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### Indian Medicine Men and Seers.

LANGUAGE OF SYMBOLISM.

The Oklahoma Legislature has passed an act forbidding the further practice of incantations by the Indian Medicine Men. The Indians claim that it is an attack upon religious liberty and enter their protest, saying: "You may move us and take our lands, but you must leave us our religion." The Chicago Tribune says:

The Indian regards deity as a complex spiritual agency, manifested in all the phenomena of the material universe; as dual in nature, representing the forces of both good and evil, and as affecting alike the lives and fortunes of man and beast. It was in the warding off of the influences for evil supposedly exerted by deity in its malign moods that <sup>11</sup> e medicine man found his greatest field of activity, and through this he gained his power over his followers.

Not by heredity, as in the case of chiefs and other officers in the tribal organization and government, did the Indian become a medicine man, but by adoption or initiation into a mystic organization known as the medicine lodge, of which the secrets were guarded as carefully as are those of the Masonic order. Its language was the language of symbolism. In the pictographic writings of the medicine men, which served them as an index for their weird and mystic incantations, the Indians placed implicit trust. They believed in the incarnation of supernatural agencies in wild animals, and even in inanimate objects, and in the rattles, charms, and implements used by the medicine men in their barbaric orgies, the simple-minded red men believed they saw the only means that could save them from the blighting effects of ever-threatening evil spirits. Wizard, necromancer, clairvoyant, seer and prophet—all these and more was the medicine man to his followers. In every violent expression of the forces of nature, such as earthquakes and thunderbolts, abnormal growths in the vegetable kingdom, strange actions of animals or insanity of men, the Indians believed they saw the expression of malevolent purpose on the part of deity, and to save them from these they looked to the medicine man. In the influences surrounding the life of the individual there was thought to be a perpetual combat between good and evil forces. To invite the former and propitiate the latter required the offices of one gifted with a knowledge of the supernatural. Perpetually the Indian mind was the victim of wild mystery, unending suspicion, and paralyzing fear. His only conception of joy was freedom from suffering; his only idea of a means of securing it, the continual warding off The of the forces that threatened him harm. good spirit and the evil spirit each had a host of subordinates appearing in varied and con-stantly changing forms. His supposed ability to recognize these, to have communion with them, and to direct them for the good of his people or the undoing of their foes, was what gave the medicine man a power that has persisted against all the efforts of a higher civilization to uproot it and replace it with something more uplifting.

In the manner in which he fulfilled his office the medicine man is no less interesting for study than in the conditions that afforded the reasons for his existence. And here a distinction must be made between the various classes of medicine men, for in this group, as understood by the white men, there are classifications which it is important to understand. The two great institutions that pervade all the North American Indian tribes, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the arctic circle, are the practice of the arts of medical magic and prophecy. These are distinctly separate, though co-ordinated through the one fact that the Indian belief ascribes spiritual agency as the chief cause of physical ills.

This separateness of classification is illustrated in the case, for example, of the Ottawa tribes by the fact that they have two names for



men brings into his incantations the themes of love and the animal passions. To keep the young braves and maidens of the tribe from falling under his influence and from being led thereby into immorality was one of the chief offices of the good medicine men in the early days of tribal organization. In the later days it has been an office much more needed and much less practiced, for the tribe of the bad medicine man has increased, while the good medicine man has become a rarity.

The law as passed prohibited not only the practice of incantations but also the sale to Indians of the mescal bean, from which they make a liquor resembling in its effect pure alcohol. The chieftains, who painted themselves in gorgeous colors and called on the Governor of Oklahoma, asking him not to sign the law, said they were willing to be deprived of the bean and the liquor, but not of the services of the medicine man. Knowing the fondness of the Indian for fire water, it is not difficult to see that the medicine man still has a strong hold on the tribes in Oklahoma.

### Spirit Phenomena-A Story.

Some years after the events mentioned on page 2 of the JOURNAL for March 23, I was stationed at Lyndon, Vt., and near by me was stationed a Bro. Packer at St. Johnsbury. Bro. Packer was somewhat famous for his connection with a money digging enterprise, which had not a few wonderful spirit manifestations in connection with the affair. He was well booked up in the traditional literature of Methodism and gave me many interesting histories of what had occurred in families of his acquaintance in the line of spirit manifestations. I will give one of the remarkable ones, in this article. These strange happenings covered many months of time during which period three of the family died, and many of the occurrences were supposed to be warnings of approaching death. Various sounds would be heard in different parts of the house indicating the presence of a person but no person would be there. Then. in a room where no person was present, there would be a tremendous crash as though all the crockery and furniture was smashed to pieces. At others as though it were all piled together. On going into the room not a single article would be found displaced or injured. Everything would be as still and quiet as ever. At the commencement of the disturbances it was suspected that some one cutside was making the groans and other noises. But as it was a farm house it was easily watched, and it was found that no one was around to produce the phenomena. After the death of the first member of the family it was more of a conviction of the spiritual origin of the disturbances. On one occasion, the neighboring women were gathered at the house for a quilting bee. While they were merrily engaged, as is usual at such meetings, there was a loud detonation in the fire place as though a musket had been discharged. Nothing was moved, or in any way disturbed. Nothing but the deafening sound. Thus the whole neighborhood was witness instead of the one family. Explanation was out of the question. But the most decisive spiritual phase was the final one which occurred after the death of the third member. One of the remaining ones of the family, a married sister, felt a strong desire that one of the departed sisters should manifest her presence to her. It was a longing desire to

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the two classes of practitioners. The priestly medicine man is called the medawininee; the one who actually applies therapeutic agencies in the treatment of disease, muskekewininee. By white people both are called medicine men.

