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FATE.

One ship drives east and another drives west,
With the self-same winds that blow.
'Tis the set of the sails,
And not the gales
Which tell us the way to go.
Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate:
As we voyage along through life,
'Tis the set of a soul
That decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

at the house of Mr. Wm. Nye Means. I arrived at about 9 o'clock. There were a number of persons present, but not the full number expected. Mr. Means lives in a comfortable, modest home in the western part of the village. His household consists of his wife, himself and one grownup son. He is a man of medium size, about 55 years of age, rather dark complexion, having a well formed head, covered with a good supply of curly iron gray hair. I had been informed by the letter inviting me to the place that the purpose of the sitting was to finish the production of a wonderful picture which was being made by independent spirit agencies. That two sittings had already been devoted to its production, during which 7 persons had sat the first night, 14 the second, and that 21 would sit the third, which was the night I was present.

produced by Mr. Means, and after carefully showing it to all persons present, 22 in all besides himself, he placed it on a table near the middle of the room. The paper on which the picture was outlined was about 24x24 inches. It was nailed fast to the smooth board underneath with ordinary flatheaded nails used for such purposes.

Mr. Means then placed two short pieces of carbon pencils on the paper, and after making some remarks to the company present about the harmonious conditions necessary for the success of such an effort, seated himself in an armchair at least four feet from the table on which the partially begun picture was placed. I ought to say before going further that only the upper part of the picture, *i. e.*, the clouds, with the all-seeing eye, and the outlines of the faces of



THE IMPERILED REPUBLIC—A Prophetic Spirit Picture.

A Spirit Picture.

By urgent request we republish the following article from the *Light of Truth*, of Nov. 19, 1898, the engraving being kindly furnished by its editor, Brother W. J. Hull, to give our readers a correct idea of the original picture, produced under test conditions:

A PSYCHIC PHENOMENON.

It was in the spirit of investigation, as a psychist, a searcher after truth, that in answer to an earnest invitation I on the evening of Oct. 11th went to Williamston to attend a seance held

There was much waiting before the 21, besides Mr. Means and his wife, arrived, the last one being a Mr. Webber, a prominent business man of the place. The room in which the seance was held is about 18 feet square, on the ground floor, and is the sitting room of the house. To me was assigned the duty of seeing to it that every possible opportunity for fraud or deception was rendered impossible. I fastened all doors with hooks on the inside and locks, upstairs and down. The windows were all secured by fastenings and dark cloths were tacked over all windows.

The board on which the paper, with the picture partially begun and outlined upon it was

Henry George, Paine, Lincoln, *et al.*, with traces of the lower portions, could be seen.

The room during the sitting was completely dark, no light being admitted.

I need not have gone so far as I have into giving the facts, as the following affidavit, signed and sworn to before me, as a notary, by no less than 21 persons present, is better evidence:

State of Michigan, County of Ingham, ss:

We, the undersigned, being duly sworn, say: We were present at the home of William Nye Means, in the village of Williamston, on the evening of October the 11th, 1898, when the picture, the "Imperiled Republic," was made in the following manner and under the following conditions: Mr. Means, the medium, was seated in a chair, and over and completely surrounding

him was placed a mosquito netting and securely tacked to the floor on all sides of the chair. The paper upon which the picture was produced was fastened to a board surrounded by a frame two feet square, just the size of the paper. All doors and windows furnishing any means of egress or ingress were securely fastened, so that it was impossible for any one to enter the room during the sitting. A circle was formed by all joining hands except the medium, 22 persons in all being present, all of whom sign their names to this affidavit, including the notary. The medium was securely fastened in an arm chair, as before stated, about four feet from the table, upon which was the board with the paper fastened to it, on which the picture was made, the medium and the table being inside the circle so formed. The sitting began at 10:40 p. m. and lasted till 12:15 a. m.

A simple outline of the picture had been made at two previous sittings under exactly the same conditions, seven of the same persons who sign this affidavit being present Sep. 27, and 14 of the same persons who sign this affidavit being present Oct. 4. We further make oath that the picture was produced without any participation or agency of any one of us, except as above stated.

Signed: F. H. Piper, S. Cabot, M. E. Rix, Mrs. Agnes Rix, Edgar Webber, Horace J. Walker, Blanche Ruthford, May V. Bell, Mrs. E. Merrill, Mrs. Kate King, Alice Headley, Mrs. F. H. Piper, Clarence Headley, Mrs. E. C. Plumb, C. J. Merrill, Nina M. Plumb, Mrs. S. M. Means, Porter W. Means, Chauncey Blakely, Charley Smith, E. King.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of October, 1898. EDWARD S. GRECE,
(Seal.) Notary Public, Wayne county, Mich.

At the special request of the medium, I took particular pains to examine the netting under which he sat. The netting was sewed together by a sewing-machine stitch. It was folded together at intervals of about 8 or ten inches, and a tack driven securely into the floor. During the sitting the medium becomes entirely unconscious to all about him; that is, so far as his natural self is concerned, and to all appearance; but he often speaks, or at least a voice speaks through him, being one of his guides, Dr. Cracker. He always emerges from these sittings in a much exhausted state, often requiring great effort to bring him back to his normal condition.

Now, what of the picture? Its full size is 13 by 18 inches. On it, altogether, are about 75 human faces and figures, besides trees, buildings, etc., and considerable writing. All these figures and buildings were made on the night of the 11th, except the seven faces in the upper portion.

