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Just half a century and one
Of rapid-fleeing pregnant years
Their history-making course have run,
And borne their fruit of smiles and tears,
Since heaven the age-long silence broke—
Her shining gates flung open wide—
The "dead" unto the "living" spoke
And proved their presence at our side.

And we have gathered here to-night
To celebrate the natal day
That ushered in the angels bright
Who tore the shroud of death away
And set a lamp before our feet
To pierce the darkness of the tomb.
They hold with us communion sweet
When orchards bend and flowers bloom.

I need not here the story tell
Of raps that echoed round two worlds—
The wondrous tale all know so well
Of peddler's ghost and little girls.
The A, B, C has come and gone,
And now we read the printed page
And see the glorious morning dawn
Upon another "Golden Age."

And brighter, stronger, day by day,
The rising sun of Truth and Love
Will shine upon the "hidden way,"
Revealed to man by those above,
Till every weary child of earth,
Now blindly groping for the light,
Has gained the boon of spirit birth
From out the shades of Error's night.

The promised "peace on earth" shall be,
Though nations locked in deadly strife
Yet for a season we may see,
And sickness, crime and sin be rife.
The thunder-storm that clouds the sky
Must burst and drenching rain must fall
That we may garner by and by
A harvest that gives food for all.

And he who taught our lips to pray:
"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,"
By his own life has shown the way
Toward the mansions of the sun.
Through life of loving service here
And heart of purity and peace—
Who offers these has naught to fear;
His "death" shall be a glad release.

Oh, what a joy it is to know
That nothing good can ever die;
That life's pure stream, with onward flow,
Must reach perfection by and by;
That from each higher state attained
A broader field unfolds to view,
And on each summit we may gain
Will be discovered something new.

This is the message spirits bring—
A grander truth was ne'er revealed.
The youth-renewing crystal spring,
So long by priestly rite concealed,
Is thus restored to man once more
By angels from the higher spheres
Who stand on that eternal shore
Beyond this transient world of years.

They tell us of their Summerland,
Where love and roses never die;
Where pure one's wander hand in hand
Beneath a fair and cloudless sky;
Of silvery streams and golden sea
Whose waves toss jewels at their feet;
Where everything that lives is free,
And every measure is complete.

And they have cities where no crime
Lurks in the shadow of the walls,
And where the bells that softly chime
Invite the guest to wisdom-halls;
Where sages from their treasured store
Of truth revealed in thought profound
Teach as they did in days of yore
On ancient India's sacred ground.

And schools of learning where the youth
By loving master minds are taught
In Nature's living Book of Truth,
From whom no favors may be bought,
For there no twig is ever bent
And every tree grows straight and strong
Along the line of first intent
That gives to each free bird its song.

And thus shall be our future race,
When evolution's work is done
And earth has gained her destined place
Among the children of the sun.
So let us pray: "Thy kingdom come,"
By dwelling here in love and peace.
For whom his righteous will is done
Christ will return and strife will cease.

E. K. HURLBUT.

Message from Theodore Durrant.

Several months ago I received the following message and drawing (I am a medium artist), but as I am not known to the reading world, I



SPIRIT THEODORE DURRANT,

Surrounded by his Friends, Guides and Teachers.

concluded to destroy them. The message is of such a character that I felt that it should have been given through a medium better known than I am; but "Do as you are directed," my guides commanded me, and so I send it to the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

I have been mediumistic from birth, but was raised in the orthodox faith, and my mediumship, until these later years, was only a source of terror to me. Having been brought to a better understanding of life, here and beyond, I have used my gifts, through such measures as are possible to one who has poor health and many cares. One form has been to give such words of comfort and encouragement as I know how (being clairaudient) to sad, frightened, despairing spirits who pass from this life without a knowledge of spirit return, and are seem-

ingly brought to me to prove the truth of our beautiful philosophy.

Soon after his execution, weak, despairing, with the agony of Gethsemane racking his quivering form, Theodore Durrant was brought by loving ministering angels, to earth to receive such words of counsel, hope and encouragement as I have been taught to give to such as need them. Nearly a year passed, and the message I send herewith was given to me, to be sent to San Francisco. I hope you will carry out the wishes of his guides in the spirit world.

The drawing is not well executed, but I will send it, as it may interest some. Sometimes my control fails completely in drawing; or the work is indifferent; but at times it is exquisitely beautiful. To avoid correspondence, I do not wish my name in full published, so will sign myself as

E. M. M.

THEODORE DURRANT'S MESSAGE.

TO MY FRIENDS:—Once again I am permitted to enter and take part in earthly pursuits, for I may grasp the fingers and use the organism of this true friend. Another year has been added to the eternities, and my name has been seldom uttered by those who knew me well when I bore a part in their lives; but dear friends, I am not dead. I sometimes enter the homes of those who knew me, and very often I linger in the old class-room, but I believe that those who sometimes spoke charitably of me forget that I so short a time ago was one who filled the saddest place a mortal can fill—that of one who had broken the commandment which reads, "Thou shalt not kill." Let these lines be my confession. Bitter, yes, terribly bitter has been the struggle between my conscience and my weaker nature, which has held me back from uttering these hard words, but I am determined to make all the reparation left to me. Let no other ever bear the blame of being connected with the crime for which I paid the penalty on the scaffold. I alone am guilty. I say *am*, for I am living, and often in your midst, although you do not see me.

I hope by returning and sending these lines to those who knew me, and those who only knew me by my sad reputation, to bring more forcibly a warning to the young men of this State. Remember, Oh! Remember, that another form of life lies just beyond the grave; a life that renders every unholy act, every secret vice impossible of concealment. No law to bind, but everyone is judged by their own merits alone. Try to imagine yourself with every stain caused by the errors of this mortal life impressed upon your form, visible and to be read by all whom you may meet. Could you but realize this state, you would live so near the standard of true and noble manhood that these words of warning would not be needed.

I have little strength to continue, as I would be pleased to do, but hope by returning and sending these words to my friends you will know that I am determined to rise above the burden of darkness that has drawn its sable folds around me. Think as kindly of me as you can.

I now hope to reach some who knew me when here; others who need these words of warning, and many who will understand me. God will permit me to rise; kind friends surround me; loving hearts guide and strengthen me, and my own will, will open the gates that lead to a purer and a better life. I am becoming weak and will withdraw.

To my old friends and comrades again I will say, Beware. TOEODORE DURRANT.

A Trip to Jupiter.

BY SPIRIT E. V. WILSON,
Through the Mediumship of Lida B. Browne.

There are many wonderful things on this side of life unknown to mortals. One of them is the knowledge that we have the ability to wing our way or float at will to other circles of life than those which surround this earth. I myself have been permitted to go off on a tour of investigation. I say permitted advisedly, for there are laws which we have to abide by in going from place to place as much as you are circumscribed in your mode of travel. Ordinarily you can go only as fast as your legs will carry you; but if you comply with certain conditions and have the means to pay for the privilege, you can go as fast as electricity or steam can take you.

