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THE BORDERLAND.

Psychical Experiences.

When I was about seven years of age, a girl about my own age, a stranger to me, came into my father's house. I was bashful, and did not go into the room where she was, but I had a vision of a face just like the little girl's, as I found out soon after when I gained courage to go into her room. I wondered then, but now I know how it came.

At 13, a district-school scholar, I dreamed (?) one night that at the boys' recess, a stranger came in with the others. One of my class-mates said, "That is the gentleman you are to marry. The first letter of his Christian name is 'M.'" Sure enough, in ten years from that time, I went about 100 miles from my home and married one whose first name was Melvin.

Spirit communion and spirit influence are established facts, in my opinion. For the past 30 years of my life, if attacked by a sudden cold, all I have to do is to say on retiring, "Dr. C., please start a gentle perspiration." Then I drop to sleep and wake up with my desire gratified.

At my mother's death we had a dispatch from her distant home, saying, "Mother's passed away; funeral at—," etc. My sister and myself had a sitting, and when mother's spirit came, she was asked to tell us of her death. She said, "My last night on earth I retired as well as usual. Your father (who had passed on before) came to me and said; 'I want you to come to me.' I replied, 'I will go.' I was cold. In the morning my daughter-in-law came in with my breakfast, and asked me to eat, but I said, 'Place it upon the stand; perhaps I can eat by-and-by.' But I never ate again, and passed away soon." When I visited my friends at the old homestead, the same conversation was repeated to me by her daughter-in-law.

Dr. C. guides me in my widowhood, and when I am embarrassed in the management of my farm, his advice always seems to be the right thing at the right time. And when, during one of the terrible storms last winter, I stepped out of the house and the door froze together at my exit and I was obliged to stay out in the storm until I was partially frozen, it was through his advice that I was rescued.

FANNY M. LEONARD.

Visiting the Spirit World.

The world really wishes to know now, what mediums and Spiritualists know about the immortal states of organized active life, and I am quite sure there are many who, like myself, have in spirit seen many of the spiritual worlds and inhabitants, but have likewise destroyed notes made of such experiences, simply because they accumulated so very rapidly and it seemed as if the world would never desire them.

My experiences in receiving visitations from citizens of the other worlds began in the Fall of 1869, and for a few years from that time I was continuously clairvoyant and clairaudient. The

many spirits who came to me from the "Borderland" seemed to be as natural as our own people, with the difference that they appeared and disappeared without opening or closing doors. I was often privileged to touch them, and they would sometimes touch me, seeming perfectly natural. I also could listen to the instructions the higher spirits gave me on almost every topic appertaining to man's spiritual unfoldment and true progress. At such times, when in conscious communion with the angels, I was supremely happy, while as to physical experiences, on account thereof, I had much that was unpleasant.

After my band had formed and had taken me wholly in charge, I was frequently taken in spirit by my guide to see the spiritual worlds in order to learn by observation the true onward course of life and progress.

These visits began on the plane nearest to earth, and continued until we went far away to those celestial spheres where all is so pure and grand that mortal language can do them no justice. My first visit, however, was truly to the



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"Borderland." It seemed ensconced in the belt of our earth, and really is "all about us, though unseen." It is the very counterpart of our world, or vice versa, I know not which; but this I do know, that it is a world as material as our own, which cannot be said of the planes above it.

In this first sphere, or as my spirit friends term it, co-material world, I saw among the great throng quite a number of persons whom I had known in earth-life, and they knew me and gave me an ovation, being so delighted to see me there, too. Somehow it seemed natural, being only a visitor there in spirit, and settled the query as to our spiritual body. It is certainly contained within the physical, and is resurrected therefrom and given its freedom at death, to learn and to serve in more pleasing and beneficial ways.

As we walked along the clean streets in this new world, my guide instructing me on the many things, we beheld—the neat homes all thrown open for our inspection, the beautiful

lawns and flowers, the gardens with all manner of vegetables growing and the trees laden with all kinds of fruit, I looked about me and marvelled. Above us was the clear sky; everything about me seemed as natural as on earth. I beheld wheat-fields, clover-fields, buildings under construction, laborers at work, etc., and I said to my guide: "Why, this is just a world like ours!" He smiled and said: "Yes, in some respects, but very unlike it in the main; for, here is no death as on earth, neither sickness. All who begin their onward life-journey on this plane, after being released from the physical body, lack spiritual unfoldment, and, as you see, their bodies are terrestrial or co-material; but as soon as they have drawn through these bodies the necessary substance for the stability of their spiritual bodies, then they are simply promoted to a plane of life above this, and the outer garment, or body, must and ever does correspond with the chemistry of the plane where an entity is numbered as resident.

"In these promotions, or changes, however, no ill-effects or experiences are realized by anyone. Promotions are conducted on individual merit until the plane is reached where all are marked to belong by reason of the law imminent in their constitution and forming their individual charter, which law calls for all this training and exercise to be fulfilled; then it secures to the individual a title to an everlasting inheritance—a home in the heavens whence they can go to and fro, to learn, to teach, to serve and be served and to enjoy Heaven's wealth and pleasures forever."

Van Wert, O.

MRS. M. KLEIN.

A Weird Apparition.

Lately I was compelled to walk a distance of about two and a half miles, the walking of which was along a very lonely road, without a single light to be seen anywhere. It was pitch dark, and for the greater part of the way heavy trees overshadowed both sides of the road. All was most enjoyable until at, perhaps, a more dreary part, a rat, or something of that shape, moved across the road and made a rattling noise in the hedge on the other side. This was made still more alarming by the hooting of an owl from a tree; this I had never heard before, and could not for a minute or two find out what it was. To all this I shrugged my shoulders, and turned to meet the third fright, which, to tell the truth, I did not expect, though I believe that if we get two we generally get the third.