These are the great classes of medicine men. but there have been among the Indians, as in all other races, false prophets, messiahs, and quacks, and these too have their names. In the Algonquin tribe, for instance, different from the practitioner of medical magic or necromancy is the high prophet, jossakeed, who deals not with material symbols, but holds communion in solitary places with the Great Spirit, whom he sees while in trances or dreams, and from whom he brings to the people commands that are accepted as divine. There is also the wabeno, who is the bad medicine man, the wolf in sheep's clothing, who exploits his false doctrines in midnight orgies, using the tricks of darkness with the aid of colored fires and sleight of hand. He it is who alone of all the classes of medicine

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once more gaze into the face of the departed loved one. One night she had just retired in a room, which opened out of the kitchen, which was very common in the old-fashioned New England homes. She had just extinguished the candle and lain down beside her husband when looking through the door into the kitchen, it was lit up and the sister stood there looking lovingly toward her. As soon as perceived, the spirit sister started toward her, but the old superstitious fear overcame her and she hastily covered her head with the clothes, thus losing the chance to hear from those gone before. But the notion of ghosts was too strong in those days to allow any one to see a spirit form without being terrified. This woman was a medium, and very likely the medium for all that had transpired before.

These, and kindred facts were what convinced me of the reality of spirit return and manifestation, and nothing, I have ever witnessed since the Rochester rappings, has made my convictions on that point one whit stronger. But I was not a Spiritualist any more than John Wesley was one; or than the many in the churches are Spiritualists, who believe in the return of spirits. I was a Methodist, just as Methodists, Catholics, Hindus, Chinese, Indians and others are still groveling in their bondage in spite of their faith in spirit return. And to convert all mankind to that conviction would not make them Spiritualists, or any better people than they are at present.

My New England ancestry and my theological studies naturally led me, at the very outset, to seek for the bedrock—the fundamental principles of Spiritualism. For that reason I am a Spiritualist instead of a mere Spiritist.

J. S. LOVELAND.

### Experiences in Psychic Healing

In order to avoid confusion in the mind of the general reader, it is but fair to state that the writer is a physician engaged in the practice of regular medicine, albeit at times prone to overleap conservative bounds in order to utilize methods of healing which, for want of a better name, may be called psychic.

The principles governing psychic healing were discovered during my boyhood, but, in all probability, the system employed would have been eliminated from my practice had it not been for the chance remark by the professor of anatomy that "anything is regular that saves the patient." There and then I made up my mind to heal by psychic means whenever opportunity offered, and have never had any reason to regret this decision. My first important case was about as serious as the average young practitioner is ever called upon to face. The patient was nearing confinement. By reason of a fall she was paralyzed from the waist down. The paralysis was complete, being accompanied by a total loss of sensibility. In addition, her stomach was unusually sensitive and would only retain the lightest food; she also had a severe cough attended by fre-quent hemorrhages. This state of things had continued for months; the woman was in a deplorable state. I found her stretched on an old couch, racked by cough and fever, her lips stained with blood which dripped slowly to the floor. The room was cold and bare, and poverty, wretchedness and despair were written all over the place. Discouraged? No! assuredly not! Looking down into her face there welled up from the center of being an irresistible impulse to throw drugs aside, stretch out my hands and heal her ! Let the woman tell the rest : "And now comes the crowning—what shall I say, miracle or what? Knowing that no medicines, (other physicians had proven that) and that no external applications, (many had been tried without avail) could bring life to my dead limbs, the Doctor decided to try the effect of the healing gift he is possessed of. The treatment began. In less than 15 minutes my limbs were alive ! "We read of the great joy of those whom Jesus healed—I understand that now. Words cannot tell it—it must be felt to be understood. First there came a sensation as if drops of dew were falling on my limbs; then a feeling like the little ripples we see when a stone is thrown in a pond of quiet water; then a sense of great weight, as if an addition had been built on my body too heavy to be carried, and I cried out, 'Why there's life there—I can feel warmth!'

Imagine if you can, for I cannot tell, the great rush of joy, of gratitude, of wonder, of intense thankfulness that a physician lived who could and would from his own being, by his touch, give new life to me—bringing me back from a living death to fresh life. Think of feeling warmth where cold had reigned so long—sensation where death had been—of feeling the blood bounding once more through arteries and veins !"

The full report of the patient, prepared solely that a record of the case might be saved to psychic literature, goes on to relate her gradual, yet complete restoration to health, including painless delivery, in a few weeks time—a cure performed by psychic power, pure and simple.

Among the interesting discoveries which I have made in connection with psychic healing is how to project self, so to speak, in treating patients at a distance. The reader may not regard distant or absent treatment as in any way remarkable, but my method is unusual in that I go to the patient, while my body remains locked hard and fast in the deep somnambulic sleep. In this state the writer has traveled long distances, and manifested his presence so plainly as to be seen and felt in sick rooms hundreds of miles away. Here in my home we realize the importance of non-interference in such experiments, exquisite care is taken to prevent noise or other disturbance, and no one is allowed to touch my body under any circumstances until the hour of awakening has come. This form of healing is practiced but little, owing to the danger attending interference with the writer while he is far away from home.

There are times when the healing does not seem my work, that is to say, there are times when I seem to be merely an agent in the transaction. And again there are moments when I am in touch with an outer realm or source of power which I am not in conscious contact with ordinarily, yet nevertheless it is mine to command, or at least to make use of, when I attain the degree of exaltation essential to success in my case.

Though wedded in large degree to medicine, the writer's long experience in psychic healing has taught him to incline charitably to any and all forms of treatment which promise relief for human ills. Practice, training, observation have taught us that there is no monopoly of the healing art; that there is virtue in all the prevailing schools of medicine or forms of healing; that some day a great medical genius will grasp all there is of truth, strike the long-sought-for golden mean, and banish disease from the earth.

We cannot believe that drug medication was ever designed or intended to afford the sole and only means of relief in every case of sickness and pain. We believe that man possesses within himself latent faculties, forces, powers, which, properly developed, may be made available in the treatment and cure of many diseases; and we believe further, that the time is coming when the Christ-gift of healing will be restored in all its pristine glory to help make the world healthy, happy and strong. cian," and the authorities threw him into prison, where he remained 14 years; the Pope declaring he was "too dangerous to be at large."

Galileo was imprisoned and tortured and made to retract, and promise to cease his scientific studies.

Bruno was burned alive.

Copernicus only escaped being put to death by not allowing his book to be published until he lay on his death bed.

Newton was bitterly attacked for "dethroning Providence."

Kepler was accused of "throwing Christ's kingdom into confusion with his silly fancies."

It is unjust to cast special blame for all this resistence to science upon the Roman church. The Protestant church, though rarely able to be so severe, was even more blameworthy. Christianity of all kinds in Europe was hostile to intellectual progress, and the sects vied with each other in denouncing the Copernican doctrine as contrary to Scripture.