Likewise over here, if you do as others higher in authority direct, and are actuated by the highest motives, you are put in a condition by the concentration of will of many others to go far beyond the earth's spiritual circles and visit those of other planets.

I was given a commission to carry news and be a messenger, in fact, to one of the spiritual circles of Jupiter; it was an experience long to be remembered. I was always of an enquiring turn of mind and had often wondered if there were inhabitants on any other planets except ours. I always thought that it was reasonable to suppose there were, for I thoroughly believed in evolution, and if this little planet had by process of ages evolved life which had passed through the reptilian, amphibian and mammalian processes to man and had perfected him from the naked wild tribes to the thinking intelligent species such as you behold to-day, why had not other planets many times larger than ours done the same?

They have, my friends, as I have proven, and I want you to believe me as much as you did Stanley's statements when he returned to Europe after his explorations in darkest Africa, where no white man's foot had ever trod before.

When ready for my trip, I was with the assembled multitude in front of our College of Learning in the city I have called my home since being on this side of life. Our Professors had some commission of importance to send, and I was selected as messenger, much to my delight. No one begrudged me my good fortune, as I always wanted to go on such a search, and all minds are not turned in one direction, but each to what its mental capacity calls for.

At first I wondered how I would know when I got there, but trusted earnestly in those higher in knowledge and wisdom than myself. My passports or letters of introduction and instruction were in my hands; with the goodbyes and blessings of my friends, I began to leave them far behind. Their concentrated will power seemed to be the motive force for I traveled much faster than I ever did before or could have done by my own volition alone.

I passed by familiar scenes, such as beautiful cities, great stretches of woodland and meadow, running brooks, etc., but gradually left them behind and was encircled in a fleecy cloud with beautiful tints. I felt rather than saw myself moving and this condition continued till at last the cloud separated and I beheld the immense planet with its four moons far below me. It was a sight long to be remembered and I hope to always hold it in my memory. I also beheld the circles or belts around the planet which were peopled with the disembodied, as the circles are which surround the earth.

It was the fourth circle that I was to be at my journey's end, and was to deliver up my package of papers to the head Professor of one of their Astrological observatories. How I really found the place I know not. Some might say by instinct, but I believe some master mind had me in view or knew of my every movement and directed me by thought. At any rate I easily found the place designated and was welcomed by a throng.

Now these spirits look very much as we do, only larger in stature and on a grander scale of development. They are an older race than we are and have the sciences more exact. I was conducted to the place where I delivered the important document in my charge.

I was not at all fatigued from my trip but was taken by the throng to one of their pleasure gardens where I was invited to rest on one of their divans under the shade of magnificent trees where the strains of sweet music and the

singing of birds filled my soul with melody. A feast was prepared to which I was an honored guest and I was welcomed by all present as you would greet a foreign ambassador to your shores. This fete was as real and substantial as any entertainment I ever took part in while in the form and I enjoyed the novelty of new scenes and surroundings.

Very little conversation was indulged in; thought transference seemed to be the way of conveying meaning to each other and, strange to say, I could understand them. I was loath to leave, but felt the imperative call to return, which was done without incident. I may tell you later on of other experiences since coming to spirit life.—*Sunflower.*

THE OPEN COURT.

What Spiritualism has Done.

MRS. CORA L. V. RICHMOND.

The scope of the influence of Spiritualism is measureless. Its manifestations extend into every department of human thought; its presence in the world has changed the entire attitude of thoughtful minds concerning the problem of death and the after-life, and their relations to human states, at the same time opening up for investigation a vast inner realm, including the latent possibilities of the human spirit while in the earthly environment.

It has reached the man of science in his laboratory, or study, and within its rare alembic has rewrought the demonstration of immortality.

It has walked into the churches of all denominations, religions, and tongues; has stood beside the clergyman, or priest, or ministrant, and has whispered the message of immortal life, saying: "Are they not all ministering spirits?"

It has proved itself a solvent of all religions and philosophies, by correcting erroneous ideas born of imperfect human interpretations concerning a future life, and substituting knowledge.

It has restored "spiritual gifts" and made them a portion of the recognized possessions of the human race.

It has made thousands and hundreds of thousands to acknowledge it by name, within and without the churches, within and without established schools of philosophy, within and without the walks of science, by knowledge alone; and thousands of others to accept its evidence in the form of belief based upon the testimony of others.

Its sources of inspiration are the invisible hosts. Its teachers and messengers are the great, the wise, and the loved ones who have passed on.

It has in many instances opened a "royal" or inner way to knowledge for those who are its chosen instruments, by touching child minds with facts and data, with scientific and philosophical knowledge, with wisdom far beyond their years, and with eloquence unknown to mortal art.

It has not only created a literature of its own, in hundreds of volumes of experience and philosophy, and scores of periodicals publishing its demonstrations and advocating its propositions, but it has pervaded the best literature of the age, touching and illumining such writers as Lytton, Dickens, Thackeray, Longfellow, Phelps, and scores of others, with its living presence.

Its uplifting influence is felt on every life that accepts its truths, and in the whole world, by making the aims of life here consistent with a continued existence, as primary steps in the eternal pathway, and by making the basis of life *spiritual*, not material.

To a materialistic and unbelieving age, it has demonstrated the existence of the human spirit beyond the change called death.

To those who had "hope" and "faith" through any form of religious belief in a future life, it has added knowledge; and to both has opened the gateways that have not even been left "ajar" between the spiritual and material realms.

It has removed the fear of death and of what might come to the spirit after the dissolution of the body, by a knowledge of the states and conditions of those who have passed beyond that change, as declared by the testimony of disem-

bodied spirits, who must be in the very nature of the case the only authentic sources of information upon subjects pertaining to that future existence.

It has bridged the chasm, spanned the stygian stream, between the two states of existence by the iris archway of love.

Immortal messengers have brought the knowledge of their states of existence, and have announced in unmistakable ways the nearness of the so-called "undiscovered country."

Invisible hands have rekindled the fires upon the altars of inspiration that had long been desolate.

Angels and ministering spirits have anew attuned the voices of mortals to immortal songs. And they have "rolled away the stone from the door of the sepulchre" of thousands of human hearts who thought their dead did not live.

Its authority is truth wherever found; its sacred books the inspiration of every age; its oracles and priests, those whom truth anoints and inspiration calls; its creed, the unwritten law of knowledge, wisdom, truth and love; its ceremonials, the service of noble lives; its communion is with kindred spirits, and its fellowship with all; its altars, the human spirit; its temples, living souls.

It is the open door, the present light, the demonstration, philosophy, and religion of the immortal soul.

Calm-browed and unafraid, this mild-eyed, open-visioned presence views the heretofore and the hereafter, the present and the future, with equal interest and courage, born of perfect truth. The "well-springs of eternal life" are hers, and she bids mortals drink fearlessly at their living fountains. The "bread of life" is hers, and she bids all spirits partake freely from the all-bountiful store. From the vintage of the spirit the wine of her everlasting kingdom is distilled in streams of living inspiration.

