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A REVERIE.

The Summer-tide flows full and sweet O'r rose wreathed banks at Sunny Brae, An emerald sea breaks at my feet In billowy boughs and leafy spray That fill the air with tremors fine, Like music-thrills from harps divine.

White clouds flock up high hills of blue, Like sheep by unseen shepherds led; Bright humming-birds sip honey-dew From crimson roses overhead, And golden-winged butterflies Flit noiseless where the sunlight lies.

And here, on Nature's tender breast, My tired heart its burden flings; Her lullabies shall soothe to rest My soul's too eager questionings, That seek in Summer's opulence Some healing balm for woes intense.

O! wind-harps that are never mute, Your songs are sweet, but still I miss The soft tone of my darling's flute, His happy laugh and loving kiss, And tender looks from precious eyes That made this place a paradise!

God infinite! the thing I ask,
And which, methinks, would meet my want,
Must seem to Thee so small a task,
So slight a thing for Thee to grant!
Restore to the flute th' sweet young breath
That was so lately lost in death—

And let the love that made life dear, Hold me in its embrace once more! So small when poured thro' heaven's wide

And yet for me such ample store, That with it life seemed crowned, complete, And all my labors rendered sweet!

But hush! great Nature gently bends
From beauty's raptures to my soul
And whispers: "Griefs like these are friends;
All life is one eternal whole—
Through death God draws your heart above,
And fills it with a holier love!"

Behold your darlings glorified!
And let your sorrow find relief
In this: Their joys are multiplied!
Believe, love's summer will not wane,
And faithful hearts shall meet again.

Come, break the bonds of selfish grief,

ELIZABETH LOWE WATSON.

-÷BORDERLAND÷-

Flammarion Denies It.

Mons. Camille Flammarion positively denies the report, so eagerly published by the daily press, that he had abandoned the ranks of Spiritualists. In reply to the questions of M. Bourges, of the Paris *Figaro*, he said:

There is only one reflection, which I published after an article I contributed to the *Annales Politiques Litteraire*, which could have given rise to the supposition of a change in my convictions.

That article treated of the various communications obtained by Victor Hugo at Jersey. To questions put in verse by the great poet, the spirit replied, also in verse, of a beauty and force worthy of the master himself. I published and commented on them. The conclusion I drew was either that an independent spirit manifested itself, or that the medium found himself influenced by the thoughts of Victor Hugo, and it was in favor of this latter supposi-

tion that I pronounced. However, I indicated that it was possible to support both hypotheses. The best proof that I have not abandoned the study of these phenomena is that recently I sent for the famous medium, Eusapia, from Naples, with the object of studying at my own house the remarkable manifestations, like those of Home, produced by that woman.

I myself took instantaneous photographs of a table of which the four legs were raised some fifteen or twenty centimetres from the floor. As these phenomena took place at my house, you may be sure I lent myself to no sort of trickery, and that it is not on the morrow of the day when I witnessed such experiments that I should abandon spiritualistic researches. Nevertheless, I shall always be very severe concerning spiritualistic phenomena, which must be carefully controlled. There are many credulous people whose illusions I do not share.



Flammarion, the French Astronomer.

Camille Flammarion's reputation is world wide. The following concerning him and his investigations which led up to his being convinced of the fact of spirit existence and communication with those yet in physical life, will be read with much interest:

Born in Haute-Marne 57 years ago, he was educated for the priest-hood, but never took the vows. Instead of thus securing for himself a sure place in a spiritual heaven, he felt more drawn toward the work of solving, as far as in him lay, the mysteries of the material heaven which surrounds his earthly home; and, therefore, as soon as he was able to do as he wished, he enrolled himself as a pupil at the Paris Observatory.

That he had perfectly diagnosed

his own qualifications and capabilities was soon made clear by his rapid advance in the mastery of his chosen science, and before he reached the age of 30 he had delivered several series of lectures in Astronomy which attracted the attention and commendation of the entire scientific world.

It was he who first suggested the practicability of the use of balloons in the study of upper atmospheric strata and his maps illustrative of this subject have never yet been improved upon in any way; while his books on various astronomical subjects are used as guides by many other renowned students of the wonders of the firmament.