The Arabians accomplished much more in scientific discovery in comparison with their Christian contemporaries, because they were less fettered by the letter of the Koran than the Christians by the letter of the Bible, and because of the interest they were known to take in scientific research.

The attitude of Paganism toward science is shown in the history of the great Pagan masters, Plato and Aristotle. They gave scientific freedom, they interdicted no new paths, interposed no barriers to the extension of knowledge, threatened no doom against investigators, and left the world free to seek any new methods which thinking men could find.

Why did intellectual stagnation settle down on Europe? The attitude of the church toward the sciences was indifferent and even contemptuous and it arrested their normal development for hundreds of years. The discoveries made by scientific methods did not come into existence because of Christianity, but in spite of it. It was not until science discovered the power of steam and invented machinery—not until the laws of nature were understood for the service of man, that Europe began to rise in the realm of material life. The Christians, however, were not wholly devoid of inventive genius, for they could and did invent machines for torture.

Christianity is fast passing away, and the world will find great relief when it is gone. It is involved in a maze of contradictions, being divided and subdivided and represented by over 500 denominations, all claiming to be branches of it. They are black and white, brown and spotted, striped, ringstreaked and speckled systems of religion. If this is not modern Christianity, in the name of reason, what is it and where is it ? Jesus was evidently a great medium and reformer who said and did many good things; yet, in our estimation, he was no greater or better than a thousand other great reformers, philosophers and scientists that the world has known. He was no more a son of God than any other reformer. He taught things that had been taught by Confucius, and things which he said were "of the law and the prophets," consequently not original with him. He said his disciples should do the things he did and even greater. Perhaps they did. Many of the miracles he performed occur now in the presence of good mediums, all over America. Religion never taught a man how to navigate the sea, open a mine, build a bridge, nor how to construct a wheelbarrow, cook-stove or locomotive. Physical wealth, railways, manufactories, mills, marts of trade, are not the results of any special form of religion, but are the outgrowth of personal ambition to achieve wealth, coupled with financial ability. Intemperance is a great evil—a cancer on the social organism which exists in Christian lands and goes abroad as carried by Christian civilization. The drink habit is well sustained by the Bible, and Christianity has shown a friendship for this social custom. When Christians came to America to be free to enjoy their religion, they brought this custom with them, and Western civilization bears this accursed attachment. Why is it that countries where the religion of Mohammed has sole sway, the drink habit has no existence and the saloon is unknown? It is because that wherever Mohammedanism prevails this habit of drinking intoxicating liquors is not allowed and does not exist. Gambling is also forbidden.

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### Facing the Facts of History.

The hostility and opposition of Christianity to science were nowhere more apparent than in the history of Bacon, Galileo, Bruno and Copernicus. Those men were great thinkers—lovers of truth who began to understand the methods to attain it. But the opposition of the church confronted them at every step. When they made some new discovery they scarcely dared announce it, so bitter was the hostility. Let us be honest and face the facts of history to understand what was the attitude of Christianity toward science and philosophy a few hundred years ago.

It was no friend to intellectual development, but a real enemy. With its word of absolute authority it condemned "all physical sciences" as "dangerous" and "the work of Satan." It suppressed all attempts to study the laws of nature, and the man who published a scientific work ran the risk of being brought under suspicion and excommunicated or imprisoned or put to death. The design of the church was to keep the people in mental darkness, which was successful in a great measure.

The sin of Roger Bacon was not disbelief of Christianity, but it was in his ideas about natural laws. The priests cried, "Down with the magi-

Spain is zealously Christian. No prominent infidel ever lived within her borders; but she is

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the most cruel and unprogressive nation in Europe; excepting Portugal; and she, too, is The Abyssinians are Christians Christian. and have been since the fourth century, but they are lower in the scale of progression than their neighbors, the Mohammedan Arabs.

Europe dates its intellectual growth from the rays of light it received from the Mohammedan schools in the East through the opening made by the Crusaders. It is especially evident, if the testimony of history is to be taken as authority, that the presence of Christianity in Europe, down to the end of the seventeenth century, was a mill-stone hung to the neck of the Anglo-Saxon race. A. H. NICHOLAS.

### A Great Scientist Gone.

On March 18, occurred the death of Prof. O. C. Marsh, of Yale University, in which he had been for a number of years professor of palæontology and curator of the geological collection of that institution-a collection of rare size and value. Newspapers that give a whole column to the death of a pugilist or of a millionaire, were satisfied to give five lines to the death of Prof. Marsh, if indeed they noticed it at all.

Yet Prof. Marsh was one of the most distinguished scientific men of the century-a century remarkable for the number of its scientists and for the extraordinary character of their discoveries and of their contributions to the sum total of human knowledge. Prof. Marsh's discoveries in palæontology and his elaborate treatises and lectures on the subject gave him a reputation which in scientific circles and among students of evolution was world-wide.

Prof. Marsh reconstructed the skeleton of the dinosaur, a monster of prehistoric times, which made its first appearance, so far as is known, on this continent, when the arm of an ancient sea covered the area of the Rocky Mountain region and when the red sandstone was deposited.

Prof. Marsh's reproduction of the dinosaur was the result of nearly a quarter of a century of travel and research. Some of the heads of this creature found by the professor measure ten feet in length. Prof. Marsh was the first to point out that members of the lizard family caused those famous footprints on the Connecticut sandstone which, though birdlike in appearance, were made before birds had appeared on the earth.

The inference of Prof. Marsh, sustained by his brother scientists, was that some of the half-bird, half-reptilian monsters weighed from twenty to thirty tons.

about and praised with so little discrimination, shall have been buried in the dark, deep sea of oblivion. Popular honors in these times of revived militarism are for the heroes of physical warfare, though the wild dervishes of the Soudan, of whom 10,000 were killed a few months ago by English rapid-fire guns, and Filipinos armed with bows and arrows, mowed down by American Gatling guns, were as brave and self-sacrificing as any men that ever faced a foe in cruel war.

Sometime the world will come to see that the mind that opposes popular error and sheds abroad the light of knowledge, is a far higher type than that which finds gratification and aspires to fame in the destruction of human life. B. F. UNDERWOOD.