It is allegorical, political, historical, and I may say prophetic. Above and over the center is a five-pointed star; under this is the all-seeing eye, representing God, the ever-present spirit of All-Good, looking down over the nation represented in the Capitol building at Washington. Just below this eye is the face of Thomas Paine, the real author of the Declaration of Independence, and one of the greatest agencies in achieving the freedom of this country from British tyranny. On his right is Henry George, on his left Abraham Lincoln, and the "Old Man of the Mountains," as Mr. Means calls him, his principal guiding spirit. There are also the faces of prominent women reformers whose names I do not know. Below and on either side of the Capitol are panels on each of which are written lines wonderfully full of meaning, by Henry George, A. Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson, and the marvelous part of the matter is that the signatures are fac similes of the originals. These writings are as follows:

"One of your mortal statesmen has said, 'Give the people what they want.' And we will say that what the people want just now is direct control over legislation. Give them this and they will make effects beneficent and all men will be placed upon an equality with relation to the use of the material universe within twenty-five (25) years.—H. GEORGE."

"You are crying peace, peace, when there is no peace. This thirst for blood is not confined to western Europe. Mohammedans are thirsting for blood—Turkey, 'The Sick Man of the East,' is anxious to conquer all for Islam—Islam is casting about and nursing his wrath until such time as he may wreak vengeance upon his oppressors. And must I come to advise you that the war cloud is settling thick and black over your own government, and that you will have no peace for the next decade of years?—A. LINCOLN."

"America, which in population, wealth and intelligence, dwarfs the greatest empires, must not seek safety in her armor-plated battleships when the only ark of safety is direct and immediate legislation. This, and you will have war no more.—THOMAS JEFFERSON."

On the left of the left-hand panel are the faces of Mr. Debs, the labor reformer; Mr. Towne, free silver Republican reformer; Mrs. Gouger,

the well-known lady reformer, a sister of charity and others, and just below these are seen crowds of people of all nationalities trudging to the poor-house, which stands ready to receive them, while in the center, underneath Lincoln's writing, is the United States treasury filled with \$357,000,000 of money, guarded by armed sentinels, and on the right side of this a church and other buildings and a United States prison being filled with criminals, the fruits of the conditions.

Again in the center is the Ark of Safety—the Ship of State—tossed upon the ocean of discontent and about to sink beneath the angry and turbulent waters. To the right of the right-hand panel, in which is the writing signed "Thomas Jefferson," are the faces of W. J. Bryan, Governor Pingree, of Michigan, B. O. Flower, former editor of the *Arena*, Mr. Vincent, editor of *The Nonconformist*, of Indiana, Senator Stewart, of Nevada, besides seven others, women and men prominent in the reform work of the country.

The question naturally arises in all inquiring minds, by what intelligent agency or agencies was this picture produced? The facts are as above given. There is not one person among all those 23 present, which included Mr. Means, who would not go into any court of justice and on his or her oath give testimony to the facts as above narrated. Mr. Means is an honorable man, well spoken of by all his neighbors and by all who know him. If any person cares to inquire about him at his former home (Jackson) let him see Hon. M. G. Lonacker, mayor of that city, and hundreds of others who know him there. He was for 27 years a member of the Baptist church, and while not now a member of any church organization, all who know him, and of whom I have made inquiry, speak of him as a man of pure life and upright conduct in all things. I want to close this article by saying that in presenting this to the public I do not desire to shrink from any responsibility; that I do not wish to be classed as adhering to any sect or following. I am simply a searcher after the truth, and I present the above facts to the public for them to judge as to what they demonstrate. Do they help us to answer the momentous question of the ancient sage which all the religionists of all the world in all ages have been asking and have been teaching men that they must accept by faith? "If a man die shall he live again?" EDWARD S. GRECE.

A Strange Circumstance.

A lady who had separated from her husband because of his abuse, and who is very mediumistic, had the feeling at times that she must watch her youngest child—a bright little girl of six years—lest the father should steal her. She left the place and went to a distant city, and for a time felt comparatively safe, but after a little the feeling returned. Her eldest daughter but one—a girl of 16—was away in another part of the city taking care of the children of a wealthy family. One night about 11 o'clock this girl came in with a blanket wrapped about her like a squaw, and looked and acted like one, and wanted to know where the little sister was. The surprised mother replied: "The children are in bed." But the entranced girl would not be content till she saw that the two little girls were really both there. Her dress was open at the neck and a place bruised about the size of one's fist, and the mother was terribly alarmed until she found that there had no further injury been done. The control said that "big man" was watching to get Mabel and they must be careful not to lose sight of her.

She went to bed and to sleep, and in the morning was very much surprised to find herself at home. Her married sister went back with her the next morning early, and the family had not missed her. The doors were all locked and everything in place except that the drawer was open from which she had taken the blanket in which she had wrapped herself. Her room was in the third story and she had gone to it about 8 o'clock and taken up a book to read, and that was the last thing she remembered until she found herself at home the next morning. The book was lying open where she had commenced to read.

The supposition is that she had left the house before it was locked up for the night, and if so, she had been out about three hours and traveled not less than three miles, and what dangers she was protected from can not be known. It

resulted in her losing her place. They have gone over a hundred miles farther away, but the mother is ever on the alert lest her child be stolen. Maggie had not been thinking or worrying about Mabel. LOIS WAISBROOKER.

A Girl Medium.

I wish to tell you of a little experience of spirit power that happened in my home on two evenings this week.

I have a young lady friend staying with me this winter who has never been to a seance or a circle, and has never attended Spiritual meetings of any kind and was in no way a Spiritualist. There is also another young friend, a school-girl 14 years of age, who has had some experience in sitting with me during this last year.

Last Monday evening we were sitting around my table waiting for some manifestation, when the table commenced to move. My young friend told the spirits they might do this, and whatever she asked, they would do. They tipped the table so that one end was on the floor, but the slates and paper were kept in position. Soon we got short messages on the slate through my school-girl friend holding the slate. I got automatic-writing at the same table, as did my friend.