Sages gather from its open treasure-house the wisdom of the skies. Seers and prophets, inspired anew, reveal again the forever old, forever new, immortal theme. The mourner forgets her grief, and dries her tears while listening to the messages of love. The weary find rest in its all-reposeful and eternal ways. The weak find strength in its unhindered helpfulness. Crime, sin, and all human imperfection, and shadows, fade gradually, yet surely, before its all-potent light.

Peaceable will be the conquest of this truth in the years to come. Its methods are of thought and spiritual force; its greatest victories are within human hearts; it seeks to build for itself no vast earthly temples; few institutions has it founded, or will it found, except within the hearts and lives of those whom it blesses; its charities are ever-present beneficence; its schools, all avenues of knowledge; it will mold and govern those who rule in the affairs of nations by its just and fraternal principles; it will pervade religions by the true interpretation of the spirit, and to such as have no outward shrine it will be the incense of hallowed truth upon the altar of the heart.—*Arena.*

A New Doctor.

Try him; it will not cost much. He belongs to the laboring class and does not expect great wages, but will bring great profits to his employer. It is Dr. Laughter. He can be called in handily. Oh, but you have these *disease-examiners*, Worry, Pain and Fear with you already! Never mind; this is a *health-doctor*. He is not looking for disease. Let him in. Laughter? Yes.

Don't look sad, but laugh. Laugh as a tonic; laugh as a purgative. It helps indigestion; it gives vigorous and pure circulation. Try it in the morning, before putting your stockings on. Laugh to the end of your toes. Expand every part of your body; fill it with the sunshine of laughter.

You haven't anything to laugh at? Then laugh for something. Laugh for health—laugh for wealth—laugh because it is right to laugh and wrong to yourself and others to sigh and complain.

"But," you say, "how can I laugh when my dear one has just been taken beyond the veil. It looks to me to be a sin to laugh now." But this is a medicine, dear friend. You are taking it to help you in your trouble, not because your mirth is excited, but because you feel a necessity for keeping up a normal and healthful circulation. Grief is abnormal.

Go through all the motions of laughter—heartily, “out-loud” laughter, and laugh till you are tired, or rather, until you are invigorated, and feel a warm healthful glow all through your body, as you know all nature feels when the sun shines upon it. This is natural; this is the true elixir of life; this the spiritual sun-force. Laugh heartily—mind, heartily (this is not Dr. Smile) three times a day before eating, and shake well; make grimaces to do it at first if you must—soon you will relish it. What a charm it adds to the face! No beauty-doctor can compare with it. We do not mean that perpetual half-hearted smile which some good people wear, but the pure spiritual gleam of intelligence that irradiates the face after taking this laughter-tonic.

“But how can I take a dose of laughter in the morning when I awake with the consciousness that those bills must be paid, and the family exchequer at the lowest ebb?”

Well, will a frown bring a flood-tide of finance? Are calamity-howlers ever prosperous? Try a new method. You can be rich in one way. You can have health (if you laugh) and what is wealth without it? You may have wealth and be miserable without health. The man who laughs heartily is a prosperous man. He is a gold mine in a neighborhood, for everyone is enriched by him in the prosperity of health.

Employ Dr. Laughter. He should have a Medical Institute in every town. Organize classes to practice laughing at regular intervals as a medicine, and give premiums to the heartiest and most musical laughist. Let us make it an art, an accomplishment, and note the charming and beneficial results. Let us make it an American “movement” for healthful adjustment of the physical atoms, for true polarization, for inner and outer responses and for soul liberation and expansion.

LENA INGRAM GIFFORD.

The Needs of Spiritualism.

“The watchword of every true Spiritualist is progression. To stand still is to die.” I make this forceful quotation from the editorial page of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL of June 1, because I believe the words to be most true—I make bold to inquire, are we true to the principles we so continuously enunciate? Are we alive to any great extent as a people? Do we make ourselves felt as a unit or a power in the land? Have we increase of numbers, or wealth, or influence, in any particular direction? If not, why not?

Having asked these questions, no doubt I will be expected to answer them, and after which I may receive a volley of wordy hail in return for my spiritual heresy.

To those best knowing me, there is no question of my entire loyalty to the faith—which I have defended as long as it has had a name—and met persecutions innumerable on account of the same. It is in defense of its highest good that I make the present observations.

Apparently, to progress is to advance—to grow—to acquire—to reach out, and aspire. In what way have we as a people advanced in spiritual thought, teaching, or unfoldment? Self-evident truths do not require a constant reiteration of their existence, but the operation of their claims in the purposes for which they are manifest.

To declare that all men are born free with the same inalienable rights, without giving them power to exercise the right of freedom, is a mockery. To declare that we are progressive in thought without progressing, is a farce. To sum up the gist of Spiritualism in actual patronage to the phenomena, which only acts as a demonstration of one thought, which few deny—immortality—is absurd; and to limit one's spiritual growth to phases of the occult, even when too well demonstrated to permit of doubt, is debasing and evil.

Had we been equal to the great trust reposed in us, when the truths of Modern Spiritualism were first entrusted to our keeping, we should have expanded to the earth's limits, with churches or halls of our own, and teachers of wise dignity and kind and tender mein, who would expound the philosophy and point the way for weary feet to a higher and happier life here upon earth—and be examples of it themselves.

Hungering humanity asks for bread. What do we give them? You may reply, they hunger

to know, “What of the dead?” Yes, that is the heart's first cry when stricken.

Is phenomena the bread of satisfaction they ask? There are few who did not believe in continued life ere the blow fell—but what is the law of being there, and how to attain that degree of goodness and unfoldment which is to give them the companionship of those who having gone in advance to a better world are likely, under different conditions, to pass on beyond their more mortal reach, unless guided by wise counsel?

Why are the ranks of our teachers, our best, most eloquent speakers and thinkers who could hold their audiences as if by a spell with their eloquence and inspiration—such as made men and women nobler and better with every hearing—now depleted and thinned? Why have they found other fields for their works and words that thrilled? *Why are we so dead?* Let us be not deceived!

In the days of our greatest popularity and activity our speakers held intelligent and earnest audiences by intelligent, earnest and inspired words that were entertaining and instructive to the masses, who then responded with cheerfully-bestowed finance.

Then came the tendency to gratify the curious and supply the sensational—from which the sensitive, devotional religionist naturally shrank—and gradually fell away and went over to our elder daughter—Theosophy—to employ their religious thought and aspiration.

Our teachers of merit, dignity and scholarly ability, on being supplemented—as became the rule—by the sensational, oftentimes with illiteracy that should have been corrected, if not in the public schools, then by the spirits claiming to have been wise, scholarly and capable in their first earthly occupation, and having now control—have shrunk from the combination—even though not compelled to share finances—and dropped away from the Spiritualistic platform, until now we scarce have a speaker's roster of any significance.

It is not complimentary to the intelligence of our people, and certainly not to the laborer who has broken away the obstacles of superstition and bigotry, for lo! these many years—as pioneers in the spiritual work—to be told they are useless without the phenomena. It is a libel upon our teaching of continuous progression and upon our progression itself; it is a throttle to expanding thought and spiritualizing aspiration.