Practical as was and is his strictly professional career, Flammarion has always been peculiarly drawn toward the realm of mysticism. Of a temperament almost Oriental in his characteristics, he from childhood was possessed by a vague yearning after the seemingly unknowable in life and hereafter. Strangely enough, though, he never allowed his temperamental desires to influence or cloud his judgment. His self-recognition of his mystical tendencies made him, indeed, particularly discriminating and critical under all circumstances that appealed to the other side of his dual nature.

Earnestly desirous always of journeying beyond the limit of ordinary human knowledge, he yet insisted upon going every step of the way upon solid ground and with his very bright and observing eyes wide open. He was always seeking information and looking for new light; but the slightest shadow of fraud or hypocrisy was sufficient to disgust him, and his peculiar investigative methods and his intolerance of sham made him dreaded by all frauds and fakirs.

Next week we shall detail some of his interesting experiences with Eusapia Paladino, and illustrate his methods.

Spirit on a Bridge.

There is a bridge across the Spokane river just below Natatorium park, which was constructed by the city authorities for the water main supplying the post.

Soon after their arrival the members of Company M discovered this bridge and began using it on their trips to and from town. The city officials did not intend that the bridge should be used for traffic and constructed high barriers at both ends. These abutments did not bother the negro soldiers, who managed to climb over them easily. Many of the soldiers used this bridge in preference to the ferry, by which most of the army post business is carried, and especially

was this preference exercised by those who reached the river after the ferry was shut down for the night.

The bridge did a rushing business until one night one of the soldiers arrived at the post out of breath and reported that he had seen a ghost while crossing it. Several nights later, it is said, another saw the spectral visitor, and since then others have reported experiences, and the bridge is seldom crossed after dark.

THE TALE OF THE SPECTRE.

'It was late at night when I started to cross the bridge. After a hard pull I scrambled over the top of the abutment. I dangled in mid-air for a moment and then my feet touched the solid planking. My face was still turned toward the shore, but carefully securing a footing, I began slowly to turn around, fearful of the trip to come, for the night was dark, the boardway was narrow and the Spokane river rushed deep and swift below.

"When I had turned around and looked across the way which I must go, I was astonished to see that I was not alone upon the bridge. Only a few feet from me stood a man with his back turned toward me. Glad of company in the lonesome place, I called to him. My words were answered only by the roar of the waters below and the moaning of the trees along the banks. Apparently he had not heard me.

The stranger was surrounded by a dull, weird light, which made the details of his person plain and broke the solid blackness for several feet around. Before this, the bridge on which I stood had been hidden by darkness, but I could see it easily now, and could even make out the cracks between the boards beneath his feet.

"I felt like turning and running, but the high abutment was behind me and I felt that before I could reach its top I would be grasped and pulled back by my companion. An instinct told me to follow him and I obeyed and began to slowly creep across the bridge.

"As I followed, I had an opportunity to observe my strange leader. He was very poorly dressed, his clothes in several places being torn. He wore a battered slouch hat, which was pulled well forward. I did not see his face.

"He walked erect on the narrow bridge and several times staggered as though drunk. I tried to call to him to warn him of the danger of falling into the river, but my tongue was tied by fright.

PLUNGED INTO THE STREAM.

"Slowly we crossed the bridge, my companion walking erect, while I crawled along on my hands and

knees. We approached the other side. When but a few feet from the abutment he staggered, stopped and turned partially around. For a moment he stood thus. He wavered, endeavored to catch his balance and plunged headlong into the river below. I firmly grasped the planking and peered over the edge of the bridge and saw only the black, rushing waters below.

"Slowly I crawled over the rest of the bridge, climbed over the barrier and ran to the post, expecting every second to be grasped by ghostly hands. Since that night I have not crossed the bridge."—Spo-

kane (Wash.) Chronicle.

Death of Indian Healer.