Last Friday evening, Feb. 24th, we had another sitting and invited a lady friend and a gentleman; this made our battery very much stronger and we had better manifestations. The table moved twice as far as the time before, was raised up off the floor and was suspended in the air and moved back and forward at the young girl's command. We also got slate writing, automatic writing and raps.

I had always thought it took a strong medium to do this work, but none of us are very old Spiritualists; we are all investigators. This will show that "the home circle" is the place to develop the phenomena of Spiritualism, without fraud. SARAH E. INMAN.

Grinnell, Iowa, Feb. 25, 1899.

Psychic Experiences.

We were called to the editorial chair of the county paper at Anderson, Indiana, in the winter of 1854-5.

But a change was at hand—in store for us. Doubts began to disturb our conservatism, both religiously and politically; and we drifted upon the borderlands of infidelity. Yet, even then angels friends whispered of progress and a glorified estate beyond the grave; which, together with encouragements from Dr. Westfield, one of Indiana's most sterling workers, helped to keep hope alive. Through the Doctor, Wm. Denton was induced to occasionally lecture in the County Court House. On passing it one evening, out of curiosity we dropped in. Denton was just then descanting upon the beauty, blessings and glory of freedom; and he captured us with his eloquence—igniting a spark in our soul that has become a conflagration of truth.

Becoming tired and disgusted with law courts and politics, we moved some eight miles to Huntsville, requesting Dr. Westfield to send to us any mediums that might come along. We had not long to wait. There soon came to us Thomas White, an octogenarian, just from the spirit room of Tippey, Athens County, Ohio, of whose wonderful manifestations we wish to inform our readers.

There were two of these rudely constructed spirit rooms in Athens County, built by spirit direction, one by a Mr. Coons, the other by the Tippeys.

The phenomena were substantially the same in both, so we shall speak only of what occurred at Tippey's; at which our venerable friend, Thomas White, had spent some three months, in investigating the phenomena.

The manifestations, every evening, consisted of playing by the occult or spirit intelligences of a full band of music, lectures and conversations through a speaking trumpet. Our venerable brother was filled with the Holy Spirit, which he had imbibed during all those weeks and months; and seemed like a veritable angel dropped down from heaven to us.

He gave our villagers a number of lectures, imparting much valuable spiritual information to those prepared to receive and appropriate it. Under his direction a seance was started which

was attended by quite a number of the villagers, with some amusing as well as wonderful results.

Most of them admitted that the table, around which we sat, was moved by an invisible and apparently intelligent force and agency, and one young man, Jo. Davis, soon manifested a marked mediumistic aptitude to tip the table, which made us hopeful that we were soon to have a medium among us; but to our surprise, Davis met us one morning, and with a long, sanctified visage told us he would attend no more seances, he had had a dream, in which he looked under the table and saw it was the Devil who moved the table, and he would have no more to do with the Devil's works.

A sister had died, who was a natural performer on a favorite instrument of music, and our venerable guest, White, thought it possible by forming a circle in a darkened room, around the instrument, it would be played upon as were instruments at Tippy's. Accordingly a seance of that kind was held. We were seated facing the west, and had our eyes elevated toward the ceiling. After a few minutes waiting a bright spot appeared near the ceiling, which grew or expanded into an oval, elongated form in which appeared the face or features of our glorified and sainted sister in a glow of heavenly radiance, softer and more mellow than the shining of the moon, and yet brighter than the sun; which was to give us a foretaste of the glorified state of them that believe, suffer and toil, here below, for God, or Truth's sake. None of the others saw this celestial photograph of our arisen Cecelia. No music was heard until one by one the unbelievers had all quit, and we with mother sat alone, when faint sounds were often heard, like the distant tinkling of small bells, the instrument being wire strung, called a dulcipheno.

The fruits of Brother White's mission were we two mediums, I and mother. At Tippy's rooms spirit friends said to him: "Go out and feed my lambs." He often remarked that his stay at the home and seance rooms of the Tippy's was as near heaven as he ever expected to get on earth. After stopping a few weeks with us he went his way and we never heard of him afterwards.

Spirit friends advised Tippy to sell and remove to Lynn County, Kansas, and we subsequently visited their room on the farm of John Morris, at which we were told much of the Ohio wonders were repeated and duplicated—Tippy, the medium, being absent from home at the time of our visit there. But enough was told us, by Brother Morris or Morrison, to fill a large volume with what was said and done at that round-house and spirit room for spirit phenomena or manifestations.

Going to the depot one evening, expecting friends, as the conductor called "all aboard," we were forcibly and unexpectedly lifted on board and taken to Indianapolis, some 30 miles away, and many other similar experiences.

THOMAS COOK, Editor *Spirit of Truth*.

Sensitiveness in Mediumship.

Since mediumship has attained so much of universality as we find to-day, it is well for us to consider something of the life of mediums. One of the first things necessary to the medium is sensitiveness, or refinement of the nervous structure. To enable the brain to be impressed or controlled by any force thrown over it, the entire physical structure must become very sensitive, as the force exerted upon it is sometimes very delicate. This sensitiveness is absolutely necessary to mediums, but alas! how often do we find it misused!

That state of sensitiveness which must be handled with gloves is truly a misuse of the real state. It is a false condition and should be overcome wherever found. Those mediums who are, on account of their sensitiveness, cognizant of all that transpires about them, and especially of the mental attitudes of people, and who take it for granted that any fault-finding, any difference of opinion, any adverse criticism, is aimed at them will have their feelings hurt and will suffer in consequence. That is the state of sensitiveness most generally encountered, and that is selfishness, pure and simple. It is the result of self-consciousness. It arises from thinking of one's self and imagining that every word, every remark, every side-glance is meant for that self. It comes from a desire to draw everything to one's self; to place one's self in such a state of importance that one feels an

ownership for every criticism that skeptics or fellow believers may make. The greater the degree of true sensitiveness which a medium has, the greater is the advance, but we must obliterate selfishness from ourselves before we are truly sensitive.