#### An Answer to "The Man with the Hoe."

Read at the Oakland Anniversary Celebration.

'Tis true that man bowed down with centuries of woe, And leaning on that implement—the hoe— Does gaze unto the ground. But ever and anon he raises up his head and listens In an expectant attitude, For hark! what does he hear, Borne to his listening ear Through nature's channels of communication? "Man is no slave! Man was not born to die!" "No, no! I'm but a slave, and so must be content!" And bending all his efforts to the task He labors on to fill his master's coffers to o'erflowing, While around his own poor life Has dropped the darkness of despair; When lo! athwart this blackness, In living flame, there flashes out in writing On his vision's wall, these words: "Man awake! and know that I am God! And through the centuries of the past You and I have worked together, Hoping at last to be personified thro' thy great soul !" A pause—the hoe drops to the ground, And raising up his head he gazes 'round, Expecting some great shape to next appear, For was his mind not trained to gods and demons fear

alike. By the world's so-called lords and rulers? But hark! the voice is speaking yet again, And softer than a strain of music is the tone; And as it echoes thro' the empty chambers of his brain, The waiting angels listen, and catching up the strain, Key their harps to the new song Of Freedom—Freedom to mankind.

Then like a mighty whirlwind thought awakes In this dread thing whose awful shape Has bent and swayed beneath the load of care and woe of centuries, And whose only happiness was to know That somewhere in the stretch of time It might be possible, in his weary climb, To find a heaven of rest. But even this poor hope has been so set about

With creeds and dogmas by the ruling class

### The Mistakes we Make.

Years ago the simple phenomena of nature were an unsolved mystery. Every thing was judged by appearance. The earth was said to be flat. The sun crossed the sky daily. The lightning was God's mighty arm of wrath which often struck dead the hardened sinner. The deafening peal of thunder was his terrible voice of warning. The sun's eclipse was a superstitious omen of evil.

The earthquake's rumble and shake was an awful realization of God's power to crush the earth as we might crush an egg shell. Then it is no wonder that these poor ignorant people had a religion of fear, a God of wrath, a place of torment like the livid fire of the great volcanos, and a heaven of peace, rest and security away off in the serene depths of the tranquil sky. Though we all realize that nature's phenomena are far from being what they seem, yet a great many people still hold to the old superstitious religions.

It would be amusing, if it were not so sad, to relate how the different religious sects dispose of their dead. The Adventists put theirs, soul, body, tooth and nail into the casket. This they consign to the grave and there they must sleep until Gabriel blows his trumpet, (and the Lord only knows when that will be) all because the Bible confirms their belief. However, the majority of our Christian friends consign the body to the grave, but the soul, which they call the spark of life goes to the God who gave it. There it is pigeonholed, as it were, until the resurrection morn when the dry bones shall arise, be clothed in flesh and blood, meet the soul, somehow, somewhere, then return to the judgement seat of God, there to learn its everlasting fate of joy or torment. Then "woe be unto us" for there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth! Now isn't this a pleasant state of affairs to look forward to?

Thus you see the poor victims to the inevitable change called death, have been killed deader than smelts, by theological doctrines because the Bible says, "The dead know not anything!" And Christians emphatically declare that a statement found in the Bible is true even if it isn't true !

Yet truth is eternal and must come uppermost, regardless of creeds, Bibles or bigots ! Graves and sepulchers never did and never will contain the liberated spirits who like Hamlet's ghost, "will not down !" They have ever kept up a mighty effort to be seen, heard and recognized as immortal beings !

But superstitious fear and blind ignorance closed down on their phenomena like the jaws of sharks on small fry! They were called ghosts, hobgoblins, imps, devils, anything uncanny and unnatural to frighten them away and so never had a chance to vindicate their honor or prove their identity. Thus centuries rolled down the steeps of time into the eternity of the past until through the curiosity of little children they obtained a hearing at Hydesville, N.Y., 51 years ago. Through these little children older minds were led to investigate the phenomena and Modern Spiritualism sprang into existence. We are not what we seem but are of a truth immortal beings living in mortal bodies. All nature is transformed! "Behold all things have become new!" Things are not what they appear to be! There is no death ! what seems so is transition ! MRS. M. E. VAN LUVEN.

Prof. Marsh in 1862, after making some of his earlier discoveries, including that of a reptilian form in the coal formation of Nova Scotia, went to Europe and continued his studies in the highest German universities.

It was upon his return to this country, after a four years' absence, that he accepted the chair of palæntology at Yale. Later he led many scientific expeditions in the West. Twenty-one times he crossed the Rocky mountains and several times under a military escort.

He discovered extinct vertebrae to the number of a thousand or more. He discovered skeletons of the largest land animals that have been found on the earth.

His works descriptive of his discoveries are the best records of extinct animals that have yet appeared. It was Prof. Marsh who found the connecting link between the progenitors of the horse and later forms of the genus which Prof. Huxley, in his New York lectures, said must have existed and might some day be discovered.

Prof. Marsh was a member of the leading scientific societies of the world. He was a nephew of George Peabody, of London, by whose generosity was established the Peabody Museum.

Men like Marsh, whose genius and patient industry contribute to the knowledge of mankind and help to broaden and liberalize the race by replacing crude and mythical notions with accurate observation and careful, reasoned thought, are benefactors whose influence is farreaching and uplifting.

Peace indeed hath its victories no less renowned than war. Among these victories. must be included the discoveries and reconstructions of paleontologists, like Cope and Marsh, of whom America has reason to be proud. Their names will live in the history of science when most of those who are now talked

That soon, alas ! He finds that he must pay a goodly price If he would hold a thought So fraught with comfort to his weary soul.

But the voice speaks yet again, And now his ear, grown more accustomed to the sound, Feels that some mighty secret Will be now revealed to teach the mysteries of life, And why he must remain amid the strife of greed And hatred, malice and despair, While all about him earth and air Seem hushed into a silence born of power. "Man awake! and know that I am God! Too long thy soul hath slept beneath the sod In ignorance of thy true fate. Thou hast but self to blame That all these centuries of pain Have warped and twisted up thy sinews, And slanted back thy brain. Thou wouldst entrust thy welfare to the care Of lords and rulers in all lands, And share, nay give thine inheritance away To escape but for a day Thine own responsibilities. But thou must now awake And straighten up thy shape And take back the upward looking and the light-Rebuild anew the music and the dream of immortality.'

