humanity at large. Truth loses nothing by being investigated. Rather does she gain strength thereby, and we gladly welcome any earnest seeker.

The Woodmen's Hall was again well attended on Sunday evening, the 26th ult., many bouquets of beautiful flowers were on the platform, emblematical of peace and harmony. Mrs. Cowell said-As you have been singing "Joy to the World," Spiritualism came to bring joy into the world. It comes to uplift the downtrodden, and to bring 'ilght to those who sit in darkness. Has it brought to you the comfort you have been looking for? Have you learned the great lesson which it teaches, that there is a life after this? Nay, that this life is continued, and what we call death is but a stepping from one house to another. Is that not something for you to think about-something to live for. Thou weary traveller in earth life, be wise and understand yourself. Learn that it is not all of life to live. Spiritualism teaches that there is joy here and joy hereafter. Remember none can bear your burdens for you—you must be your own burden bearer. Spiritualism means progression, and progression is the death of superstition. Realize this in its fullestmeaning, and you will sing with a glad heart "Joy to the world, the darkness flies."

Dr. Stewart-Ellis said how quickthe time passes. I was thinking this morning, here it is Sunday again, the time flies so quick. We who are in the work often feel that, at the close of the day, we have done so little. Yet we know we have done what we could, and the best can do no more. I was called to-day to the sick bed of a little boy, suffering with typhoid pneumonia. His people are not of my religion, but I remained with them all day, doing my best to keep down the fever, and I succeeded. I was glad to be with them, and to knew that my work was not in vain, and to night I come here with a happy feeling, although I have only done my duty, and no more than I would want some one to do for a loved one of mine, if I had one.

Spirit messages were given both by Mrs. Cowell and Mrs Ellis.

HOME CIRCLE.

Mrs. S. Gordon has lately commenced to hold a circle at her rooms in the Globe Hotel, 1116 Broadway, on Tuesday evenings, and they are being very largely attended. Her readings are remarkably clear and highly appreciated. Eeach one is allowed to ask questions. The piano playing of Miss Dewey adds very much to the enjoyment of those present.

UNION SPIRITUAL SOCIETY.

"What Are We Living For?" was the subject discussed by the philosophers of the above society at théir conference on Sunday afternoon, the 26th ult., and they came to the following conclusions:—The purposes of all persons are not the same, we cannot be practical by attempting to prove that all members of the human family have but one object of existence—such reasoning leads to metaphysical vagaries.

The purpose of the parent is to direct its offspring on the way best suited to bring out all its good, strongest, most useful talents; the greatest problem lies with the boy, as the girl is, as a rule, easily persuaded to pursue the course her parents select.

Each one has a duty which should be self-imposed—to present a clean character to society, and there is no task more difficult, especially is this true when the human soul has passed through the fiery trial of great temptation. Many there be who have faced the ordeal, but few there are who can come away untarnished.

Our purposes should first be practical; second, virtuous; lastly, enduring. These three conditions kept intact always give, at least, some degree of success in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore of Boston, were present and took part in the proceedings.

At the evening session Mr. J. M. Murray delivered a biographical sketch of his own experiences, entertaining the audience for half an hour or more. He is a very interesting speaker, and will again be placed on the rostrum for a philosophical discourse.

Mrs. Annie Gillette's readings are very far from being sensational for they are well sprinkled with all kinds of practical advice for immediate needs, and by her spiritual perception she can instantly apply the law of the spirit with the best effect.

Mrs. Knott is always to the point,

and the chief point she argues is that she can discern things of the spirit by her own soul. He reading is accurate and has an intrinsic value to those fortunate enough to be her subjects.

Next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the conference will discuss - "Man - Whence? What? and Whither?" The evening session will be entirely devoted to message giving by our regular workers.

FIRST NEW THOUGHT CHURCH.

The above church, located at 1006 Webster Street, will hold a meeting next Thursday evening, March 9th. and will be lead by Mrs. Annie Gillette, who will take for her subject—"Spiritual Therapeutics.".

SAN JOSE NEWS.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

The meetings of the First Spiritual Union of this place have been continued during the past month, , with a degree of interest hardly expected during the stormy weather.

Mrs. Fox has been with us, and also Prof. Buswell until list Sunday evening. On the evening of the 26th ult., Mrs. Fox gave us a a fine talk, taking for her subject— "The Life Beautiful," Miss Muntz read one of her inspirational poems. Prof. Lindsay, Mrs. Muntz and daughter gave us two selections on the guitar and mandolin. Our own pianist.gave us a beautiful selection.

Mrs. Shaw was then introduced. and she read a large number of articles placed on the table for that purpose. This being the first occasion of her reading in a public hall, it was a decided success, winning the good will of those present by her genial presence and expressions of good humor. She is also an excellent healer, and is doing a good work at her rooms on South First Street.

Our morning conference has a very interesting subject for next Sunday — "What shall we do to develop our own spirit or soul powers?"

We intend to celebrate the 57th anniversary of modern Spiritualism in a fitting manner on the last Sunday in March. It will be a good time for the workers in the field of Spiritualism to put fourth their best efforts to teach the people that future benefits cannot be expected unless the way to them is paved by living up to the golden rule right here and now.