I was just passing an old house, which still bears the name of the Manor House, when, I cannot tell how, there came along the pathway leading from the house a form which I cannot well describe. The face, hands and feet alone were really visible, the remainder was only partially so. You can best get an example of the appearance of the former by placing a smouldering match inside of an eggshell; when, in a dark room, the appearance will give you the effect of the skin, and by bringing some partially opaque substance between the shell and the light you will get the appearance of the bones. When I met this weird apparition, the blood in my temples seemed to run cold, and I seemed to lose all fear, and so I turned and gazed upon the form, which had now reached a large iron

gate. I thought it would open the gate, but it came straight on, as if it were not.

At last the spectre reached me; I attempted to ask the form who it was, but found I could not; nevertheless, it understood me perfectly, for I heard a voice saying, "It matters nothing," whereupon it touched me upon my hand, and the touch seemed to have the effect of rendering my hand weightless; it seemed as though my hand was still in existence, but was not a member of my body. Its disappearance was still more miraculous than its appearance; it stood within half a yard from me, and seemed to fade away. When it had gone, my heart beat heavily, and I turned and wended my way home.—*From a reliable friend in England.*

From Our Foreign Exchanges.

Reviewed by Ernest S. Green.

STARTLING PROPHECIES.

There is a seeress in Europe known as "The Siren of the Spree," whose reputation is such that the following prophecies by her have caused dread and consternation in Germany. They were first published in the *Occultische Kassandra*, but are here translated as they were copied in *Psychische Studien*. The *Wiener Extrablatt* for April, 1898, tried to modify their import, but here is the original:

The future of Germany is blood and more blood. Germany will cease to be a union and her empire will be rent asunder. Her blood-soaked earth will be like the red loam.

I see much blood in France.

Dreyfus will be released from the island.

A great fire will occur at Buda Pesth.

There will be a tidal wave at Swinemünde.

A serious accident will occur in a coal mine at Brux (Dux) in Bohemia, in the winter-time.

In a few decades there will appear a world-reformer, who will be born about 1900—apparently in America, where he will live his early days.

A ship will burn in New York Harbor.

A trip will be made with an air-ship balloon, in the next century, between Europe and America, in two or three days.

THE POET ALEXANDER POPE A GREAT PROPHET.

La Lumiere, of Paris, for August, contains a brief synopsis of an article in *Light*, of May 14, by M. Tomlinson, with notes by W. T. Stead, entitled, "Pope a Prophet." [Pope's writings were between 1710 and 1744, the latter being the date of his death. He was educated as a Catholic priest, but later dissented from the church and became a noted cynic.] *La Lumiere* says the prophecies cited were in the celebrated poet's "Windsor Forest," written in the time of Queen Anne and Marlborough. He mentions among other prophecies, "a future glorious queen of England," with other details which point to Queen Victoria, and prophesied for his country commercial liberty, and the greatness of London as the commercial centre of the world, with allusions to the construction of the Suez canal and finally the Panama canal. He also predicted the abolition of slavery, and that a voyage would be made to the North Pole.

As all the other prophecies of the poet have been fulfilled, let us hope the one regarding the North Pole and the Panama Canal will also be.

LEFT THE BODY AND SAVED A SHIP'S CREW.

In the *Uebersinnliche Welt* (Supersensitive World), is a remarkable narrative translated from Robert Dale Owen's book, "Footfalls on the Boundaries of Another World." In brief the narrative is as follows:

In 1828, Robert Bruce (a Scotchman 30 years of age) was first officer on a merchant vessel which ran from Liverpool to St. John's, N. B. His cabin was next to the captain's. One day at noon, off the coast of New Foundland, he entered the captain's cabin, and found a person whom he supposed to be the captain, at his desk writing. Looking over his shoulder, Mr. Bruce, upon entering, said, "How do you do." He received no answer, and upon the writer turning his face, he saw it was a total stranger.

Bruce ran up on deck and told the captain. Both returned to the cabin. Nobody was there, but on the slate, in an unknown hand, was written, "Steer to the Northwest."

They compared the writing with everybody's hand on the ship, but it resembled none, so they commenced to look for a stowaway.

As the captain would only lose a few hours, he let the ship go Northwest. After a few hours travel they found a ship bound for Quebec, fastened in an iceberg and lost beyond hope.

As the rescued sailors went on board Bruce's ship, the latter was surprised to see a man whose face looked exactly like that of the man he saw writing in the captain's cabin—"Steer to the Northwest."

The captain asked this man to write on the other side of the slate, "Steer to the Northwest," and strangely enough, it was the same hand. The man was the captain of the lost ship, and said that at noon he had slept, and upon awakening had said: "We will be saved to-day. I dreamed I was on board a ship, and I fully described this ship, and we recognized it as soon as you came in sight. The whole ship looks familiar to me, but why, I cannot tell."

CHILDREN'S DREAMS.

Le Messager says: "Here is something of interest to every mother. The face of a well child shows complete rest during sleep—the eyes are closed, the lips slightly open and the nostrils are motionless in breathing. As soon as there is a change from the above, it will be an indication of sickness. Partly open eyelids is the first symptom of an acute or chronic sickness. The moving of the nostrils during breathing shows that the lungs are affected. The drawing together of the eyebrows shows pain in the head; restless tossing in sleep, the approach of acute sickness; grabbing with the hands at the head, pain in that region. Frequent reddening of the nose indicates an irregular stomach and bowels. Stretching and bending of the toes indicate cramps."