J. E. King, better known as the Cherokee Indian Healer, died on July 23 at his home, under the East Sprague street viaduct, in Spokane, Washington. He had built a log house there, and had been living in it for some time. He was 56 years old, and has two sons, who are on the Olympia with Dewey. His only daughter died some time

King was not feeling very well when he went to bed. About 9:15 the neighbors heard him calling for help. When they went to his assistance he got up and opened the door for them. He was suffering greatly and died in less than three-quarters of an hour.

STRANGE THEORY OF DEATH.

The doctor who was called pronounced it a case of heart failure; but people say it was the disease of some one King had healed during the last few days that had entered into his system. He has often told them that he would die in that way, and that his daughter, who was a healer also, died in less than 15 minutes. He said that when a faith healer cured a person, the disease from which they are suffering takes possession of the healer, and if he is not strong enough to throw it off, he succumbs to it. Whether the disease is fatal to the person who first had it or not, does not make any difference, he argued, as it is always fatal to the healer.

Yesterday he attempted to cure a man of a cancer, and he worked himself up over it so that he was very weak.

MANY STRANGE CURES.

Many strange cures are said to have been worked by King during his residence here. People came from Idaho, and even from Seattle, to be treated by him. He was said to have cured appendicitis, cancer and even consumption.

King's method of healing was very simple in appearance. After praying for the recovery of a patient, he would dip his fingers in warm water and touch the affected parts with his finger tips. So intense was the sensation produced that it is said the patients would scream with pain when his fingers touched them. One of the most notable cures reported here occurred about a year ago, when a woman suffering from cancer was said to have been cured by five treatments.

King was a well-educated man and claimed to be a graduate of the medical college at Ann Arbor. A short time before his death he paid a visit to the Cherokee nation, where he was given the warmest of welcomes by his old Indian friends.

The poorest bargain that one can make, is to give individuality for what is called respectability.

The Wheat and the Tares.

Now there is an old saying made beautiful by the teacher, Jesus of Nazareth: "Seek and ye shall find." I have always had to combat a very skeptical mind of my own, and I have visited mediums with a predisposed thought that they were frauds, and as sure as I am living not one word that they spoke to me would have an atom of truth in it; but some of my friends who have gone to these same mediums have received the most wonderful and beautiful messages from angel friends.

Now comes my reasoning power to try and see why we get lies, when we expect lies, and those who expect truths get them? If the theory of vibrations is true, every thought we think brings our minds into harmonious or inharmonious vibrations, and certain to bring the same vibrations to the medium.

I have had many a sitting with Ada Foye, but never received a false communication from her, and never expected one. Being a sensitive myself, I often feel the vibrations of fear and lies in the mind of those who come to me, and if I do feel them, the higher or better intelligence dispels them as the sunlight does the darkness of night.

Let an audience look with a thought upon a speaker that he or she is but a poor expression of what he or she ought to be and they will receive what they expect; but let love and hope be in every heartbeat, the person on the rostrum will respond; but the sensitive who goes forth to teach must first cast out all hate, malice, avarice, jealousy and envy, or what they say will never live. The reason the teaching of Jesus has stood as a sacred thing for centuries is because he loved all. He showed to man the infinitude of the possibilities of humanity; he taught us that it is human to err.

We hear so much of fraudulent communications, etc., but amid all of it a bright oasis often appears, which makes us all "take heart again."

I came to the knowledge of a beautiful thought lately, in Oakland, which savors of so much occult truth. Among those in Oakland who are teaching the spiritual philosophy and healing is Dr. Sol Palinbaum, and who was called upon by Mr. J. Esty of East Oakland and the Rev. John Parsons, since translated to spirit-land, and had a sitting. The Rev. gentleman was given a communication from a spirit who said his name was Biola; then the influence seemed to change and the intelligence spoke as Jesus did, saying: "I am not Jesus in person; I only am using the intelligence to express my thoughts. The medium is in a deep trance; do not tell him when he awakes, but next Sunday night go to Fraternity Hall and write the name of the intelligence that influences this medium and I will prove to you, spirit return.

On the next Sunday night these two gentlemen went to the hall, sat in different parts of the room and Mrs. Ada Foye was on the rostrum. Mr. Parsons wrote Biola's name on a ballot and sent it up with hundreds written by others in the audience. Mr. Palinbaum, not knowing anything of this, went late, and sat down near the door and never put in a name on a ballot.