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Childrens Progressive Lyceum, Odd Fellows Building, Room 8, 2nd, floor,

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THE OCCIDENTAL MYSTIC.

The March number of the above magazine has been greatly enlarged, is full of interesting articles and deserves a liberal patronage.

HAPPY THOUGHT CLUB.

After a three weeks vacation, the club met on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Carrie Wermouth, 436 Golden Gate Avenue. Tests were given to all present by Mrs. Wermouth and Mrs. Wren. Among the visitors Mrs. Pendleton of Oregon took part in the program,

SCANDIA HALL.

The Free Thought society on Feb. 26th for the third time debated the question of Conscious existence after the death of the body—There was a lively interest manifested throughout the discussion, with as varied opinions as there were speakers.

THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment on Saturday evening the 25th inst. was a grand success. There were several present in Charecter costume which were faithfully represented and well sustained. Several literary numbers were artistically rendered. The music for dancing was excellent. The management was faultless. Refreshments served by the ladies was delicious and everybody who came, returned to their homes wearing the happiest of smiles.

CORVALLIS OREGON.

The members of the First Spiritual Union of Corvallis and their friends have just enjoyed an evening with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague. The lecture given by Mr. Sprague was full of points for the thinking mind, and the platform tests of Mrs. Sprague were beatifully given, recognized and acknowledged.

Jessie S. Pettit Flint. February 22d, 1905.

LADIES' BEKEFICENT SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Beneficent Society of Oakland, an organization composed of prominent ladies of Oakland, Alameda, and Berkeley, is growing in popularily. The ladies meet at the homes of its members, and take up some interesting topic or subject for discussion, and the time is very profitably spent. Mrs. C. T. Gunn is president and Mrs. H. W. Lyons, 1122 Lafayette St., Alameda, is secretary. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. J. Gerry, 2215 Central Avenue, Alameda, on March 14th, at two p.m.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. L. R. Guild and Mrs. P. H. Kelley of Boston, Mass., paid a visit to the Journal office was week.

Miss Lyde Richardson for the past few months a guest of Mrs. Gillespie, has gone to spend the summer with her sister in Murphys.

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That experience is the college,
Where learn worth and beauty.

Know we that the soul's immortal, Touching chords of life's lyre: And transition is the portal, That but takes us higher.

Lik :sweet music ling'ring 'round us,
'Risen souls we lov'd best:
Wita great love ties they have bound

In one life of peace and rest.

For information concerning the Progressive Lyceum authorized lesson sheet of the National Spiritualist Association, address John W. Ring, Spiritualist Temple, Galveston, Texas.

The children's lyceum continues to grow, several new children were brought in at the last meeting, and promises that others will follow. New exercises and lessons are introduced each week by Mrs. Gillespie. Mr. Wadsworth is always at his post of duty conducting the music and calisthenics. The lyceum meets at 10:30 a.m. in Room 8, Odd Fellows' Building. Everybody welcome.

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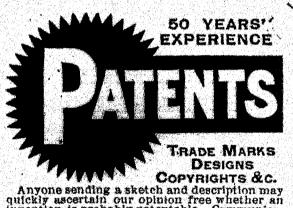
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"The court entertains no doubt whatever as to the entire validity of the deed of November 2, 1901, conveying the Temple property to the trustees. It is presumed that the interlineation, or marginal ad dition, was made before the execution, and there is nothing on the face of the deed, or in the competent evidence warranting a contrary decision. The court also holds that the consideration for the Temple and Moses Hull deeds are lawful and sufficient, that the estate is bound to relieve the Hull property of the lien of said mortgage \$22,-

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HOUSE WARMING-

The First Spiritual Aid Society and their friends are invited by Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Morse and Mr. J. M. Mathews to meet them at their new home 1725 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, on Wednesday, 8th March. Friends from San Francisco will meet at the Ferry, (Key Route) in time for one o'clock boat.

GONE TO HIGHER LIFE.

Just as the Journal goes to press the sad news domes of the passing of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, the venerable philanthropist, in Honolulu. Mrs. Stanford and her late husband were the founders of the Leland Stanford, Jr., University, at Palo Alto, Cal. Her last words were-"Oh, Bertha, I fear I have been poisoned. Tell the doctor what happened to us before." Time and space will not permit us to ennmerate the many virtues of this noble woman and friend of humanity. Her greatest solace in times of loneliness, cares and tribulation lay in her knowledge of the fact that her dear husband and son were at times visible to her sight.

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There was a large and intelligent audience present on last Sunday evening to listen to Mrs. Seals Guides sift the article of Garrett P. Serviss, (an acknowledged) scientist entitled "Do the dead come back?" which appeared in the Examiner a few days ago. The speaker by analysis and comparison of the criticism of this scientist with the utterances and convictions of other well known scientists, such as Flammarion, Wallace, Crooks and many others known to be with the foremost thinkers and students in scientific lore. Emphasizing the fact that his great effort to cast discredit upon the intelligence of those who by thorough investigation of both the phenomena and philosphy of spiritualism had proved futile. Madame Young was also at her best, psychometrizing and giving messages.

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