THE DESTINY OF THE SOUL.

The beginning of the future life is in widening the idea of the soul which dwells in our body. The soul never wears out, but sees, as from the peak of a fortress, the outlined human form, and is only left stronger than before. This thought inspires strength when there is weakness; awakens from the sleep of death, and brings light when the eyes grow dim.—*Het Toekomstig Leven* (The Future Life), Utrecht, Holland.

Great thoughts are flowers of the soul.—*Ibid.*

Now a Spiritualist.

An entire page of the Sunday New York *Herald* is devoted to an account of the conversion of Dr. Richard Hodgson, "the famous savant," through the mediumship of Mrs. Piper. A large and handsome picture of Dr. Hodgson adorns the page, and the article throughout is a clear, unprejudiced account of the investigations and final conversion of the doctor.

The Boston *Journal* of August 15th also gives the subject a column and a half with large display headlines, and the account is full of interest. We give a portion below:

You speak of credulity and superstition. So used Dr. Hodgson, a man with a trained scientific mind. But—Dr. Hodgson's views have undergone a radical change. Seven years' investigation in Boston have revolutionized his opinions. During that period of time he has applied his scientific methods to what he considers a most thorough investigation of a most remarkable medium, Mrs. Piper of Arlington, whose seances have been the occasions of some astonishing spiritistic phenomena. These phenomena have completely convinced Dr. Hodgson that Spiritism is a reality and not a sham, while that eminent psychologist, Prof. William James of Harvard University, frankly admits that the Piper phenomena are "the most absolutely baffling things" he knows of, says the New York *Herald*. Dr. Richard Hodgson has been at the head of the American branch of the Society of Psychical Research in Boston.

Everybody interested in psychic matters—and who is not in these days?—has heard something about how Mrs. Piper came under the notice of Prof. William James, instructor of psychology at Harvard; and how, later, the Society for Psychical Research in England had her go over there and stay from the Fall of 1889 until the Spring of the following year, during which time she gave eighty-three sittings, under the supervision of such men as Prof. Lodge, Dr. Walter Leap, Mr. F. W. H. Myers, etc. Even the famous Sir William Crookes, inventor of Crookes' tube and present

President of the Society of Psychical Research, studied the phenomena. On Mrs. Piper's return to America, the Society sent Dr. Hodgson to Boston in order to devote himself to experiments begun by Prof. James, and which time would not permit that gentleman to continue. Dr. Hodgson's supervision covers from 1891 up to the present year. The sittings number five hundred. One hundred and thirty of these were persons introduced to Dr. Hodgson, not by their own names, and of whom the medium was entirely ignorant. Furthermore, interested parties had set a watch upon the movements of those who might bring information from unlooked-for sources.

As a result of his untiring studies, the records kept and given by Dr. Hodgson to the Society of Psychical Research form some of the most curious reading ever penned.

But perhaps the most curious point to the general reader is that Dr. Hodgson finds himself constrained to believe that those who die of mental disorder, or who suicide, cannot communicate until, possibly, after they are a long time in the other life. From eight cases of suicide, more or less known to him, nothing could be obtained. No one was found able to communicate immediately after passing out. All, however, seemed desirous of doing so after they came to a sense of their environment.

At times, these efforts reminded one of telephoning, with the medium for an instrument, and a scramble to get a hearing before the earthly operator leaves her end of the machine.

There is nothing in these investigations which is new to Spiritualists; nevertheless, we owe a debt of gratitude to the Psychical Research Society for his laborious efforts to place before the world evidence that cannot be gainsaid.

When a man like Dr. Hodgson receives a message purporting to come from the spirit world, he at once feels a responsibility, and seeks to so thoroughly prove the truth of that one message and its source that all must believe, thus giving the new world one absolute fact. If every Spiritualist felt an equal responsibility, the world would, at the present time, be thoroughly conversant with the scientific basis of Spiritualism.—*Banner of Light.*

Mental Spiritualism.

Mental Spiritualism is the science of the soul; for without the mental, there can be no phenomenal or other demonstrations of this grandest of sciences. I realize that we, as spiritual scientists, have put too much stress on the phenomenal side of Spiritualism, and thereby neglected the *only real* side through which we become in *oneness* with the *great universal spirit force* without, around and above us, and by which we live and have our being. Those, in fact, who hang too much on the phenomenal, are naturally too earthly (materialistic, as it were), and consequently cannot and do not develop into that highest of all the powers—that of oneness with nature. As we elevate ourselves from the earthly to the more refined spiritual *thought-forces*, we lose that gross sensuality and selfishness, and become real architects of nature and master builders of the world; help one another to become purer in thought and actions, and thereby become stronger, healthier and more successful in business, because we draw to us from the spirit world, that clean, pure elevating, thinking power to build and achieve success.

The phenomena are good as idols through which the weaker, and as yet, undeveloped senses grope their way to the realistic, demonstrable and materialistic part of life of which we are in reality a part, and by which we are so much cross-magnetized in our every-day life; but the mentally spiritual gradually tear themselves from all these fetters and chains of materiality, and live more in the real atmosphere of creation, mentally, and thereby gradually learn and sense, physically, and see clairvoyantly, the laws of nature's secret work.

The sense of clairaudience develops more each day, by such efforts towards mental Spiritualism, and we can already hear the small voice, guiding our now awakening minds.

Let us become mental Spiritualists and be the leaders of progress and elevators of the human race, bringing peace, harmony and good-will towards all living beings, for all life is from the one divine source, the fountain of spirit force, and men are the builders. Love in its various forms is a creation in one way or another. Life

is eternal and cannot cease; hate is a destroyer of harmony and peace; jealousy is a brother of hate, and both go through the land seeking whom they might employ as agents to be destroyers.