For God in man has spoken; And behold passing away a vast array of phantoms. Soon masters, lords and rulers And their sisters three—Want, Greed and Malice— Will be gliding down the slant of time, Leaving behind the Man, yea, woman too, Grown strong enough to stand alone, With the light of a new life shining on their brow. The swinging of the Pleiades, The reddening of the rose, The radiance of the seraphim, No longer daunts their growing power, For God in man has spoken; And as the whirlwind of truth shakes the world, Kings and kingdoms disappear, Never more to rear Their false standard of ruling o'er mankind, For man is born to live and not to die; To trace the stars and search the heavens for power; To feel the passions of eternity, To break the bond of ignorance, To set the nations free-Thus shall the answer be, After the silence of centuries. Oakland, Cal. MRS. IRENE SMITH.

## A Spirit Message.

One from the spheres sends greeting to all who would be emancipated from not only the errors and evils of all old orthodox church teachings, but also to be freed from that influence which is far worse than sectarian bigotry and formulas, viz., self-conceit and the vexation of spirit that arises from self-sufficiency, and which often finds vent in impotent wrath and double dealing on the part of those who fail to progress by resisting the good impulses of their better natures and the higher teaching of those who have progressed above the material plane of mere animal existence. Thus the self-seekers fall far below the standard of real reform. so necessary for teachers of domestic, social and political improvement to possess, in order to remedy the ills of misdirected energy, called evil, in the weaker members of the human family, through the false teachings of the "blind leaders of the blind," who cause all affected to

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be liable to fall into the ditch of human degradation sooner or later, if not rescued.

The more progressive spirits show by their actions that they wish mortals, as well as themselves, to keep abreast, if not ahead of those notable times when the thinking portion of every community requires mental stimulus from association with kindred minds. They thus assist those who are willing to get out of the "ditch" of the dark past, of chicanery and vain-glorious display of power and brief authority, which results in a wide-spread class-rule, and which is admired by a certain set of similarly-constituted sycophants who, like their pur-blind leaders, worship that modern Moloch -The Golden Dollar-to the inevitable submergence of their higher spiritual natures, and so throw out an evil influence, by reason of bad example, upon the multitude of ignorant beings. They help foster prostitution of the human intellect to the danger of social revolt, through these legally irresponsible individuals being allowed to perpetuate vicious, nefarious teachings. This is especially true in the ranks and from the platforms of many of the so-called "Spiritual" societies, whose meeting houses should (as did the Nazarene of old) have the "money-changers and sellers of doves cast out," particularly the human firebrands who continually try to tear down useful institutions of the day and build nothing in place thereof.

The foregoing is a portion of a stirring message which was received through my hand from one who in earth life was looked upon as a Magdalene. Don MCLAINE.

### Suggestion.

When we have been arrayed in the brighter garments of light and truth; when falseness cannot soil the spotless purity with its bloodstained guilt, we will look back over our pathway of life from our standpoint of higher philosophy and will then be more lenient with the weakness we see exhibited everywhere. This weakness we now condemn as a low stage of morals and as we see plainer we can comprehend to a fuller extent that there are devious paths of right.

We now look at what we term "the wild oat period " of man and woman, as a very degrading weakness of moral humanity. But in our newer field of philosophy we say, "Tis but the beginning." Like the unborn babe there must be conditions to foster the forming brain of the future child. The children of the world, men and women alike, are fostered in the arcana of nature and succored by the unbendable laws that govern all life. be it physical, spiritual, moral or mental. The "wild oat period" is but the ungovernable law working through a system, seeking elements to grow and better the future of earth's children. So little is gained by such philosophy now. We can see but the words and not the meaning conveyed therein. We judge it with a severe judgment, seeing it as our baser selves suggest. Life is a collection of adhesive atoms and suggestive relations. Through suggestion is the act of hanging realized; through suggestion is the right of the Divine Law of Nature-Godadmitted, and in the intermediate the causes for every act of the human family can be traced to the law governing suggestion. Through a systematic arrangement of forces we get life. This life originated from protoplasmic particles of force substances. And in the arrangement of these cohesive atoms of force-power we get suggestion. Through this power of suggestion we get the greatest of all thought forces—the divine power of God centered in one common center, producing rays of light, scintilating, sparkling with life like the life-producing rays of the sun. Our thoughts, let them be suggestive thoughts, are felt by the many thinkers who are in sympathy with the law that governs all things. They feel it, sense it, and the power of atomized matter, representing force, suggests the possibility of a reasonable solution. Then we investigate and suggest investigation. Our zeal is imparted to others through our suggestive aura. The good work goes on, regardless of the obstacles placed in our path by bigoted observers. They are impregnable; we are porous, and we exist above that world of denseness that so characterizes the common observer. We fly to fields Elysian while they dig deep in the dungholes of past-dissected theories and are fossilized for the present.

They beat their poor heads against adamantine walls and howl over the dogmas of past generations. Ours is the blessing of free-born thought, and as we are borne aloft by the divine will of God we realize to a fuller extent the rich mine of treasures wherein we eagerly search.

Onward, upward, Brothers, Sisters of the faith, and truth, justice and the spotless lily of wisdom are ours to share, perchance with our lesser neighbor. Let our tongues resound with truth, our pens with inspiration, and with our souls filled with universal love, we will gain the victory over death, disease and ignorance.

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#### SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., APRIL 20, 1899.

In Detroit, Mich., the Cause is prospering. Moses Hull was there on April 6 and 7, and gave some lectures, and at the same time ordained Dr. C. W. Burrows as a teacher and demonstrater of the Spiritualistic philosophy and phenomena. This was the first public step towards the building of a Spiritual Temple in that city. To a reporter Dr. Burrows said :

"Our aim is the building of a Temple here. There are 2,000 or 3,000 Spiritualists in Detroit —people who belong to all the various societies. We have 200 in our Central Union, of which I am president. These meetings in halls are not satisfactory. A Temple building would add a dignity to our cause and our gatherings that they deserve, and so we will try to build an edifice as soon as we can get our people sufficiently interested. We have men among us who have plenty of money to build."