The people need awaking from their Rip-Van-Winkle sleep, and teaching the laws of being, relationship and duties to each other and country—an interest in municipal and State institutions, as a part of their religious obligation, which the followers of the faith are most keenly awake to when some bill is projected in the Legislature that appears as a cinch on mediumship in any way, while a thousand things of greater weight and wider range are never seen or heeded.

It is no kindness to our mediums to place upon them the toga of the orator and educator, or to give to those who come to learn and listen to our gospel—only the descriptions and answers to personal questions which are immaterial, and without interest except to the few who receive them.

To secure the best and most accurate phenomena requires conditions such as cannot be obtained from forced expression on the platform and a mixed audience—entire failure to respond would be quite as much in evidence of a high spirit control as any demonstration from a delicate sensitive under such circumstances, and the greater the number upon the same occasion, each desiring to excel, the greater the wonder is that all do not fail in everything.

Of late, in making various inquiries relative to the status of our public service the same lament comes from various and widely-diverging localities—“Little interest, less funds—can hardly keep together even with the demonstrations—no encouragement for the speaker.”

So this is our outlook? Well, it is not promising to “the best faith in the world,” is it? What is our cure?

Suppose our people take a suggestion from the experience of the past—call back to rostrum work some of the magnetic and earnest speakers, who have been retired by want of support and neglect, and take them again into your hearts and confidence and sustaining-encouragement, and see if the old fires will not re-kindle. When their voices shall once more, under such assurances of your support, resound responsive to a heaven-sent inspiration to an

eager, hungering people who have a right to be fed with the best that a waiting angel band is only too eager to bestow—for the healing of the nations.

ADDIE L. BALLOU.

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Robert Owen; How he became a Spiritualist.

In the early years of Spiritualism (1851—4) I was very actively engaged in the good cause in and about Boston. I hired and furnished a public hall which I caused to be used as a place of general resort for believers and enquirers, also as a convenient place for evening circles and meetings. In this way I became acquainted with most of the active Spiritualists—especially the mediums of that region. Of all these last, I think that Mrs. U. R. Hayden was the most perfect and satisfactory as a rapping and test medium, of any I have ever met with in all my many years of Spiritualism. I became intimately acquainted with her, and after her return from her first visit to England, she gave me an interesting account of some of her experiences with prominent individuals, among which was that with Robert Owen, the noted Communist and materialistic leader, who through her mediumship became a firm Spiritualist. As I have still in my possession Mrs. Hayden's interesting account as taken down by me, I propose now to transcribe it for the JOURNAL.

“When Mr. Owen first visited our rooms, it was not avowedly for the purpose of testing my mediumship and its claims, but he put forth some other reason for calling: I think it was to enquire about some American book he wished to get. But as he was standing before the fire, in conversation with myself and husband, the raps came with great promptness upon a table at some distance from him and considerable louder than usual in order, as appeared afterwards, to accommodate his imperfect hearing.

“‘What's that? What's that?’ said Mr. Owen.

“‘Why, I suppose that is some of your friends who want to talk with you.’

“‘Spirit friends wanting to talk with me? Very well; I am always ready to hear what comes to me.’

“He then took a seat at the table and became deeply absorbed in what was going on. His success in getting spirit messages inspired even me. Old friends—some of them belonging to a period a half century or more back in his history, of whom I had heard nothing, came to him in rapid succession and gave him such positive proofs of a living personal presence that the good man was utterly astonished and went away so deeply impressed that thenceforward he was one of our most frequent visitors, and eventually he became fully satisfied of the truth of the claim.

“Some time after, myself and husband having dined with him, he said to us: ‘My friends are holding a meeting in honor of my birth-day, at one of our public halls; would you not like to go with me to that meeting?’ We gladly accepted his invitation, and on entering the hall he insisted upon taking us with him onto the platform among the prominent leaders. One of them was speaking when we entered. When he had ended, Mr. Owen himself took the stand amid a hush of expectation—for the fact of his defection from the leading faith of his followers had already become widely known, and something especially bearing upon that point was expected upon this occasion.

“He was listened to with the usual attention and deference, until at length he approached the subject of his new faith, when something like a hiss went through the audience. The old man paused, and gathering himself up in full force and dignity, with a voice and mien that absolutely commanded respectful attention, he said: ‘My friends, you know that Robert Owen takes nothing on trust; I have received nothing on trust here, but have proof of that which I now believe,’ and much more in a similar strain was uttered, until he had freed his mind and indicated at least his perfect honesty in this his departure from his old faith.”

Mrs. Hayden commanded the universal respect of Spiritualists of that day, and as she was at length preparing for a second visit to England, a farewell reception was given to her at which an expression of the highest regard for her moral worth as well as the excellence of her mediumship, was embodied in an address to the English Spiritualists. This was on March 27, 1855.

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Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond returned to Chicago some time ago, and the Church of the Soul, of which she is the pastor, holds its regular services in Kimball Hall, 243 Wabash Ave. It is a commodious hall containing 400 comfortable opera chairs, a fine pipe organ, large room for Sunday School and other desirable conveniences. Mrs. Richmond is a pleasant speaker, and draws to her lectures some of the best people of Chicago. An article from her guides may be found on page 2, of this issue. It is full of inspiration and eloquence.

Spiritual consciousness makes us to realize spiritual being, duties, thoughts and rights. Truth is the essence, and thoughts are the different aspects of it. Truth is neither new or modern—it is as old as nature; but there is a time when we first become conscious of it; then it is new to us. Then instead of our being controlled by destiny, we become a part of "the government" itself in Nature's Council Chamber, control our lives, and "master our fate."

The Medical Bill in Colorado was vetoed by Gov. Thomas. It practically limited to three schools the practice of medicine—allopathic, homeopathic and eclectic. Gov. Thomas delivered an able veto message and said that the tendency of the bill would be to make a physician's trust. He stated that every person should be allowed to employ any doctor he chooses.

Mrs. Ella Royal Williams, a medium of Salem, Oregon, graduated with others, on June 5, at the Willamette University in that city. The JOURNAL offers congratulations.

Theodore Durrant, who was hung last year at San Quentin, Cal., for the murder of Blanche Lamont in the belfry of a Baptist church in this city, has been heard from. A message from him appears on the first page of this JOURNAL, together with an engraving showing his spirit guides and teachers. It was sent to us for publication by direction of the guides of the medium through whom it came. We know nothing further about it, but give it a place as requested. His crime is herein confessed, and he seeks now to atone for his evil deeds. His crime was committed in a church building and he was a church member and leader in the Sunday School. Had he been a Spiritualist, it would have been heralded far and wide and the crime would have been charged to Spiritualism. "Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones." Church people cannot show a better moral record than non-church-goers, and must not cast any slurs in that direction. Durrant will reform, as will all, and progress to better conditions.

Scientific Discoveries.

This is an age of wonderful inventions. The nineteenth century is winding up with a record in the line of discoveries in physical science, which outrivals all centuries. We have to fairly "hold our breath," as it were, for they come so thick and fast as to astonish even the most thoughtful and progressive of the human family. It will be of much interest to enumerate some of these inventions and discoveries. Sir William Crookes thus invites attention to telepathy or

THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE.