We may sit at a window and witness some bad accident. Our senses enable us to conceive all that is happening; to hear the cries of the wounded and the shouts of the excited, and our sympathy goes out to the sufferer in full force. We are thoroughly aware of everything that is said and done, and yet we are not hurt. That is true sensitiveness; that is sensibility. We have no thoughts of self connected with the scene, so we do not suffer. So, if we eradicate all thoughts of self from our work and think only of the One Power, of which we are a part, we will never be wounded through sensitiveness.

Selfishness is ever open to wounds, and where self-thought is not, there can no wound be. The time is not far distant when mediums will receive their just recognition and will be looked up to as moral leaders as much as priest or minister, so we must prepare that high state of morality for ourselves from which we can dispense the great good to others. We must be unconscious of self as a personality, yet entirely self-reliant. We must be so thoroughly united with all forces of Good that nothing can weaken that union. We must be above all that pettiness of which false sensitiveness is a part.

Egotism and conceit are examples of selfishness, and since they go hand in hand with sensitive natures they are likewise forms of sensitiveness. To overcome egotism, pride, conceit, self-satisfaction and many other like complaints would be to overcome sensitiveness and to cultivate sensibility and that consideration for our fellow creatures which marks the nobility of our natures.

He who is wounded by the criticisms of another is taking something to himself that does not belong to him, unless he is guilty of the faults found, in which case let him remember that it is only because the truth of him is known that he is wounded.

He who wounds me with intention is not worthy of my consideration, therefore, I am not hurt: he who wounds me without intention is the object of an injustice from me, if I am hurt, therefore, I will not be wounded, is a policy every sensitive should adopt.

Love one another and be not envious, and lo! the world will be all sunshine, and the scars of old offenses will disappear as if by magic.

PALMIEA.

SEA SHORE IN MAY.

With peaceful progress Spring moves o'er the beach,
Hushed is the tempest, mighty ocean calm;
The softly rippling waters gently teach
That beauty of the mind can quell the storm.

The fleecy clouds like ivory dream-gates part,
Fair valleys filled with happy souls appear,
As lovely fancies swarm around the heart;
A steady tone falls sweetly on the ear.

It whispers soft of womanhood divine
Which sheds a holy influence around,
The power of guileless beauty to refine
A soul, whose mystic depths, Ah! who can sound?
The waves, with joy, in harmony expand
And break with loud acclaim upon the sand.

M. FOLGER COLEMAN.

Are we Free Agents?

I have often been requested to write my views concerning life; why it is that some have plenty and others have not. Being liberal, I accord to all the right to think for themselves, and I claim the same privilege. I have made this subject a life study and have many proofs from my own experience and investigation, but my knowledge will not do for another.

A thought given now and then begets discussion. Let us take all criticisms with the kindest of feelings, cultivate true love from the depths of our own hearts, and adopt the feelings of universal brotherhood when we argue.

Are we our own free agents? Are our lives laid out for us? No, not exactly. To illustrate: Before leaving your home or office (whichever it may be) you may have settled upon a certain place to go. On the street you meet a friend who asks you to go with him in a slightly different direction, and as you go, that changes your course somewhat. You meet another friend, and he takes you in another direction. That again changes your course; but at last you reach your destination, as you had at first planned. By this you will see the point I am

trying to convey—that we are not our own free agents, but that our lives are in a measure outlined for us. We may turn a little to the right or the left, changing our course slightly, but the main road of our lives we have to travel.

A person may go to a psychic who describes the future for him, as it comes to pass. How can a psychic do this if the path of life is not planned? Someone may say that things did not come to pass as described. In this, everything depends upon the conditions of the sitter and psychic. Let us think for ourselves. What were we given reasoning faculties for, unless to make use of them? If they are dormant, our souls do not unfold.

A person may say; "If my life is laid out for me, I might as well take things easy—I cannot change matters anyway." You are placed here to unfold your spiritual nature, to get yourself ready for the life to come, as we know there is another life—that this is not all. Hence we should live as true as possible. If we do wrong, we must undo the wrong. There is no Jesus who can wash away our sins; this idea has caused all the trouble in the past. We have often heard from pulpits and elsewhere "Come to Jesus; he will wash you clean. At the eleventh hour you can be saved," etc. This teaching has filled our jails and penitentiaries, and has made murderers. When we understand that we will have to undo our wrong doings, we shall have a better class of people.

Again, you may ask if our lives are planned for us, does not the murderer come under this law? Most certainly, but I have also said that we are placed here to unfold our *higher* natures. We are largely controlled by planetary influences; hence, when the planet under which we are born crosses with others whose influences are not good for our physical, mental or financial career, we feel the effects. More or less sickness is thus caused. We must overcome these conditions and rule our planets, not be ruled by them.

Are we not a spark of the divine, incomprehensible to our minds, call it what you will—God, Good, Jehovah, Allah?—it is all the same.

It is customary to gauge people by the degree of attachment they show to things serious or shallow. In reality, the distinction lies with ourselves, not the affairs we are engaged in. Everything has its surface and its depth; some people dwell more on the former; while others love to penetrate the latter. Our minds are made free when we give up wishing, and only think of bearing what is laid upon us and doing what is given us to do. Pleasant work, when one knows how to render it skillfully, is still pleasanter when one can improve upon it. Purity of heart is that sensitive delicacy to which even the thought of evil is offensive. There is no fit search for truth that does not first begin to live the truth it knows.

Sorrow is not given to us to brood over, but to give us strength by the knowledge that we are all a part of the higher power, incomprehensible to us at first, but by our souls' unfoldment we come to understand it. Sorrow is given us to make us more thoughtful. Why live halfway up the hill, enveloped in mists, when we might have an unclouded sky and a shining sun, if we climb higher into the light?