### Theosophical Congress.

That branch of the Theosophists who seceded from the loyal body of which Col. Olcott was and continues to be the President, held a congress at their building on Point Loma, San Diego, Cal., last week.

The San Diego papers say that a large number of enthusiastic people congregated there from all parts of the world. The grounds at Point Loma were dotted with tents and the hotels at San Diego were crowded to their utmost capacity with the people attending the ceremonies. A large amphitheater was erected in which the congress was held. The largest excursion train ever arriving at San Diego, brought many of the attendants on Thursday.

Mrs. Katherine A. Tingley, the official head of that self-styled Universal Brotherhood, was present with her cabinet officials. The American flag, accompanied by the flags of all lands, waved over the amphitheater.

The congress opened on April 13. Dr. J. A. Anderson, of San Francisco, gave the address of welcome, and speeches were made by Mrs. Elizabeth Mayer, H. T.Patterson and M.A.E.S. Smythe.

The re-dedication of the "School for the Revival of the Lost Mysteries of Antiquity" occurred in the evening with torchlight procession and ceremonies.

Mrs. Harriet H. Somers, one of the delegates, writes to the San Francisco *Call* the following statement concerning this Universal Brotherhood :

This organization declares that brotherhood is a fact in nature. The principal purpose is to teach and demonstrate this fact and to make it a living power in the life of humanity.

The subsidiary purpose of the organization is to study ancient and modern religion, science, philosophy and art; to investigate the laws of nature and the occult powers latent in man.

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Occult Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, to witness the unique ordination ceremonies, and to listen to the eloquence of Bro. Hull. We hope that Detroit may soon have a Spiritual Temple, from which the light may radiate on the people and lead them to the comprehension of the truth, and the enjoyment of its mental illumination.

A Professor of Astrology and Mental Science, in a public lecture given in San Francisco last week told his audience that he had visited the Occult Book Store at 1429 Market St., San Francisco, and there found the largest and best assortment of Astrological, Metaphysical and Occult Books that he had seen west of New York and Boston, and that he had visited all the large cities on the continent. We did not learn his name, though we remember a customer who said he was surprised to find such. a large assortment as we exhibited to him. He then remarked, as we gave him a copy of our Catalogue of Books, that it was certainly the best collection he had seen this side of the Atlantic Coast Cities. Our citizens, and patrons all over the country, should make a note of this testimony volunteered by a complete stranger. Any book not in stock can be procured to order. The Theosophical Society is the department of teaching of universal brotherhood, where any one may obtain a philosophical and ethical basis for the practice of brotherhood, for be it remembered that there is no higher object in any of its departments than to make brotherhood a living power in the life of the individual.

Though Theosophists talk of brotherhood, a teaching as ancient as the Vedas, and as modern as the Unitarians, they are quite as unbroth] erly and just as much divided among themselves as are those whom they condemn. It seems that they have several different kinds of Theosophists even in San Diego, including Loyalists, Secessionists, seceders from the Secessionists, and some se-se-seceders from the W. Q. Judge-Secessionists. And that they are not above misrepresentation and false statement, the following from Dr. Peebles' pen, published in the San Diego Sun of April 10, will show :

#### ORIGINAL THEOSOPHY.

In a recent morning paper, in connection with other errors touching Theosophy, I find this glaring misstatement:

"Nearly 25 years ago H.P.Blavatsky founded in New York the Theosophical Society, or Universal Brotherhood."

This is not true. The Theosophical Society, the headquarters of which are in Adyar, India, was founded by Col. Henry S. Olcott and Madame Blavatsky in concert, while I was filling a three months' lecture engagement in New York. They were both personal friends of mine, and I insist that so far as I am capable, justice shall be done them both, inasmuch as one is absent in India and the other is in the higher life.

I had met Madame Blavatsky previous to the

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organization of the New York Theosophical Society in Cairo, Egypt. She was then a decided Spiritualist, and had there organized a Spiritualist seance, the Coulombs being members. This I reported at the time to James Burns' London weekly, The Medium and Daybreak. Later I spent two weeks with Madame Blavatsky and Col. Olcott at the residence of the Eddy mediums in Chittenden, Vermont. When the Theosophical Society was first organized, Col. Olcott was elected president, and Madame Blavatsky corresponding secretary. Mr. Felt was their first lecturer, but failing to produce the spiritual phenomena that he had promised, he was dropped. Madam Blavatsky was a powerful physical medium. Some day I shall publish a portion of her startling manifestations, some of which I witnessed.

Holding my Theosophical diploma direct from the loyal head, Adyar, India, I write as one having some authority. On my recent third journey around the world, I spent nearly two months in Adyar, sitting in the shrine, reveling in the choice and massive library, listening to the readings of the Upanishads in both English and Sanskrit, and taking part in both the discussions and the readings. Further, I accompanied Col. Olcott on one of his lecture tours to the one hundred and more children's schools that he had established in Ceylon in the interests of education and Theosophy.

It may not be amiss to say that the American Theosophical Society, or Universal Brotherhood, seceded from the original Theosophical Society of which Col. Olcott was and is the president. Mrs. Besant when here gave the causes of the secession. Since then there has been one (report says two) secessions from the W. Q. Judge-Tingleyites. The Universal Brotherhood Theosophists consider Mrs. Tingley as the light of Theosophy, the queen of nations and the mother of purity. She is now in our midst—let the earth keep silence! Loma trembles! The Congress is in session.

It is not pleasant to state these facts, especially as our chief cornerstone is brotherhood universal brotherhood. During the coming Point Loma Congress, cannot the three branches of this city so bridge the river and so cable the ocean of discontent and division as to come together, thus showing that our profession of brotherhood is not a mere name with which to conjure?

This Secession Theosophy is a sort of hair-lip Mahatmaism donning the garb of the ancient mysteries.

With the exception of Mrs. Besant all of the original Theosophists of note were Spiritualists,

knowledge their industry has won for them, the marvelousness will fade away and things will appear just as they are—nothing mysterious.

Those whose likenesses and names appear on that picture are this day at work with millions of others, making known their plans to a few for a change to take place that will shock the nations. Already many pages are written, but prudence prevents their mention now. Their standard bearer is chosen; the fruit of the tree of liberty is ripening for the sustenance of the poor of this nation, and it will be distributed to them when the hour comes.