It would be well to begin with telepathy; with the fundamental law, as I believe it to be, that thoughts and images may be transferred from one mind to another without the agency of the recognized organs of sense; that knowledge may enter the human mind without being communicated in any hitherto known or recognized ways. If telepathy take place, we have two physical facts—the physical change in the brain of A, the suggester, and the analogous physical change in the brain of B, the recipient of the suggestion. Between these two physical events there must exist a train of physical causes. Such a sequence can only occur through an intervening medium. All the phenomena of the universe are presumably in some way continuous, and it is unscientific to call in the aid of mysterious agencies when, with every fresh advance in knowledge, it is shown that ether vibrations have power and attributes abundantly equal to any demand—even the transmission of thought.

SIR WILLIAM CROOKES.

Now we desire to call attention to some of the interesting news items found in current papers, which recount many of the wonderful inventions and discoveries of this eventful age—as follows:

THE NEW TELEGRAPHY.

A telegraph message was sent from Washington to Ft. Myer yesterday at the rate of 200,000 words an hour. It was written down clearly and automatically at the receiving end of the line.

The average rapidity of a good operator by the Morse system of telegraphy is 30 words a minute. The synchronograph, the new system, carries 3,333 words a minute. Anything that can be done to make a single wire carry more than one message at a time can be applied to the new discovery, it is said, and so the unalterable difference in volume of business is as 30 to 3,300. And one man can handle it with ease with no need for excessive perspiration.

The theory of the new telegraphy is the theory of wave motion in alternating electric currents.—*Washington Times*.

THE DEAF HEAR, THE DUMB SPEAK.

The experiments with the apparatus designed by Morris Reese Hutchinson, enabling the deaf-mute to hear and by hearing, to speak, have aroused much interest through the country.

There is now no question as to its practicability. The most severe test of the instrument was made in the presence of a medical commission consisting of Doctors L. S. Pugh, Angelo Fistorazzi, Ruffin A. Wright, of the Alabama Medical College and J. T. Inge and W. T. Henderson. There were also present in the hall where the exhibition took place a number of the most prominent men in the city.

Two deaf-mutes who had been inmates of the State Asylum at Talladega were the subjects upon whom the instruments were tested. Ordinarily they could not hear the firing of artillery; by means of Mr. Hutchinson's invention they were enabled to hear the music of a piano at a distance of 60 feet. By using the finger alphabet they commented upon the different airs played by an ordinary graphophone, and they heard the voice of the inventor when it was hardly audible to the assemblage.

Many attempts were made by the medical men to discover whether the mutes really heard or, seeing the motions generating sound, were deceived into believing that they heard. The pianist was ordered to stop suddenly, but to continue his motions as if playing. Other stringed musical instruments were played, and the performers while not twanging the strings pretended to do so. The principal operator spoke to the mutes, and while moving his lips as if in conversation uttered no sound. In every instance the subjects detected the deception and remarked it through their finger alphabet.—*St. Louis Republic*.

SOUNDS CAN BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

Science stands on the threshold of important discoveries in the realms of sound. That the atmospheric vibrations that convey sounds to our ears can be frozen has been proved by Arctic explorers, among the vagaries of sound in cold weather being the phenomenon of the noise of a gun fired in the frozen North being heard at a distance sometime before the command to "fire" which had preceded the report, was heard. We have volumes of theoretical explanations of the mystery of sound, but the very nature of the subject has baffled investigators who tried to step from the platform of theory to that of tangible knowledge.

Science has taken heart, however, for it is now being demonstrated that sound can be photographed. The idea of turning a camera on the transparent atmosphere seems absurd. But science has obtained photographs that are the exact reproductions of the vibrations that certain sounds make on the air. Furthermore, it has been shown that so exactly similar are photographs of the same word repeated that it would be possible to make up a complete sentence from these sound photographs which could be readily read by anyone having a key to the appearance of the vibrations.—*Florida Times*.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

It will be observed that it is not merely across some thousand yards of sea, but from one side of the English channel to the other, that this astonishing invention of wireless telegraphy has now made intelligible and continuous conversation possible. As was but natural, France opened the ball with one of those polite phrases so long associated with her diplomatic science, and England did not keep her waiting long for a reply; while Italy—in the person of the inventor—no doubt joined in this amicable international trio, and produced a celestial harmony that may not inaptly be compared to the music of the spheres. Meanwhile the heavy cable underneath the waves, which cost \$5,000 for every \$50 expanded by the new ethereal conductor, must have quivered with envious jealousy to see his once-admired prerogatives departing from him. Puck, who could put a girdle round the earth so swiftly, is now forever banished to the limbo of the past and Ariel has replaced him, murmuring our messages through the viewless air.—*Freedom*.

These are only a few of the many things which cause wonder and astonishment. If the twentieth century shall keep up the wonderful pace of inventions started in the century preceding, it will indeed be a glorious era, transcending and marvelous—one where spirit will manifest through physical beings all the supernal glories of the spheres.

The First Spiritualists Society at Chattanooga, Tenn., holds meetings every Sunday and Wednesday during the season, in Congregational Hall, 708 Market St., and has issued a circular of four pages for general distribution setting forth the principles and objects of Spiritualism. Under the latter heading we find the following objects stated:

To teach the Immortality of the soul, through knowledge and not belief. To teach that while in the mortal body, we must act right, as there is no eleventh hour pardon, but as you sow here so shall you reap in the hereafter. To teach love to all mankind of whatsoever nationality with liberality and respect to all Creeds or Religions. To teach Morality in thought, word and deed. To teach that by understanding the Science and Philosophy of living, we may live better lives on this sphere and each help elevate mankind Socially and Spiritually. To cull the highest ethical teachings from all Scientists, Reformers, and different Spiritual teachers of all Religions and Sects in the world.

Mr. Paul R. Albert, manager of the Opera House, is one of the principal members, from whom copies of the circular may be obtained.

"Rules and Advice in Forming Circles" is a book of 64 pages, compiled by James H. Young, and published by the Onset Publishing Co. It contains a declaration of principles and hymns and songs for circle and social singing. Price, 20 cents. For sale at this office.

Two earthquakes shook up San Francisco and vicinity at 11:20 p.m. on June 1st. Crockery, wall ornaments, and glasses were demolished in great quantities; cornices of buildings, chimneys, cap-stones and mason-work were loosened and fell to the ground; large numbers of people were alarmed, and ran into the streets in scant attire—but no lives were lost, so far as we have heard. The roaring sound and flash of light accompanying it, were the cause of much anxiety and foreboding at the time—but it soon passed away, and things resumed their usual course—the quake lasting less than a minute.