All things are natural when guided by natural law. If private readings from a good psychic, or prophecies of a national consequence are foretold, how could it be done if those events did not already exist in spirit? We cannot limit space; the very thought you send into space is a creature of itself, and will affect someone who is psychic enough to receive it. If for good, you will receive good results; if for bad, you will be rewarded accordingly. Hence, we should send out only good thoughts and do all the good possible. Thoughts are things; you can cure or kill, if you understand the laws of nature and their force. Your life is given you to live out, no matter how hard it may seem. I expect death at any moment, and all, as philosophers, should do likewise. Be ready; live lives of truth and honesty; treat others as you would have them treat you; do not depend on anyone, but be your own master.

Knowing that our lives are determined for us, we should not be looking backward, but forward; not worrying, let the higher life unfold. Do not look enviously at others and then life will be sweeter and brighter, and tranquility of mind will be yours. Make a heaven within, and the beauty of life will shine in your heart.

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Death is a thoroughfare—traveled by all. It is not the end of the road—only a bend in it. Those who have passed beyond that bend, are simply out of our sight, until we, too, have passed that point, and joined the great mass who are still moving, up the hill of progression.

We understand that Frank Walker is about to lose all that he has, on account of the indebtedness incurred in the Jubilee at Rochester, N. Y. Are there no public spirited Spiritualists who will aid him at this time? Shall he lose his all, because he did this for the benefit of the cause he loved? Whatever is done must be done quickly. His address is Hamburg, N. Y.

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. De Costa, a popular clergyman of New York, declares that fifty millions of the population of the country "are either hostile or indifferent to the teachings of the church." This is a great admission for a man of his standing and reputation; but what a commentary it is upon the failure of the orthodox religion to "convert the world." This has been its hobby for ages—but it is a lamentable delusion. The church is losing its hold upon men, and it will soon be numbered with the defunct institutions of the past. The "new thought" of the present day is not only sapping its foundation, but presents a better philosophy, gives a brighter hope, and shows a grander intellectual development for the race during the twentieth century, and the greater "beyond."

Before the adjournment of the California Legislature, Senator Simpson introduced a bill which would add two sections to the general vaccination law of 1889. It provides that for any injury or detriment caused by vaccination, the school authorities that have had the vaccination performed may be sued for damages, and the vaccinator will also be liable for damages. Whether it became a law or not we are unable to say, but we hope it did.

More of the terrible results of vaccination are coming to light every day. The Columbus, O., Dispatch contains the following pertinent remarks concerning the deadly effects of injecting virus into the human system:

Never before in the history of the city, so some physicians say, have there been so many serious cases resulting from vaccination.

In several instances people have narrowly escaped having their arms amputated. Others complain of a violent headache, chills and nausea. Others have a swelling of the glands under the arms that is extremely painful. Either the virus is exceptionally virulent or else people have forgotten how they felt "the other time" they were vaccinated.

Benjamin Franklin a Spiritualist

In a letter of condolence which Benjamin Franklin wrote to a relative on the death of his brother, he gave expression to the following beautiful thoughts:

It is the will of God and Nature that these mortal bodies be laid aside when the soul is to enter into real life. This is rather an embryo state, a preparation for living. A man is not completely born until he be dead. Why then should we grieve that a new child is born among the immortals, a new member added to their society?

We are spirits. That bodies should be lent us, while they can afford us pleasure, assist us in acquiring knowledge, or in doing good to our fellow creatures, is a kind and benevolent act of God. When they become unfit for these purposes, and afford us pain instead of pleasure, instead of an aid become an incumbrance, and answer none of the intentions for which they were given, it is equally kind and benevolent that a way is provided by which we may get rid of them. Death is that way. We ourselves, in some cases, prudently choose a partial death. A mangled, painful limb which cannot be restored, we willingly cut off. He who plucks out a tooth parts with it freely, since the pain goes with it; and he who quits the whole body parts at once with all pains and possibilities of pains and diseases which it was liable to or capable of making him suffer.

Our friend and we were invited abroad on a party of pleasure, which is to last for ever. His chair was ready first, and he is gone before us. We could not all conveniently start together; and why should you and I be grieved at this, since we are so soon to follow, and know where to find him?

In answer to an inquiry about Robert Dale Owen, we give the following from the "International Encyclopedia":

Robert Dale Owen, born in Glasgow, Scotland, 1801; died 1877. Son of Robert Owen; was educated at New Lanark and in Switzerland. He accompanied his father to the United States, and after the failure of the New Harmony experiment, came to New York, and in 1828 began the issue of the *Free Inquirer*, a continuation of the *New Harmony Gazette*, the publication continuing until 1834. He then returned to New Harmony, and was for three years, 1835 to 1838, a member of the Indiana Legislature; in 1843 he was elected Member of Congress as a Democrat, served two terms, and was especially active in organizing the Smithsonian Institute, of which he was made a regent. He was chairman of the revision committee having charge of the Amendment of the Indiana Constitution, 1849 to 1850, and was active in securing the passage of laws giving independent property rights to women. He represented our government as charge d'affaires and minister, 1853 to 1858, at Naples. During the Civil War, Mr. Owen published a number of papers expressing his views in favor of freeing the slaves and maintaining the Union. Some of his pamphlets were extensively circulated by the New York Union League Clubs and other organizations. For the greater part of his life, Owen was a firm believer in the so-called Spiritual phenomena, and on this subject were written the "Debatable Land between this World and the Next," (1872), and "Footfalls on the Boundary of Another World," (1860); a novel; "Moral Philosophy," (1831), and "Threading my Way," (1874), an autobiographical sketch.