Let us look at the bloodthirsty race of Spain; look for a moment through their history, their epochs, their lives, domestic and otherwise, and see the harvest it has to reap. Clairvoyantly, I see that Spain, as a nation, is soon to be a thing of the past.

Will we listen to the still, small voice of reason? It is the voice of the Creator, speaking to our minds by spirit telegraph. Can we hear the click of the mental instrument? Shall we lead the churches and nations of earth? Then let us blazon forth the light of Spiritual mentality and the philosophy of peace. Let all mental Spiritualists take up the watchword and sound the bugle of peace in thought-powers, unitedly, in silence. Send it out magnetically into the universal air and spirit to receive, retain and carry it to all governing minds and rulers of earth. Peace, arbitration—no more murder.

I would like to hear from other advanced thinkers as to the truth and power of mental Spiritualism; for it seems to me by inspiration from the higher source, that the hour has come for us to launch forth and lead the world.

Springfield, Mo. DR. PH. NAGEL.

William Lloyd Garrison.

Oh Garrison, thy name proclaims a tower
Of strength, protection and a guarded home,
Where foes shall stand abashed to see
Thy power for right, and love of liberty.

Thou wast a fortress and a shield in life
To the oppressed and suffering of our land,
And bravely faced the storms and bitter strife
To break the chains that bound thy brother man.

Brave soul! how grand, how noble and how true;
Few men have seen the power of love like thine
In those dark days of trial to the few
Who dared for liberty 'gainst slavery's crime.

What wondrous power was given unto thee
To hold thee strong while standing for the right,
And rouse a slumbering world to know and see
How dark the stain on Liberty's escutcheon bright?

What was the voice that made thy soul so free
And fearless as it answered to the call?
It was the voice of Heaven saying unto thee
"Good will on earth and freedom unto all."

MRS. HENDEE-ROGERS.

Queen Victoria and Spiritualism

There is something both pathetic and beautiful in Queen Victoria's belief in the nearness to us of the spirits of departed friends. Of course this is not the place for a discussion of such a belief, for such discussions can never be anything but discussions. But there is no question of the beauty of a faith which does so much to cheer and ennoble one's daily life. A writer in *The Quiver* says of the Queen:

"She believes that it is given to our departed loved ones to watch over those who still struggle with the temptations and sorrows of the earthly life. It has been the great consolation of her bereaved years that she felt that the Prince was watching over the events of her life. During her retirement at Osborne, immediately after the Prince Consort's death, the Queen found "her only comfort in the belief that her husband's spirit was close beside her—for he had promised that it should be so." This was told to Dean Stanley by the Queen's half-sister, the Princess Hohenlohe. The belief that the spirits of the dead are hovering about those whom they loved on earth may be the reason for her Majesty's dislike to second marriages, especially the re-marriage of widows."

It seems that Lord Tennyson shared this belief with her, and in one of his published letters to the Queen appears this passage: "If the dead, as I have often felt, though silent, be more living than the living—and linger about the planet in which their earth-life was passed—then they, while we are lamenting that they are not at our side, may still be with us; and the husband, the daughter, and the son, lost by your Majesty, may rejoice when the people shout the name of their Queen." Writing to Lord Tennyson on one of the anniversaries of her wedding day, the Queen described it as a day which she can never allow to be considered sad: "The reflected light of the sun which has set still remains! It is full of pathos, but also full of joyful gratitude, and he who left me nearly thirty years ago surely blesses me still!" —*New York Times*.

Mob Law.

Dispatches from Clarendon, Ark., say that a mob of 200 men took five negroes from the county jail about midnight, August 9, and hanged them to the tramway of a saw-mill which stands not far from the mill. The victims of this act of mob violence were implicated in the assassination of John T. Orr.

Certainly these lynchings which occur with such frequency in the South, and occasionally in the West, are barbarous, and they should be stopped. The law provides for the punishment of criminals, and the law, not mob violence, should prevail.

Under our government, persons accused of crime are entitled to a trial according to the forms of law, during which it is their right to prove if they can that they are innocent of the crime charged. Why should the accused be taken from the jail and executed by a mob? What is accomplished by such a lawless proceeding that would not be accomplished by allowing the law to take its course without mobocratic interference?

Most of the persons lynched are negroes. Nobody can say if they are regularly tried in the South that they are likely to escape justice, as wealthy criminals or those who have political influence so often do, both North and South. Why, then, deny them the right of trial and put them to death in violation of law?

The tendency of these lynchings is to lower or keep down the standard of civilization. They weaken respect for law and order. They defeat the purpose of established government. They are a disgrace to any State in which they occur, and to the United States. Federal authority should be brought to bear to stop this uncivilized method of dealing with persons accused of crime, where the local and State authorities cannot or will not prevent its continuance.

We have been at war with Spain to put an end to the lawlessness and violence which have long existed in Cuba, and to secure for the people of that island a stable government, a government under which society shall be free from attacks on life and property, and crime shall be punished by legal authority and in a legal manner. With what consistency can we sacrifice hundreds of men and spend millions of dollars to stop lawlessness and secure a good government in Cuba, when lynching, the killing of men without legal trial and in defiance of law, is occurring every few days in our own country, and when the officers of the law are unable or unwilling to stop it? B. F. UNDERWOOD.

The Philippines and the Spirits.