The very interesting communication from Spirit E. V. Wilson, through Mrs. Lida B. Browne, found on page 2 of this JOURNAL, describing his trip to Jupiter, was given in one sitting of just one hour, and written very slowly and precisely, only a few words at a time. Mrs. Brown writes us that she never knew Mr. Wilson personally, but that he was an intimate friend of her parents, and was at their home when she was a child. We knew that excellent medium and received some of our first messages from the spirit world through him, some 25 years ago, when he was one of the most popular test mediums in the spiritual ranks. It will be read with more than ordinary interest.

The Reviewer.

LESSONS ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE, by Lucie G. Beckham. 158 pp. San Francisco, Cal.: C. W. Gordon, Printer. Price \$1.00. For sale at this office.

This book contains 12 lectures on Mental Science, which constitute the primary course, as delivered by the author, in the Home of Truth, 1231 Pine St., San Francisco. In the evolution of the world of thought, these lessons teach the most advanced method whereby man may "overcome the world," and be master of himself and his environments, as exemplified by the character and life of the author. It is nicely printed and bound in cloth, and is a gem.

Mr. W. T. Stead writes in the *Review of Reviews* for June on "Oliver Cromwell and the National Church of England," apropos of the Cromwell tercentenary just celebrated in England. Mr. Stead advocates a return to Cromwell's ideas of church establishment, which would certainly dispose of the quarrel about ritualism in the present English church.

It is not generally known that the ceremonies of the Christian church are largely adaptations of Pagan forms of worship which existed in the Roman Empire at the time of the introduction of Christianity. The article by the Rev. Th. Trede, therefore, in the June *Open Court*, on "Paganism in the Roman Church," will be in the nature of a revelation to many.

"A Discussion between a Catholic who claimed to be a Christian and a Christian who had Renounced Catholicism; wise the first (according to men) and ignorant the second," is the title of a dialogue (in Spanish) published in Barcelona, Spain, by La Cabaña (Borrell, Num. 53), at 1 real. It contains 48 closely-printed pages, in which the tables are turned upon the supposed wise Catholic. The work concludes with a compilation from the Bible, and other religious works, showing Catholicism to be anti-Christ in teaching and practice.

The Open Court Publishing Company, of Chicago, have just issued a translation of Dr. Alfred Binet's "Psychology of Reasoning," as based on experimental researches in hypnotism. Price 75 cents.

The *Coming Age* for June presents a fine table of contents. Among the best articles are, "The Twentieth Century Ideal of Manhood," by Rev. O. P. Gifford, D. D.; "The Post-office the Citadel of American Liberty," by Jas. L.

Cowles; "A Contribution to the Study of Psychic Phenomena," by Rev. W. G. Todd, and "Dreams and Visions," by Mrs. Reifsneider, with editorials, etc., by B. O. Flower. 20 cts. Copley Square, Boston, Mass.

Mind, for June, contains many excellent articles, among which are "The Psychology of Mental Healing," by Dr. G. Sterling Wines; "The Law of Attraction," by Charles Brodie Patterson; "The Science of Being," by Josephine Verlage, and an editorial on a "Psychic Study Society." Alliance Publishing Co., 19 West 31st St., New York.

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How to be Happy.

Read at the Hermetic Brotherhood meeting at 856 Hayes St., San Francisco, on May 23, 1899.

What is happiness to one, may not be to another; and yet if we inquire of those nearing the end of life's journey, we find them very similar. A life well spent in making others happy, brings a certain spiritual growth well worth having; and yet we have no more right to be unjust to ourselves than to others.

It is the little things that make up life, and if we learn how to control them, we will always be able to meet the larger ones; and to me, this is just what the Brotherhood does. It teaches one how to make the best use of life; assists one to control self, look for the good in every thing and cultivate true happiness.

A silent demand for wisdom through a positive, persistent, mental attitude, will be answered in its own way. Such methods belong to the individual, and can not be safely copied and practiced by any one else, as the spirit of the infinite does not reveal itself alike to any two persons. A new book may plant new ideas, and the thoughts of another may water them, but it is only the awakened God within yourself that can give the increase.

The tendency, in many, is to look backward; which is wrong, for we want to advance, and to do so, we must look forward. "Let the dead bury its dead." Fling off the remembrance of everything in the past that has annoyed you; everything bringing regret; everything you have mourned over. Nothing in nature goes backward, the world is better and brighter today than ever before.

We may sometimes be carried back to past experiences with profit, by contrasting them with the present, or to show us the cause of certain conditions in which we find ourselves, for our present condition is but the result or effect of our past, therefore we are the makers of our own destiny.

It is especially necessary that we should be careful of our thoughts, because thoughts run in currents; and as we think, we attract to us like thought-currents, and these reflect upon both mind and body. In living and thinking of the supreme power and goodness of the one, we attract to us that thought-current, and as we so attract it, we do become one with the existent.

If we wish to be successful in business, we get into the thought-current of success. The same as when we visit the sick, we do not want to talk to them of sickness and death, but of things that are cheerful and quieting; and so, if we want to be happy, we must think of happiness—live, eat it and drink it. See the good everywhere. In the bright sunshine; in the refreshing showers. All nature speaks of life, happiness and progression.

It is not well to live too much in one thought-current, for that makes a "one idea man." Round out. Whatever you do on the material plane, do well, and give it your whole concentrated thought while doing it. It makes no difference how lowly the work may appear, if done well it is not menial—and the same on the mental plane; concentrate all your mental powers at the time on whatever is the subject in hand, and you will be more able to do the same on the spiritual plane.

If we dwell continually upon our own faults,

they will attract the same, and increase the fault thereby; while on the other hand, if we keep the image of strength, courage, even temper, and good qualities in mind, we will in time, by asking the help of the supreme power, make them a part of ourselves and thereby overcome the fault.

When we recognize an evil or fault in ourselves, it is half cured, because that will enable us to dwell upon the opposite; therefore to be happy we only have to dwell upon the healthy, the natural, the good, the true, the pure and beautiful, until it becomes a part of us.

MRS. M. E. HARRIS.

The festival of the holy fire, as observed at Eastertide in the church of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem is one which, once seen, can never be forgotten. The Holy City is then filled to overflowing with pilgrims from all parts of Christendom. Riots between opposing factions are common, and the Turkish police, who are in charge of the church as the representative of "The Commander of the Faithful," have their hands full, and sometimes more than full, with the mob of shrieking, half-crazy fanatics. When the priests appear, bearing the tapers which have been lighted at the sacred fire, which is popularly believed to appear miraculously, they are assailed by a frantic, howling mob, each man bearing a taper, which he endeavors to kindle at one of those carried by the priests. The scene is, in truth, afar from edifying one at the close. It is, in fact, a painful and disgraceful scene, regarded from a religious point of view, and one that affords the Mohammedan soldiers keen delight. They spare neither scoffs nor jeers, nor blows either, when the exigencies of the case calls for active intervention among the battling fanatics, and assertion of the authority of the Sultan.—*New York Observer*.

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With your breath upon the breeze
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As half as sweet as you.

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San Jose Notes.