Concerning the mediums arrested in Canada, as noticed in last week's JOURNAL, the following letter from Mrs. Virginia Barrett appears in the *Progressive Thinker*. Our readers will be glad to notice the outcome of the persecution inaugurated by the dogmatic religionists of Toronto:

I am happy to report to the many friends my discharge from the accusations of witchcraft, no true bill being found against me, the judge declaring that Spiritualism was not fortune-telling, making a distinction between the two. The Spiritualists of Canada, or those under the Crown, have gained a victory.

I want to thank all those friends who so lovingly and kindly aided me financially, and with their thoughts of sympathy. I feel sure that all the spirit friends worked hard in this case. One of the officers who made the arrest, reported to my lawyer that he did all he could to aid me before the trial.

I shall leave Toronto, and friends, for the present, may address me at 819 East 16th street, Indianapolis, Ind.

To-morrow, Friday, is our 51st Anniversary.

Medical Tyranny.

The Bill gotten up in Illinois in order to prevent Mediums, Osteopaths, Hydropaths, Magnetic Physicians, Mental Therapists, Christian Scientists, and others, from rendering assistance to suffering humanity is defeated. The *Progressive Thinker* gives these details showing how it was done:

Dr. T. A. Bland, who for many years successfully resisted the efforts of the allopathic and homeopathic doctors to get a restrictive medical monopoly bill through Congress, and whose speeches before the committee of the House and Senate have been widely published, and who made a strong effort to secure the repeal of the medical law of Massachusetts, has just won a signal victory at Springfield, Ill., over the medical trust of Illinois, one of the most powerful organizations in America, comprising the State Board of Health and the State medical societies of the three leading sects, the allopathic, homeopathic and eclectic.

Those four great armies of tyranny agreed upon a bill to be presented to the Illinois Legislature this winter, and pressed to a passage. Copies of that bill were mailed to all the physicians of the State last fall, accompanied by a letter.

Dr. Bland was secured by the physicians and others who desired the defeat of this bill, as their representative at Springfield. He addressed a letter to each of the physicians of the State, calling their attention to the character of the bill, and asking them to write to him at Springfield whether or not they favored its passage. Out of over one thousand who wrote him in reply, there were only five who expressed themselves favorable to the passage of the bill, and over five hundred were opposed to all laws restricting the right to practice the art of healing.

When the bill came up for a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Lawyer Barnes, the attorney for the State Board of Health, presented a substitute for the bill, which contained seven of the ten amendments which Dr. Bland had asked to have put to the bill, and the committee at his request put the other three to it. It was now his bill, and the State Board announced its purpose to oppose its passage. Dr. Bland had turned the tables on them completely.

Harry Lamont, self-termed "Hindu-wonder" has been faking it in Pine Bluff, Ark., pretending to "tell the hidden secrets of the past, present and future." In two weeks he raked in \$700.00, and then hurriedly left for parts unknown, as stated in the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*. He will probably find new fields and pastures green, and then commence operations there. Look out for the smooth gentleman.

All members of the medical profession, and others who may have knowledge of injuries or sickness following upon vaccination, are requested to communicate at once with C. Oscar Beasley, Esq., attorney, No. 311 Fidelity Building (Broad above Arch) Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Beasley is the attorney for the relator in the case of Field vs. McGlumphy, in which, for the first time in the history of vaccination, its real character has been put in issue in a court of justice, and the truth regarding it may now be judicially determined. The case is one in which the constitutionality of the law of Pennsylvania, which requires children to be vaccinated as a condition of admission to the public schools, is contested on the express ground that vaccination is both useless and dangerous. Approved by the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Anti-Compulsory Vaccination League, M. R. Levenson, President; and by the Anti-Vaccination Society of America.

The Dawn is the title of a monthly magazine, devoted to Religion, Philosophy and Science, published in India. A new manager has lately been appointed: Tinkari Mukherjee, B.A. The office of publication being at 44 Lansdowne, Bhowanipore, Calcutta, India.

LENA GONE BEFORE.

'Twas twilight time and all was hushed and still,
Save the sobs of the friends as they gathered near,
And silent thoughts each separate heart did fill,
And from their eyes then rolled the parting tear.

'Twas as at eve, when sun sinks out of sight
And leaves the landscape hidden in the dark,
From out the form had dropped that spark of light,
And on the unknown sea was launched her little bark.

For death had come to close her gentle eyes,
And waft her spirit to that land of light;
That summer land of flowers beyond the skies
Where cometh naught of sorrow or of night.

And thus it was they gathered round her bed,
Each one silent as though they were alone,
When at the last a voice so calmly said,
"She's dead;" another answered, "Yes, she's gone."

Indeed she's gone, but only passed away;
She is not dead—she's only gone before
To join her friends in that eternal day
And rest at peace on yonder golden shore.

Then sorrow not; 'tis joy to her to be
Once more at home, where all is peace and love,
From pain and sorrow ever to be free,
An angel in the holy land above.

And you shall meet, when time shall roll away
The curtain that now hides her from your sight,
And there 'twill be one bright and endless day,
Where comes no death, no darkness and no night.
H. L. C.

A Progressive Step.

The Rev. S. P. Cadman at a meeting of the Methodist clericals lately dropped a bombshell among his brethren. The Bible, he said, could not be accepted as the sole rule of faith any longer, and a number present applauded him. The proposition, "That the inerrancy and the infallibility of the Bible are no longer possible of belief among reasoning men," was urged and discussed. In a report of the meeting the *New York Journal* says:

This bold, portentous utterance—involving the most radical departure from accepted tenets of the Methodist Church since its very foundation—was made before the most representative body of Methodist clergy in America. It included the vast majority of the preachers of Greater New York. It is the first announcement of an impending controversy, which may shake the Methodist Church to its very foundation stones.