The Philippines, from the stand-point of the spirit world, is the subject of an article in *Dawning Light*, as given by Spirit Benjamin F. Butler, through the mediumship of A. J. Buck of St. Louis, Mo. Speaking of the condition of the inhabitants of those Islands, Spirit Butler says:

It is indeed a problem how to deal fairly with these ones who have been emancipated from a rule of tyranny and injustice, which has no parallel outside of the ruling of savage races in both the old and new world. So long has oppression with its iron hand dominated over these fair islands that the inhabitants, as a mass, are not only powerless to resist from lack of arms, but stultified in intelligence, the effect of long enforced ignorance.

Many of them are still in the state of primitive savagery, ignorant of laws or their application, knowing only the uncertainty of law as applied to them, will ye, nil ye, of their humble possessions whenever their rulers coveted them. Their oppression has been two-fold, that of the church and the state, one upholding the other, and when one rapacious robber was satisfied the other absorbed what little remained. Knowing no law but that of force, it will be a difficult and delicate task to make them comprehend that the day of their deliverance is at hand and has come to stay. If accounts are correct, a portion of the inhabitants are still in their primitive state of barbarism, subdued only in part by their taskmasters, kept in subjection only by force or the fear of it. These will be difficult to manage at first, for kind treatment being something to which they are so unaccustomed that they will attribute it to fear, until they know that it is intended to better their

condition. The most difficult problem to be understood by the more intelligent ones is the entire separation of church and state in their future government.

The ignorance prevailing in the land of their former masters has made them the tools and vassals of priestcraft, but here the darkness is perfectly appalling to sensitive minds. The old pagan worship was far more liberal in sentiment than the iron rule of the church. Cruelties which the surrounding nations, though of the same faith, would not have permitted, were here practiced openly, and with an utter disregard to human feelings or entreaties. It was the last stronghold of that monster of religious bigotry, "The Holy Inquisition." For a long time after its abolishment in Europe, it reigned here in the plenitude of power. Remote from the centres of civilization, with means of communication curtailed, or allowed only at the will of their conquerors, the miserable victims perished unheard and unknown. And it is only within a recent period of years that it has been abolished, but practiced in secret. The strenuous efforts of the head of the church, whose intelligent foresight saw the ruin of its power near at hand, in the cause of peace, professedly, but the sustaining of the sacerdotal authority secretly, was the real cause of that movement. It was the loss, not only of religious despotism, but the means which sustained it, that caused such an appeal to be made.

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If we can believe the Spaniards and their sympathizers, the late war and victory was a Masonic affair. Those of the craft will be surprised to hear that the order is mixed up with politics in any way. In fact, that subject is forbidden in every lodge. The San José *Mercury* says: The *Mexican Herald* has discovered how Spain was whipped. Hear it:

The Sagasta Cabinet, from the Premier to the lowest officials, are all Masons. They are all Masons, and the Government is completely undermined by this accursed society. Poor, unfortunate Spain! To what a depth have liberalism and Freemasonry sunk thee! And thou, Mexico, our poor country, prepare thyself to suffer the consequences of the triumph of the insolent, aggressive and ambitious Yankee!

What a wonderful discovery the *Mexican Herald* has made! How did it ever find it out? It should be awarded a leather medal for such sagacity.

A. F. Melchers has severed his editorial connection with the *Light of Truth*, and in the last issue says "Good-bye." This was occasioned by his father's failing health and desire for his son to return home and take charge of his business. The best wishes of all his associates go with him.

The *Sunflower* is the name of a new monthly edited by W. H. Bach, Lily Dale, N. Y. It is the organ of the "Young People's Spiritualist Union," and will receive the united support of its members. It is 50 cents a year, and deserves success.

Poor old Louis Rosenbloom, a well-known Jewish teacher of Chicago, in his 64th year, was brutally murdered by a vicious youth of 17 years of age, on Aug. 28th. John Schlecta, was beating a child and its mother who was protecting her offspring. The old teacher interfered, and for that was kicked and stamped to death by the fiend. The old teacher was loved by all the children and honored by their parents, kind and gentle. Like many of his countrymen, he was prematurely old from the cruel environment of his native land, whence he and so many others had been driven by the oppression and persecution of tyranny and fanaticism. Coming here he found a few of his bright expectations realized, and he probably was happy to endure the hardships of deepest poverty, in exchange for the freedom which we guarantee even its humblest citizen. What a dream of happiness! How it was realized, his mangled body tells and his bloody corpse is but a mockery.

Arbitration instead of War.

In the JOURNAL dated May 5, 1898, under the heading of "Signs in the Heavens," is an article concerning Mrs. Howard's prophecies, containing these words, on page 279:

Mrs. Howard has been unable to understand or explain this vision until recently. Now she says the black cloud, shaped like a horse, is the war horse of Spain; the fiery sword resting in fiery clouds means that the war spirit will be killed and the swords melted into plowshares, after this war which is bound to come to us and to Spain. The armed angels of the clouds are to represent universal desire of warlike nations for arbitration.

This has been singularly fulfilled in the recent proposal to all governments by the Czar of Russia for a general disarmament, and the settlements of all disputes between nations by arbitration. This is one of the most important documents in the history of the world. The subject is now being discussed all over the earth, and many of the nations will be exceedingly glad to escape from the excessive burdens of maintaining an immense army and navy.

It is asserted that the Emperor of Germany intended to issue a similar document from Jerusalem, when he visits that city in the near future, for which arrangements are now being perfected between himself and the Sultan of Turkey. The Czar has now forestalled him. This shows that Mrs. Howard's vision was correctly interpreted by her guides, as representing the "universal desire of warlike nations for arbitration." There is a "universal desire" for peace, a universal demand for lessening the burdens of war expenses and excessive taxation to maintain standing armies. The great nations as well as the lesser ones would gladly escape the coming struggle with their people who are demanding relief from the unbearable burdens of immense armaments.