A controversy is now going on as to when the twentieth century begins. Some say, at the beginning of the year 1900; others say it does not begin until a year later. Here is the opinion of a prominent astronomer, verbatim :

The next century will begin on Jan. 1, 1901 the last year of the present century being 1900. The present era be ins with the year A. D. 1, and the year before being B. C. 1, there being no year 0. This is inconvenient for chronology, but it is the accepted mode of reckoning.

Mr. W. J. Colville's engagement in Philadelphia this season closes in May. In June he is to be in Boston, and will attend the different Camps during the summer. Miss H. M. Young thinks of spending the next winter in California. Her many friends here will be delighted to see her again.

# The Reviewer.

FROM DREAMLAND SENT, Verses of the-Lifeto-Come, by Lilian Whiting. 16mo. Cloth, \$1.25. White and gold, \$1.50. Boston: Little, Brown & Company, 254 Washington St. For sale at this office.

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The Metaphysical Magazine for April contains many important articles. Among them we may mention, "The Germs of a Greater Religion," by B. Fay Mills; "The Ideals of Culture," by S. K. Davis; "Is the Devil Dead?" by H. E. Orcutt; "The Sources of Genesis," by Quæstor Vitæ, etc. Price 20c. Published at 465 Fifth Ave., New York.

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Mr. Geo. Redway of London, England, is publishing a new book, written by Mrs. D'Esperance entitled, "Northern Lights." As soon as a press copy of it is received we shall review the same. There are 10 chapters in the form of stories, but they are facts—not fiction.

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We have received the Report of the Acting Superintendents of the Yosemite National Park, California, by J. W. Zevely with a map of the Park. It contains a large amount of information.

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### The Imperiled Republic.

In reference to the picture shown on the first page of the JOURNAL for March 30, with the above title, John Brown, Sr., "the Medium of the Rockies," writes as follows:

That picture is a complete panoramic view of what was shown to me years ago, when my guiding-star, Mopoloquist, took me to his province in the heavens and there placed before me a sublime view of which that picture is a true copy. Were I an artist I could not paint a better one.

I have been leaning on the gate of death for years, but the good angels have drawn me back, that I might bear testimony to the truth that they bring us.

A short reference to that picture can be seen on pages 98 and 99 of my book. The men and women seen on it drew pictures before they went to their new home, and they can do so still. All they want is mediums possessed of true moral sensitiveness, to blend their forces with those of the spirit world in a way that will cause the bud of charity in their souls to blossom like a rose in May, until the "tree of liberty" shows signs of better fruit. Such things are marvelous to many, but when they realize that spirits are men and women with the old dress laid aside, possessed of the THE LOGOS of the New Dispensation of Time, by Sara Thacker, Applegate, Cal. 107 pp. Price 75 cents. For sale at this office.

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*El Porvonir del Obrero* (The Future of the Workingman) is the title of a little paper published in Mahon, Spain, being the organ of the coöperative society of that name. It criticises the Spanish Minister of War and the Cortes, and strongly denounces compulsory military service, referring to the United States as an example of a country with a small standing army, and asks what good Spain's army of 200,000 poorlyarmed and poorly-fed soldiers did them on the battle fields of Cuba. It is published at Calle de la Reina, Num. 53.

""The Prophet" is the title of a pamphlet issued for the "Brotherhood of the Eternal Covenant," by Kenneth Sylvan Guthrie, A. M. Ph. D., an apostate from the Episcopal Church. The "Brotherhood" and the "Prophet" are both an appeal for freedom from the bondage of promiscuous religious association; an effort for the attainment of a higher life, and the assurance of immortality previous to transition. Cornelius Agrippa von Nettesheim, Counsellor to Charles the Fifth, Emperor of Germany, and Judge of the Prerogative Court. 288 pp. Price \$5.00. For sale at this office.

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TO THE EDITOR :

We, the undersigned, in deference to the mistaken idea that it is the *medium* who needs investigation, in place of the truth for which he is the instrument, testify that we attended a seance of Mr. C. E. Winan's on March 27, at Grand Rapids, Mich., where the medium sat enclosed in a mosquito netting bag, nailed securely to the floor; all of which passed a thorough previous examination by a competent, skeptically-inclined committee, with the result that twentytwo spirit forms appeared. A large number of these were recognized. Sev-eral were seen under the full glare of a Weilsbach gas light; some of them came into the room six to ten feet from the cabinet opening; many of them lifted the trumpet before the company and talked to us and their respective individual friends; dematerialization was seen; one form first appeared from an adjoining room in no way connected with the cabinet; flowers were materialized, seemingly from the air, as were also lace fabrics; and handkerchiefs grew into shawls, then went back to their normal measure in plain sight. Signed by, Mrs. Robert W.Merrill, Alvin D.Porter, Bertha Heath I.A. Sanford Mrs. Bort T. Hall Heath, J. A. Sanford, Mrs. Bert J. Hall, Mrs. S. M. Sanford, Mr. J. E. Walker, Thos. J. Haynes, Mrs. J. Fortier, Ernest Briggs, John B. Fortier, Mrs. E. Briggs, Grace A.Hall, M. V.Himes, A. Hembling, Margaret Spencer, Richard Spencer, Clara Boozer, Hattie M. Heath, Miss Mabel Spencer. H. W. BOOZER.

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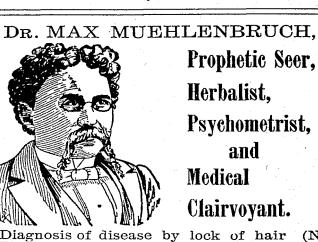
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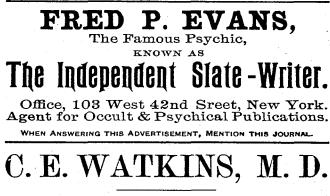


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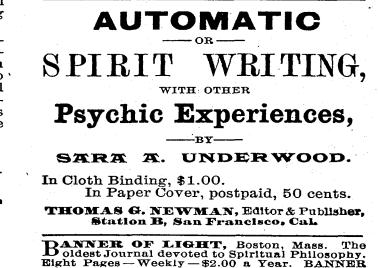


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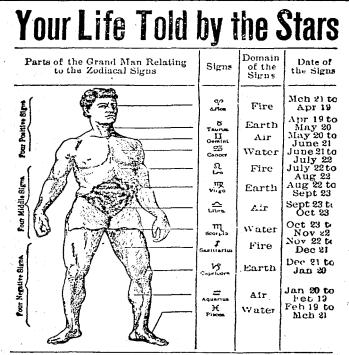
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### <u>~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~</u> Local News Summary. Edited by M. S. NORTON.