The acceptance of Dr. Cadman's proposition, heard with respect and applause by the New York ministers, is comparable to the adoption of a new constitution for the United States. It places the Bible on the basis of historical works on other than divine subjects; it rejects the authenticity of all parts of Holy Scripture which are repugnant to human reason.

The weekly meetings of the Methodist ministers take place in the Methodist Book Concern building in Fifth Avenue. They are held in secret. The congregations have not known anything concerning the discussion of this vital change in doctrine. This publication will be the first intimation they will have had that the faith in which they have been reared is threatened with an organic change that will make it no longer the faith of Wesley.

It also goes without saying that the enunciation of this proposition will not tend to heal the differences between the Methodist Church North and the Methodist Church South, which were rent apart by the civil war, for the Southern Church has rejected time and time again kindred innovations. But Mr. Cadman insists that, whatever the Church may decide on the question in the future, it will not destroy the belief in the chief and final source of Christian inspiration, a belief in Christ, the Son of God.

This last proviso was of course made to save the situation; but that is an impossibility. Once the shell is broken the chicken must come out. It may be a dead or it may be a live one: but it can't go back into its shell any more. The development of this new departure in Methodism is of great moment, for it is bound to have important consequences.—*Secular Thought*.

☛ *The Sunflower*, published and edited by Bro. W. H. Bach, Lily Dale, N. Y., is flourishing, and we are glad to see that it is now printed by steam power generated by a new gas engine. May *The Sunflower* ever bloom for the good of humanity.

The Reviewer.

POEMS AND ESSAYS from many authors of this and earlier centuries, given by them through the organism of a modern psychic. 128 pages. Buffalo, N. Y.: C. W. Moulton. Price \$1.00.

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SUCCESS: the Key that Unlocks it, by Nancy McKay Gordon, author of "Letting Go," "Holding On," "Her Bungalow," etc. Chicago: Hermetic Publishing Co. Price 25 cents. For sale at this office.

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IN HELL AND THE WAY OUT; a non-partisan, political hand-book, by Henry E. Allen. Chicago: Chas. H. Kerr & Co., 56 Fifth Ave. 10c.

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DOGMA.—To take one so-called religion and say that this alone is right and all the others wrong, is narrow and thoughtless, condemns at once millions of people and tends, of course, to discord. A., B. and C. each says that he alone is right; but, where is the proof, or even any fairly admissible evidence, that A. is right, or B. or C.? And, does each of these worthies never think of the fact that such has been the case with all the ancient creeds, now dead? And, if these are dead, having served their time, why should just A.'s, or B.'s, or C.'s little formula endure forever, any more than the others? No, the ever-changing world-kaleidoscope goes round, and religions go round with it.—COLONEL R. ELIAS, in *The Tendency of Religion*.

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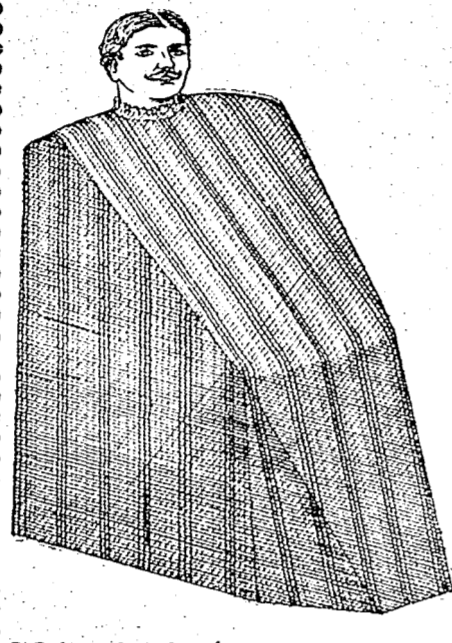
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Local News Summary.

Edited by M. S. NORTON.

Anniversary Celebration.

At noon, next Sunday, the Celebration will begin with a conference meeting, which will last two hours. At 2 o'clock, Prof. Young will play his latest composition, a march entitled "Three Cheers for Dewey," assisted by Prof. Bothwell. From 2 to 5 will belong to test mediums. The evening exercises will begin about 7, with the two Lyceums of the city. Miss Lee, of Santa Rosa, will sing a solo, also songs by Mr. J. T. Lillie, and others. Mrs. Sarah Seal and Mrs. R. Shephard Lillie will deliver the anniversary lectures. The admission to all meetings will be free, and all will be welcome. Scottish Hall, 107 Larkin St.

Progressive Spiritualists.—Last Sunday evening's service, at Occidental hall, began with the soul-stirring spiritual music which is so prominent a feature in all meetings conducted by "The Lillies." The subject of Mrs. Lillie's lecture was, "Walk in the Light." The speaker began with the query, "Why not?" for the light of truth forever shines with increasing brilliancy. Hasten the day when "there shall be no more night," or spiritual darkness, on earth as well as in heaven. The electric light of truth has chased away many shadows, and smoothed many a dying pillow. Let your light shine. Mr. Wm. Rider, the president of the Society, recited a poem entitled, "In the Old Days," which was well received. Mr. Lillie sang, "The Old Kitchen Floor," and the word of parting was spoken. There will be no meeting next Sunday evening on account of the celebration in Scottish hall.

Benefit Entertainment.—The Ladies' Aid Society and the Children's Progressive Lyceum joined in an entertainment and dance, at Occidental Hall, on the 24th inst. The following program was rendered: Piano solo, Mrs. Sadie Cooke; dance (Manzanillo), Little Godair; song, "Sign," Hanson; duet, (mandolin and guitar), Mr. I. and Miss R. Goldstein. The remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing. The weather was very unfavorable, but there was a good attendance and the beneficiary will receive a tidy sum. The Mediums' Protective Association of this city donated \$2.50, and the entire proceeds will go to Mrs. Swartz, of Alameda.