When Mrs. Howard's vision was seen and interpreted in the JOURNAL last May, no event seemed more unlikely than a proposition for peaceful settlements of disputes by arbitration, by any of the great nations who are "armed to the teeth"—more especially for such a proposition to come from Russia—one of the most despotic powers on earth! But the unexpected happens quite often. We shall see what will be accomplished by the proposed Congress for this end, by the representatives of the nations of the world.

The humanitarian conduct of the Czar, however, is easily accounted for. It is a well-known fact that Czar Alexander II, father of the present Czar, kept a medium constantly in his service, and it was owing to a message given him through the medium D. D. Home that he liberated fifteen millions of serfs. It is not at all improbable that the present Czar follows the custom of his father and employs a medium, and it is also probable that through this medium the young Czar has received a message from his father urging him to issue the peace message which has astonished the world.

The narrative of a medium who was for years in the service of Czar Alexander II, as read by this medium's father, Dr. Geo. van Langsdorff, of Freiburg, Germany, before the International Congress of Spiritualists in London, last June, will be given in the next JOURNAL.

Captain Stout has prepared a bill to be presented to the California Legislature to abolish the death penalty for murder, substituting imprisonment for life, with no pardoning power, except where innocence is proved. This should receive the endorsement of all Spiritualists and humanitarians, for the present system of capital punishment is cruel and barbarous and not in accord with the civilization of the present day.

A New Scheme.

The German Emperor comes out in a new role. He proposes to reverse matters in Italy and place the Pope once more in supreme power. He says that the Pope is in a position to do more good for the world than any other man, and he believes he has received a direct commission from God to carry out his will in the matter. He has issued a manifesto and says:

Kings and Emperors are the divinely ordained guardians of social order and directors of social well-being, just as the leaders of religious bodies are the divinely ordained moderators of conscience.

The Pope's range of power is the vastest of all, and consequently the possibilities of the good he may do are the most far-reaching.

I think it imperative therefore that he be put in a position to freely accomplish all the good of which he is capable. He must be liberated from his self-imposed imprisonment in the Vatican. All the trammels that surround and harass him in his daily life must be removed, so that he will then be at liberty to fight the common enemies, Socialism and irreligion.

Such crude ideas are a menace to humanity, while the masses of the people are so ignorant and priest-ridden that they allow their lives and their liberties to be played with by such fanatical schemes of day-dreamers. The dial of the century must not be turned back by cunning priests or impractical and ambitious rulers.

Prof. A. E. Stanley, the noted psychic of Detroit, gave the opening lecture for the season before the Central Spiritual Union of that city, on Sept. 4, at Star and Crescent Hall. His subject was "Psychic Science."

The Empress of Austria was assassinated last Saturday by an anarchist in Switzerland, where she was unattended, living in a simple way, as a private citizen. The assassin was arrested and will be imprisoned for life—the death penalty having been repealed in that Canton.

The *Liberator* is the title of a new semi-monthly, published by Bishop S. Garrison, in this city, to expose phenomenal Spiritualism. It says that any person advertising trumpet and slate-writing seances, etc., is "obtaining money under false pretenses, by claiming that the dead appear in any of these forms, or produce any of these manifestations." As Mr. Garrison was for years practicing this kind of "fraud," it requires a large amount of assurance now to ask anyone to give credence to the statements of a self-confessed fraud!

The State Convention.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED.

Resolved, that Section 3 of Article 5 of the Constitution be amended by adding after "taking receipt therefor," "and that the Board of Directors shall allow the Secretary the monthly sum of two dollars and fifty cents, to provide for incidental expenses." and that Section 2 of Article 6 of the By-Laws be amended by adding after the word "Association": "That the State Board of Directors, each year, appoint a State Organizer and allow him the sum of five dollars per month for incidental expenses."

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Whereas, at the formation of the California State Spiritualists' Association, the N. S. A., by its President, agreed to give to the State Association full control of all Societies in the State of California, and

Whereas, to our knowledge, there are Societies in California holding charters under the N. S. A. who have withdrawn from the State Association, to the great detriment to our State organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the California State Association, in Convention assembled, that we hereby instruct our delegates to the N. S. A. to demand full and complete jurisdiction over all Societies in the State of California, at the next regular Convention of the N. S. A. in October.

Resolved, that the penalty of refusal shall be the withdrawal of the California State Association from the N. S. A. on January 1, 1899.

Add Sec. 5 to Art. 7, page 9, empowering State Board to hold public meetings at any time or place—for revenue, celebration or other legitimate purposes.

Amend Sec. 1, Art. 7, page 8, in fifth line, change the word "ten" to "five."

Amend Sec. 1, Art. 6, page 8, change last two lines to read—"and an additional delegate for each ten members or major fraction thereof."

To My Mother.

On second anniversary of her death.

Speak to me once from out of the vast,
Where there's no season nor time nor tides,
Where there's no future, where there's no past,
Where the eternal forever abides.

Tell me but this, no more will I ask,
Is mother-love eternally true?
Whate'er your portion, whate'er your task,
Think you of me as I think of you.

CARL BURELL.



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Mrs. Logan's Birthday Party.

TO THE EDITOR:

Not a single invitation had been given for her birthday, but friends began to assemble on August 31, at 9 a. m., until her house was crowded, and the invisible ones soon made their presence known through sensitive mediums.