TO THE EDITOR:
Mrs. Cowell bid San Jose good-bye on Sunday, April 30, after a year of successful and arduous work, under many disadvantages, principally that of non-residence. Mrs. C. is the first and only person who ever occupied the rostrum of the Society here continuously for a year, having a larger attendance at the end than at the beginning, and with an increasing interest. We hope others will follow and do as well, as we advocate the yearly term of employment of speakers and mediums. Mrs. C.'s last Monday-evening circle, on May 1st, contained 49 people, and several who were entire strangers, that being their first visit to a spiritual circle. They got convincing evidence and proofs, that will have a good effect upon them and those with whom they are connected. W. D. J. HAMBLEY.

Passing the Portals.

TO THE EDITOR:
Mr. and Mrs. Matheson, on their return from San Diego, where they had spent the winter, Mrs. M. giving spirit communications and exercising various phases of mediumship (through whom Mr. Brown some time ago manifested himself), stayed with me two days, on their way to Holcomb Valley where they are largely interested in mining.

This evening, May 12, Mr. Brown took control of Mrs. M., and talked to us for nearly an hour, in which, after giving plans and advice for our benefit, his main topic was the JOURNAL, telling us to always subscribe and support it, and he would dictate through Mrs. M., the messages to have taken down for a series of letters, describing the beauties and grandeur he experienced while passing the transition state and entering the spirit land, as no other had ever explained it sufficiently plain and comprehensive, which was left for him to do.

He formed us three into a band for his work, saying there would be messages purporting to come from him, but to forestall this we are to sign our names as witnesses, so the messages and influences that would go with them cannot be gainsayed. He wondered that other spirits had not given to mortals even a faint glimmer of the transcendent beauty and glory of the passage between the earthly and spiritual states. Also that he felt many looking for a message from him to which he will gladly respond soon.

Mrs. JOHN BROWN, SR.
San Bernardino, Cal.

Were all Great Men Christians?

TO THE EDITOR:
Since Mrs. Cowell has left us, Mrs. Stone has occupied the Society's platform with satisfaction to all. Her readings have been good and her lectures well received. It was a good move when the Society elected Dr. C. H. Johnson for its president. He is a good speaker, is well posted and an energetic worker. He is assisted by a corps of good workers. We have secured the services of Prof. W. C. Bowman for the month of June, and expect to make the month a successful one.

The managers of the Normal School invited Phil Sheridan Post, G. A. R., to attend their exercises in the forenoon last Monday. Being a member, I attended. We were treated royally; the room was packed with scholars; the music and recitations of the scholars were first-class. The pastor of the Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Kummer, had been invited to give an address. He chose for his subject, "General Grant." He took occasion to turn his guns upon "the Infidel." He said no great men had come from their families; the inference was, they were not good citizens or able men.

I am willing to concede many eminent Christians have left the world better than they found it, whom we love to speak of. Cannot the Christians concede the same to Infidels? Their name is legion. They have been prominent

figures from the commencement of this government until the present time, in all ranks and walks of life, during the revolution and the war of the rebellion; also in private life and civil office. Nearly all the opponents of human slavery, known as Abolitionists, were freethinkers: such as Wendell Phillips, Theodore Parker, Garrison, Garrett Smith. I look upon the utterance of the Rev. Dr. Kummer before a gathering of G. A. R. men, in a schoolroom packed with children, as being outrageous, false and misleading. Children do not forget such things.

San Jose, Cal. H. H. NICHOLS.

Another Earthquake.

BROTHER NEWMAN:
Sitting at my desk this morning, June 2, a hand was laid on my shoulder and this message was given to me:

"In 1900 San Francisco will experience the heaviest earthquake it has ever felt. Large buildings will fall like toy houses before the wind. Also some lives will be lost, and some damage will be done to neighboring cities."

On July 7, 1898, you recorded in the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL my second edition of prophecies, in which it was stated, "The northern part of California will suffer another severe earthquake, and much damage will be done."

This was verified by the earthquake which occurred yesterday, June 1, 1899. The heading in this morning's San Francisco Examiner reads: "Two Earthquakes felt in This and Other Cities—Shocks which Frightened Many People and did Damage to Buildings."

DR. MAX MUEHLENBRUCH.

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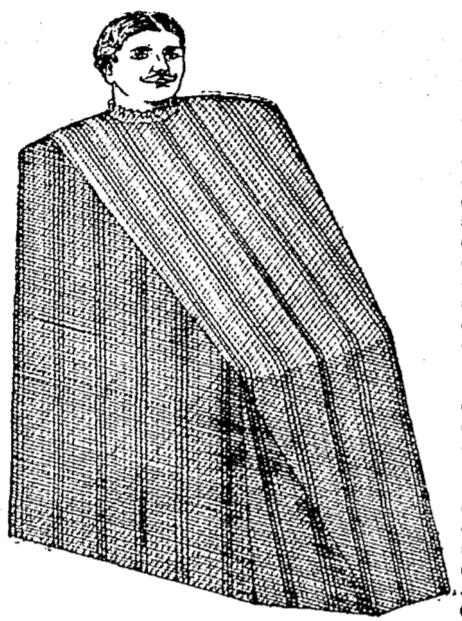
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Local News Summary.

Edited by M. S. NORTON.

Mrs. Lillie's Lecture.—The usual song service preceded the lecture, in Occidental Hall, last Sunday evening. The topic was, "A Rational View of Immortality." The speaker demonstrated in her clear, logical manner that "the rational order of things proclaim immortality, from the Atom to the Infinite." The lecture closed with an improvised poetical peroration. Mr. Lillie and Mrs. Cooke sang, "Where the Roses ne'er do Wither," and the meeting closed with the good-night word by Mrs. Lillie.

Mrs. Logan's Meeting. at Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St., began last Sunday at 1 p.m., as usual. Alfred Goff always inspirational and eloquent, was followed by Mark Stoddard, Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Welker and many others, whose voices are familiar to frequenters of this meeting. There was music by Mr. Keller, Mr. McNorton and Mr. Heiss, and many good things from many minds.

Personals.—W. D. J. Hambly, of San Jose, and Mrs. Rebecca I. Johnson, of Hollister, were in attendance on the State Board meeting.

Brother B. F. Small has been suffering with an attack of neuralgia.

Dr. M. A. Pottenger is now located at 30 McAllister St. Classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Ladies' Aid Social.—The monthly social and reception under the auspices of this Society, always held upon the evening of the 2nd Friday of each month, will this month be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lillie, 301 Polk St., corner of Fulton. The parlors are spacious and accommodations ample; all are welcome. Remember the date, Friday evening, June 9.

Home of Truth.—On the first Sunday of June the morning service was conducted by Mrs. Kemp as usual. Her subject was "Temptation." The spirituality, earnestness and eloquence of the speaker, have endeared her to all who visit the Home. In the evening Miss Lucie G. Beckham, the eminent teacher and author lectured, taking for her subject, "Childlike Humility." A special feature of these meetings is the music, both instrumental and vocal. The solos of Dr. Little are worthy of particular mention. A primary course of lectures on "The Philosophy of Life," by Miss Beckham, will be given at this Home, 1231 Pine St., beginning Tuesday evening, June 6. All are welcome.