Mme. Young's Meetings continue three times each week. Intelligent communion with the so-called dead a specialty. The Madam's health is improving slowly, but she is far from well, and will not be able to participate in the Anniversary celebration, much to her regret.

Progressive Lyceum.—The hall at 909 Market St., where the children meet on Sunday mornings, has been newly decorated, and will soon have a new carpet, and looks very cosy and comfortable. They had a fine session last Sunday morning. Look out for the children next Sunday evening, at the Scottish Hall celebration.

Police Persecution.—During the past week police officers have visited many of the mediums of this city, and demanded the removal of all signs in windows. Many of the faint-hearted complied, but a few absolutely refused, claiming it to be an unwarranted interference in private affairs without any pretense of authority, except the edict of the Chief of Police. No arrests have yet been made, and if there are there will be a "warm time. It is about time that we find out if spirit mediums have any rights on earth.

Mrs. Logan's Meeting.—There was a very good attendance and considerable enthusiasm at the Circle of Harmony last Sunday. Mr. McNorton and Mr. Keller furnished good music, with accordion and guitar; and Mr. McMeekin of San Jose, played several tunes on the autoharp. Walter Hyde, Dr. Carpenter, Mrs. McMeekin, Mrs. Fuller, and Miss Lillie Balcom, of Alameda, participated. There will be no meeting next Sunday on account of the Anniversary Celebration in Scottish hall, but meetings will be resumed on Sunday, April 9th, at 305 Larkin St., at 1 p. m.

Alameda.—The reports that come from over the bay, indicate that the test work of Mrs. Jennie Robinson is most satisfactory. Last Sunday evening Dr. Davis gave a short address and the balance of the evening was occupied with messages, and answers to questions. The attendance is good and the Society is in a flourishing condition.

Universal Spiritual Association.—The preliminary discussion last Sunday afternoon, at 20 Eddy St., was based upon "Fear, its Cause and Cure." The conclusion arrived at, was that fear is caused by ignorance, and is the necessity that incites to action. Next Sunday the subject will be, "The Object of Life," proposed by Mr. Roberts. This question is one of universal interest, and should be considered in all its aspects, both universal and particular.

Dr. York's Lecture.—"Education, Love and Marriage," was the theme at lower Scottish hall last Sunday evening. The speaker maintained that true education laid the proper foundation for true love and true happiness in marriage. Next Sunday evening the topic will be, "The Man with the Hoe," in lower Scottish hall, 117 Larkin St.

Mrs. H. A. Griffin occupied the platform at Fraternal Hall, Oakland, Sunday evening, March 19th. The messages received through her were all recognized. "What are the teachings of Spiritualism?" was discussed at 2:30. Those who took part included Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Weir, Dr. Brown, Prof. Conner, Prof. Lowe and M. E. VanLuven. These discussions will be continued indefinitely. T. ELLIS.

Future Entertainments.—The Mission Lyceum gives a Musical and Literary Entertainment and dance on Wednesday, March 29, at Excelsior hall, Mission St., between 19th and 20th Sts. 10 cents.

The Ladies' Aid Society has a supper and dance, on Friday, March 31, at Occidental hall, 305 Larkin St. 25 cents. Don't forget the Anniversary Celebration in Scottish hall, Sunday, April 2nd. Admission free.

Passed to Spirit Life, from his home in San Diego, Feb. 25, Dr. John Allyn, formerly a resident of Oakland, who will be remembered by the older Spiritualists of that city and San Francisco, as an earnest worker, speaker and writer. He was a subscriber to the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL from its first issue, and in early times a frequent contributor. The devoted wife who has been his faithful attendant through many years of infirmity, was too ill to minister to him at the last, and is still very feeble. The pioneers are passing out rapidly, and we can think of them as having many pleasant reunions in their spirit homes—rejoicing in work well done and release from weariness and pain. L.

Passed on.—Miss Hattie Cornelius, aged 22 years, passed to spirit life in Phoenix, Arizona, and the mortal remains were forwarded to her grief-stricken mother in this city, Mrs. Cornelius, spirit medium. The funeral service was conducted by Mrs. Dunham, assisted by Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Stimpson, with music; and was held at Halstead's Undertaking Parlors, on Mission St., on Sunday, March 26. Interment in Masonic Cemetery. This is the second bereavement that has come to Mrs. Cornelius within a few months.

The Medium, of Los Angeles, has very much improved under the management of Mr. Carlson, its new proprietor. We hope it will meet with a full measure of prosperity.

The annual election of officers of the Ladies' Aid Society will take place at 305 Larkin St., Wednesday, April 5th.

Personals.

Mrs. Drew seems to have suspended her meeting for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. McMeekin, of San Jose, are visiting friends in this city.

The Moran family of mediums were unable to hold a meeting last Sunday evening on account of sickness.

Mrs. Rhoda Gray made a flying business trip to Stockton last week.

Mr. J. T. Lillie has been seriously ill for several days, but is getting around again.

Mrs. F. A. Logan, of Alameda, will read an original anniversary poem, written for the occasion, at the conference meeting in Scottish hall next Sunday.

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond gave her farewell address last Sunday in Washington, D. C. She returns to Chicago this week and commences her engagement with the "Church of the Soul" next Sunday at Kimball Hall, 243 Wabash Ave., at 11 a. m. This is a beautiful hall, with 400 opera chairs, and a fine pipe organ. Mr. Ervin A. Rice is the president. Mrs. Richmond's address is 3802 Ridge Ave., Station Y, Chicago, Ill.

Anniversary celebration will be held at Star and Crescent hall, Detroit, Mich., on April 6 and 7. Moses Hull will be the orator, and will then ordain Dr. Burrows.

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