A dozen sat at the dinner table at a time and partook of a feast, when sparkling gems of thought were exchanged. Many hours passed rapidly in giving spirit messages, etc., when friends from San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda came, among whom were Mrs. Sarah Seal, Prof. Loveland, Mrs. Teed, and many others. The gifts were abundant and a social feeling prevailed until after supper, when we repaired to the hall, where Mrs. Seal presided, and introduced Prof. Loveland, Walter Hyde, Mrs. E. L. Teed and Mrs. McMeekin, all of whom made speeches appropriate for the occasion.

There was music by the audience, and several appropriate pieces were sung by those who welcomed the invisible intelligences that had made the day and evening long to be remembered.

Mrs. Logan, being invited to give a brief synopsis of her public work, spoke of her experience of 30 years as a lecturer and healer, and how that her eyes and health had improved, she believed that the time was not far distant when she would resume her public work, as the spirit was still young.

Put back the barriers, angel hosts,
And let the good work go on.

ARGUS.

Home Water Ways.

TO THE EDITOR:

"Uncle Sam's increased possessions mean heavy expenditures. For instance, the Nicaragua canal is now an absolute national necessity."

Concerning the canal, the above from a prominent journal, is an "absolute misstatement. French capital is building a canal across the isthmus and that will be sufficient. Uncle Sam's money should be expended in providing deep water ways from the lakes to the ocean and the funds that would be required for the Nicaragua canal would build two ship canals from the ocean to the great lakes. If any particular canal is a "necessity," surely the one that will allow the magnificent lake vessels to reach the ocean or gulf of Mexico, is the enterprise to complete. The vast trade of the great lakes demands a ship canal to tide water and in the event of war it would be of far greater value than the Nicaraguan canal. When France completes the isthmus canal and Uncle Sam desires that water way he can readily obtain it, but the first and most pressing "necessity" is the ship canal at home—it is not only a commercial but a military "necessity."

OBSERVER.

From Mrs. M. C. Lyman.

TO THE EDITOR:

What a satisfaction I felt in seeing the JOURNAL with its full name once more. I am with you in full sympathy for the success of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, and I may in the future write some of the phenomenal experiences I have had, as Mrs. Lillie and others have already done, for publication.

I closed my labors with the Harmonial Association of Spiritualists of Los Angeles, Cal., the last Sunday in June. I served this Society not only on Sundays, but every day in the week. I was present at twenty-five business meetings; nearly as many socials; visited many friends in their homes, and entertained at my room over two thousand persons with private conversations. All of this was done without any consideration as to price; only one individual laid down 50 cents, where the many went away ex-

pressing words of the deepest gratitude, and saying: Mrs. Lyman, if you had put a price upon your work, we should have been obliged to have gone unfed for that which our spirits were so hungry, and actually starving, with no one proffering us the needed food, because we had no money to pay for it.

Angels look down with pity upon the selfish ways of those who offer a stone, instead of bread, to those famishing.

I also attended the morning conferences each Sunday, and delivered an afternoon and an evening address, beside going to other meetings during the week held by other societies.

From overwork, I have been obliged to keep very quiet for the past two months, only lecturing Sunday evenings. These resolutions were passed by the Board of Directors of the Harmonial Association.

Whereas, Mrs. Mary C. Lyman, the regularly appointed lecturer and pastor of the Harmonial Spiritualists' Association of Los Angeles, has officiated as such since February, 1898, and

Whereas, this lady has diligently and faithfully performed the duties of her office in a manner alike watchful to the interest and welfare of this society, and creditable to herself under trying circumstances. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Trustees of this Society, deeming it incumbent upon them to voice their sentiments in regard to these facts in this manner, recognize the efforts made and results obtained by Mrs. Mary C. Lyman, and thank her for her work. ERNEST ABS. HAGEN, Sec.

I am now in San Diego for rest and recreation. MRS. MARY C. LYMAN.
Buckingham House, corner D and Second streets, San Diego, Cal.

Effects of Spirit Control.

TO THE EDITOR:

Dr. Brown's able article on page 3 of the JOURNAL for Aug. 25th, under the above heading, to my mind is the most useful article ever appearing in print, more especially as it is proved true by my own varied, similar experience. Like Dr. Brown, I can cite cases. Many undeveloped public mediums are obsessed (controlled) by undeveloped spirits. This is shown by many of their "tests," "messages" and vague generalities, such as "seeing a material change coming soon," etc. Likewise the aspirations, judging by the utterances of such undeveloped mediums, being confined to the one solitary desire expressed, viz: "to be able to make money" out of such mediumship, show that such classes of "controls" are very material, indeed, and which surely points to conditions existing that are neither spiritual nor progressive in the opinion of DON McLAIN.

Young People's Spiritualist Union.

TO THE EDITOR:

This Union is now thoroughly organized, and preparations are being made for the organization of local unions in every locality. The amended constitution and by-laws, together with a model constitution and by-laws for local unions, are published, and will be sent on application, with all information. Address, I. C. I. EVANS, Pres; N. Y. P. S. U., 1352 1/2 B St., S. W., Washington, D. C.

Dr. G. Beckwith-Ewell, and Mrs. Ella M. Hull, were married on Friday, August 19, 1898, at Wareham, Mass.

Dr. Raylin has gone to Chicago, where he will find many old friends and acquaintances.

John Slater has been giving spirit messages at Lake Pleasant Camp, and will visit Boston, New York, and other places before returning to San Francisco. He has been drawing the crowds by his phenomenal tests.

The First Spiritualist Church of Columbus, Ohio, has leased the Masonic Temple, on Third street, in which to conduct their public services for the ensuing year. The interior of the building has been repaired, decorated, and refitted and will compare favorably with most of the churches of the city. Mrs. Carrie Fuller Weatherford and her daughter, Essie, who is a child psychic, will have charge of the services for the coming season.—Columbus Dispatch.