Oakland.—Fraternal Hall was crowded to the doors on Sunday evening, May 29; extra chairs having been provided. This was the third week of the engagement of Mrs. Ladd-Finnican. The medium was at her best; every being recognized. Mrs. H. A. Griffin occupied the platform on Sunday evening, June 4, and Mrs. Ladd-Finnican will do so for the Sunday following. These meetings are free, and the public are cordially invited. THOS. ELLIS.

Meeting of the State Board.

The regular quarterly session was held at 1423 Market St., San Francisco, last Saturday at 8 p.m. President Norton in the chair. All members were present except Mr. Small and Mrs. Kellenberger.

After routine business Mrs. Teresa Martin, 215 Shotwell St., San Francisco, was granted a certificate of protection.

The following letter was then read and a committee was appointed to take charge of the matter, with full power to act.

At a regular meeting of the Mediums Protective Association, held May 14th, 1899, the Secretary was instructed to address you, on behalf of the Association, petitioning you to take some action against persons who use the name of "medium" as a cloak for immoral practices.

Having confidence in your ability and willingness to give this matter wise and careful consideration, and believing that you will take measures to give honest mediums the relief they seek from unprincipled persons who would disgrace the sacred name of medium by dragging it in the mire of moral corruption, we are, yours fraternally, W. T. JONES, Pres. J. T. ROBERTS, Sec.

Mrs. Salome Cowell was appointed State Missionary.

The following was submitted by Mr. Hambly:

Resolved, that all speakers, mediums and others, holding certificates of ordination, or endorsement from this State Association, shall be entitled to representation as delegates at the State Convention to be held September 1, 1899.

Resolved, that these speakers and mediums shall be designated, "Delegates at Large," and shall be vested with the same privileges as regularly-elected delegates from auxiliary societies, except election to the directorate.

Resolved, that the admission of these speakers, mediums, etc., shall in no way effect the regular representation from auxiliary societies to which they belong, unless the society choose to elect them as delegates, in which case they can choose between the two, and it shall so appear upon the credentials.

Resolved, that these resolutions be printed in the JOURNAL, and a copy of the same be sent to every speaker and medium so ordained or endorsed.

A committee was appointed to make preparations for and present suggestions concerning the State Convention to be held next September.

After further routine business, the Board adjourned at 10:20 p.m., to meet again on July 22. T. G. NEWMAN, Sec.

Universal Spiritual Association.—The subject for consideration last Sunday at 20 Eddy St., was, "Am I my Brother's Keeper?" The discussion was prolific of helpful thoughts. Next Sunday at 12, noon, will begin the consideration of "Self Reliance." A humble student of the philosophy of life gave expression to his gratitude for the helpfulness of the meetings, and asked the audience to join with him in a rising vote of encouragement and appreciation to Dr. Hall, Mrs. Usher and Miss Lee. The resolution was carried unanimously. There were beautiful floral decorations, and special music for the occasion. Friends, the JOURNAL wishes you many happy returns of the anniversary day.

Mission Lyceum Entertainment.—On the evening of the last day of May this Lyceum held its regular monthly entertainment and dance. All the arrangements were in the hands of a committee of young ladies, of which Miss Pearle Bryson was chairman, assisted by Miss Lottie Brockhoff, Miss Lulu Derbaum, Miss Lizzie Dratz, Miss Lottie Davidson, and Miss Ethel Osgood. The program was, piano solo, Miss Lena Clarke; fancy dance, Miss Ethel Howard; specialties, Miss Beard, Mrs. Bulinger and Mr. Bulinger; recitation, Mr. Locke; fancy dance, Miss Georgia Bacon; comic song, Mrs. Keegan; recitation, Miss Alina Lang; original recitation, Mr. Chas. D. Steacy. There were dancing and refreshments. The music for dancing was furnished by Mrs. Mena Eaton. W. T. Jones, conductor and Harry Hargrave, floor manager.

Medium's Association.—The second of the series of meetings inaugurated by this Society was held in Occidental Hall, on Tuesday, May 30. The meeting opened promptly at 8 o'clock, with a few words of welcome from the President, W. T. Jones. The audience sang "Bethany," with Miss Lena Clarke at the piano. An invocation by Mrs. Seal, and then they sang "America." Mrs. Seal delivered a fine address upon the "Philosophy of Inspiration." Mrs. G. W. Shriner and Mr. H. E. Hargrave gave messages from inhabitants of the spiritual realm. The attendance was good and the meeting very satisfactory. These meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 305 Larkin St. Take the elevator.

A Farewell Party in honor of Mrs. M. A. Mayo, was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wadsworth, 293 Jersey St., this city, Thursday evening, June 1, under the auspices of the adult members of the Children's Progressive Lyceum. The guest of honor was presented with a beautiful birthday album by Mrs. Addie L. Ballou in behalf of many friends. Mr. Wm. Rider gave a recitation, and the guides of Mrs. Seal improvised a "God-Speed" poem, as Mrs. Mayo leaves in a few days for the East. The contents of a sawdust pie, presented by Mrs. Briggs, caused considerable amusement. The evening was spent in social converse and enthusiastic consideration of an excellent supper. The following is a list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wadsworth, Mrs. M. A. Mayo, Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, Mr. and Mrs. Hickman, Mrs. Richardson, Wm. Rider, Mrs. Lena Howes, Mrs. Briggs, Mr. Irwin, Mrs. Jollie, Mr. Tyler, Mrs. Sadie Cooke, Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Sarah Seal, Miss Gertie Grant, Miss Olsen, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Jennie Robinson, Miss Lanty, Mrs. Packer, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Vieira, Harry Mayo, Mrs. Hitchcock, C. J. Collins, E. Mayo, Miss Alice Hitchcock, Mrs. Nowell, Miss Ethel Jansen and Miss Leo Jacoby.

Hermetic Brotherhood.—At the regular Tuesday-evening meeting of Knot No. 40, held at 856 Hayes St., May 30, after the usual period of silent meditation, Mrs. Virginia Weld sang "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," followed with a paper by Mrs. Francese Rojers, on "The Hermetic Brotherhood; Its aims and objects." A number of philosophical questions submitted in writing called forth answers from different minds, showing originality and depth of research which would reflect credit upon students of philosophy who make greater pretensions. These meetings are interesting and valuable. All are welcome.

Transition.—J. L. Hunt, husband of Mrs. Emma Hunt, the well-known medium, passed to spirit life at their home in Los Angeles, on May 19. He was a firm believer in the truths of immortality, spirit communication and return. His passing away was peaceful, fully expecting to meet his loved ones that have gone before, who were waiting to welcome him. The services, conducted by Prof. W. C. Bowman, were simple and impressive; and with beautiful flowers (the offering of loving friends) and the music of the songs he loved while here, he was laid at rest in Evergreen Cemetery. E. T. GOURLEY.

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TO THE EDITOR:

Through your kindness I am enabled to say "good-bye" to our many friends in California. On June 15, husband and I intend starting on our summer tour through California, Oregon and Washington, and would like to correspond with any camp-meetings or societies enroute, who would like my services as a speaker or psychometrist. Address all communications to

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