**Progressive Spiritualists.**—A half hour was devoted to song service last Sunday evening, at Occidental hall, led by Mr. and Mrs. Lillie, Sadie Cooke, Mrs. Nevill, W. T. Jones, Mrs. Jolly, Colonel Morse and Wm. Rider. Songs were selected from the Jubilee Song Book. Mrs. R. S. Lillie followed with a lecture on "Religion in the Realm of Reason." Mrs.Lillie spoke of the wonderful change that has taken place in religious thought, and the Age of Reason, so long foretold by Thos. Paine, which is dawning upon the world to-day. That class of spiritual phenomena which is so easily counterfeited should not be presented to promiscuous audiences, and the line of gross materiality must be passed before we can discern spiritual things. Mrs. Lillie gave a poem from the word "Welcome," and the meeting closed with the usual good night word.

Ladies' Aid Reception.—On Friday evening, April 14, this Society held a reception at their headquarters in Occidental Hall. Owing to the many changes of program the attendance was not as large as usual, but the time was passed pleasantly and profitably. An immense circle was formed and Mr. H. E. Hargrave read psychometrically, and White Rose, one of the guides of Mrs. Jennie Robinson, gave messages. Many familiar songs were sung by those assembled. Mrs. Small was the presiding genius and W. T. Jones floor manager. Dance music by Mrs. Sadie Cooke and J. T. Lillie. Everyone seemed to enjoy the dance and have a jolly good time. On the last Fri-day evening of this month the Ladies give a musical and literary entertainment nd dance, to which an admission fee of 10 cents will be charged.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum had a very good attendance last Sunday, and with the newly-decorated hall and the new carpet, presented a fine appearance. Mrs. Seal has taken charge of group 10, and entered into the work in earnest. Among the visitors were Mr. Scholes, who gave a humorous recitation, and Mr. Olewine, who gave an interesting and instructive address to the children. He also gave great credit to Spiritualism for the good work it is doing. Next Sunday will be observed as a memorial session and a number of mediums are expected to be present and have a chance to speak for the spirit friends who formerly met with us in the body. We cordially invite all friends (old and young) in the spiritual or mater-ial body to be present. Another enter-tainment is in course of preparation. On Sunday, May 14, the Lyceum will picnic at El Campo, leaving on the 10:30 boat. Come along with us, friends, and bring your lunch. C. H. WADSWORTH.

Election.—The annual meeting of the Society of Progressive Spiritualists of San Francisco was held last Sunday, and after receiving the reports of officers for the past year, the following were elected for the ensuing year: Wm. M. Rider, Pres.; G. W. Hawes, Vice-Pres.; John Koch, Sec.; B. F. Small, Treas.; Mrs. H. E. Robinson, Jas. B. Chase, A. D. Hall, Victor Becker, Harry E. Hargrave, Directors. Mr. Victor Becker, agent of Sleeper Real Estate. Auditing Com-mittee, Mr. Jas. B. Chase, A. D. Hall, Victor Becker.

Mediums' Protective Association. -This Society of which W. T. Jones is president, has a membership of over 40, over 20 of whom are public mediums. They hold their annual election of officers, on Sunday, May 14, at 11 o'clock, at the office of the Society, 1346 Market St. This will be the 4th anniversary of the organization.

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Occult Science.-Dr. M. E. Pottenger, the representative of the Order of the Magi on this Coast, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lillie on Tuesday evening, April 25, and will deliver his fam-ous lecture, "Symbolism in a deck of Cards," in Occidental Hall under their auspices. The Doctor is genial and entertaining, and has a message for the people.

Mrs. White, Mrs. Eberhardt's mother, returned from Grand Rapids, Mich., on April 5th. The visit was pleasant and shefeels much refreshed and invigorated, and will be welcomed by many friends.

The Circle of Marmony meets every Sunday, at Occidental hall, 305 Larkin St., at 1 and closes at 4 p.m. Music, speeches, messages and a general good time. Admission free.

Mmes. Drew and Robinson have opened a meeting at 909 Market St., in Fraternity hall. This building has been thoroughly renovated and refurnished, and conditions should be good for sensi-tives. Last Sunday evening the hall was well filled, and the mediums were assisted by Dr. Davis and Mrs. H. A. Griffin. Free admission to these meetings.

The Mission Lyceum had a very interesting session last Sunday, with an increased attendance. The platform exercises consisted of 16 numbers. An original poem — recited by a young man—a member of Mrs. Seal's group— written under spirit influence, deserves more than a passing notice and will be offered to the JOURNAL for publication. Our next entertainment will be given on Wednesday evening, the 26th of this month, at Excelsior Hall, Mission St., between 19th and 20th streets. J.T.ROBERTS, Sec. W.T.JONES, Con.

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**Oakland.** — On Thursday evening, April 6, a number of Spiritualists assembled at 504 Eighth St., to celebrate the 51stanniversary of Modern Spiritualism. The house was decorated with flags, flowers and birds. The latter enlivened the occasion with their sweet warble, as if also celebrating with the rest. Theopening remarks were made by Mrs. Mary C. Pratt, concluding with tests from Prof. Geo. D. Winslow, which were all recognized.

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Prof. W. C. Bowman, South Los Angeles, Cal., would like to arrange with Societies between Los Angeles and San Francisco, to deliver one or more lectures at each point on his way to Salem, Ore-gon, to attend the New Era Camp Meeting, to open July S. He can begin to fill such engagements at once, and would like to correspond with Societies with that view.

By an oversight the date of the opening of this camp meeting was, on April 6, stated to be June, instead of July.

Dr. and Mrs. Chesbro are at Fresno, and report that their audiences are good, and that there is considerable interest taken in Spiritualism by thinkers.

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