Clairvoyant Examination Free.

By Dr. E. F. Butterfield. Beyond question there are hundreds of (so-called incurable) individuals that could be restored to health if the cause and location of their diseases were understood and pointed out. He will satisfy you he understands your disease perfectly. Enclose lock of hair with stamp, name and age. DR. E. F. BUTTERFIELD, 1168 Syracuse, N. Y.

A Wonderful Psychic.

Testimony of the Press and People to the Remarkable Powers of

DR. MAX MUEHLENBRUCH, OF OAKLAND, CAL.

Out of two groups of prophecies recorded by Dr. Muehlenbruch in the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL within the past six months, so many have been fulfilled with such accuracy of detail that Spiritualists as well as investigators, in all parts of the world, became sufficiently interested in his prophetic, psychometric and clairvoyant powers to write him for psychometric readings on a lock of hair, ore, etc.

As a result of these readings to total strangers, he has hundreds of letters filled with enthusiasm or astonishment at the remarkable results. Below are a few extracts from some of these letters, selected almost at random, together with editorial acknowledgment from periodicals, the editors of which Dr. Muehlenbruch had never so much as heard of until receiving their letters for readings:

"We have had laid before us a very remarkable psychometric reading of life and character, by Dr. M. Muehlenbruch. We know the subject well. A very short letter was sent by him to the Doctor (P. O. Box 118 Oakland, Cal., U. S. A.), and he received, in reply, a letter covering six very large pages, giving a really astonishing summary of our friend's life, character and faculties. The letter closes with certain predictions concerning England of a very serious nature. Time will show."—Light, London, Eng.

"Noticing the high encomiums which appeared in the San Francisco exchanges on the psychometric powers of Dr. Max Muehlenbruch, of Oakland, we sent a short note to him. We have just received his psychometric reading, which is certainly to us a demonstration of his lucidity as regards the past, also with regard to our temperament and charac-



DR. MAX MUEHLENBRUCH, Box 118, Oakland, Calif.

The wife of the editor of *The Spirit of Truth*, of Hot Springs, Ark., (a paper of which he had never heard) wrote to the Doctor for a reading. In giving it, he described both herself and husband, with characteristics, etc. In an editorial on "Psychometry," the editor quotes a large section, both from the part for his wife, and that relating to himself. Of the former he says:

"All this was just as true as if written by one who had always known her."

Regarding the portion of the reading relating to himself, he says:

"The reading of our past is true to the letter." In another part of the editorial is this endorsement:

"Amongst modern seers, none are more gifted, so far as we are informed, in this spiritual gift, than Dr. Max Muehlenbruch, of Oakland, Cal."

279 McNabb St., North, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Aug. 1, 1898.

Dr. Max Muehlenbruch, Oakland, Cal.

MY DEAR SIR:—Your reading of my character is strictly correct, and your diagnosis of my case is also correct. Yours faithfully, JOHN HALL.

116 E. Iowa St., Evansville, Ind., May 17, 1898.

Dr. Max Muehlenbruch, Oakland, Cal.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.:—Your psychometric delineation of myself came to hand all right yesterday, and now am impressed to write you what I think of it. I could not have told you my past and present life (with few exceptions) better than you have it. Your friend, J. W. RUMNER, M. D.

Congress, Ariz., Aug. 15, 1898.

Dr. Max Muehlenbruch, Oakland, Cal.

DEAR DOCTOR:—Inclosed I send you another sample of ore from another claim. You have told me so many things that I know are true that I have confidence in what you may tell me. Yours truly, D. L. ROBINSON.

160 Logan St., W., Belleville, Ill., July 5, 1898.

Dr. M. Muehlenbruch, Oakland, Cal.

DEAR SIR:—I received that reading you sent me, and I must say that indeed you are correct all through. Yours truly, MRS. JOHN HAY.

Caddo, Tex., July 24, 1898.

Dr. Max Muehlenbruch, Oakland, Cal.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The psychometric reading you sent me on the 16th inst., has been duly received. Please accept many thanks for same. I am satisfied you never heard of me before, nor knew that I was in existence until you received my letter. Yet the reading is a very remarkable one. In reading it, I underscored every distinct fact you mention and counted them up. I am surprised to find you have referred to 23 distinct facts in regard to my person and past life, and others pointing to facts that I am more or less in sympathy with: and I say again, many thanks. I am, Fraternaly yours, PETER SWENSON.

teristics. . . . There are at least eight distinct events in our past life referred to by the Doctor that have never appeared in print, and half of these are not known of by our most intimate friends. We doubt if the few persons who knew of the other half at the time of their occurrence have any recollection of them now, as they occurred many years since."—Harbinger of Light, Melbourne, Australia.

"Dr. Max Muehlenbruch is one of the truest and grandest mediums in the West. During the past two years he has developed the strongest powers as a psychometrist, and also as a diagnostician and psychic healer, and has gained a large practice. His friends in Los Angeles, where both he and his excellent wife are favorably remembered, will be pleased to hear of his success."—The Medium, Los Angeles, Cal.

The Doctor also has a large number of letters acknowledging his accuracy in the diagnosis of disease from lock of hair, by mail, without any symptom, age, or sex being given, and regarding his treatment of diseases thus diagnosed. These diseases he treats with a variety of strange-smelling herbs, which are gathered from the mountains, at the height of 6000 feet above sea level, and compounded by his guides, who do the diagnosing.

For further particulars, see advertisement on page 6.