Mrs. Foye, when she took up this ballot, not opening it, looked over the large audience and said: "I see in the air down there, to the left of the door, a peculiar word.

I will spell it—I cannot pronounce it—B-i-o-l-a. Ah! right over it now the name of Jesus comes in golden letters." Three men arose the Rev. Parsons, in one part of the house, and Mr. Esty in another, each saying: "That is a test for me," and Mr. Polinbaum rising and saying that Biola is a guide that often spoke through him as his medium; but we cannot explain the reason the name of Jesus should appear with him. The Rev. explained and was a convert ever after to Spiritualism. Let us look for good communications, and they will surely come. Let us not see, hear or heed the evil ones, and they will die for want of nourishment. AUVERGNE L. ASTOR, M.D.

Fruitvale, Cal.

Let us suppose, for the sake of an illustration, that Sam Slick comes into the Western Union Telegraph office and says to the operator: "I want to send a telegram to Mr. Depew, in New York, and I want you to guarantee me that if he answers me at all, he will not crack a joke on me—that is, I want to be sure he will tell me the truth." Now, I imagine that Mr. Slick would find himself tumbling out on the sidewalk as merrily as Thomas Campbell once tumbled down a flight of stairs, when he remarked to a passer-by: "It is I, sir, rolling rapidly." But this paraphrase from "Hohenlinden" is not the point we are aiming at.

Just Suppose.

We will now suppose that Mr. Slick picks himself up and goes to a spirit medium to get a message from the spirit-world. Of course, the medium has given many truthful messages, but cannot always vouch for the truth, any more than the telegraph operator can; but it is safe to say that Sam Slick will do everything he possibly can to make it difficult for the operator of the celestial telegraph to get satisfactory results. And the world, and some Spiritualists, will pat Sam on the back and say: "Good boy; make it just as hard on the medium as possible, for that is the only way you can be sure he is not

Is this fair? Is not the medium of communication between the earth and spirit-land entitled to the same courtesy that is always given to the medium of communication between individuals of different localities on earth? The person who will dispute this parallel and say there is no known communication between earth and spirit-land, exists over fifty years ahead of his proper date. J. MARION GALE.

The Man with the Hoe.

After Mr. Gale's review of Markham's poem, "The Man with the Hoe," I think the poem will still survive. Our critic, after admitting the unfortunate inheritance, and hard environments of the poor man who has ventured to rest his "aching stoop" a moment, proceeds to assert that he is responsible for what his rulers are, instead of their being in any way responsible for his condition.

What a waste of sympathy for the negro slaves, might have been avoided in old abolition times if Mr. Gale had been there to say that the slaves had made their masters what they were, instead of their rulers being responsible for the condition of their slaves. Further on, he intimates that the "thing" should have had more push and

been a ruler himself. Lastly, he is worried because the man does not work with more energy, and wisely advises him to rustle for potatoes to eat, and not sell them for "sour mash." But please remember that if he does sell his potatoes for "sour mash" they are his potatoes, and he is not appropriating the results of others' labor to pay for imported wines and cigars.

I agree as to the results of evolution's awakening, but expect evolution's progress will come, not through the sneers of the favored ones, but through the love and sympathy of the higher spirits, both in and out of the flesh, and the path to mental and spiritual progress will be by the way of improved physical conditions.

HIRAM RIX, JR.

Williamston, Mich.

Man, a Miniature Sun.

The study of psychometry has revealed to me the truth of the statement that man is, or may become, "a miniature sun." And no doubt other psychometrists can give a similar testimony, says a correspondent in Light.

All, however, do not seem to be equally developed in this way. Some who have written to me for psychometric delineations I have, after holding the letter, or whatever else was sent, in my hand for a while, discovered to appear quite luminous. This I have thought indicated a high degree of spirituality as well as strong magnetic power. Others whose pleasures and interests were more centered on this world had a very different appearance. The power is latent in all, but with many it will take time to develop.

Psychometry is a gift which, if universally cultivated, would tend probably more than anything else to the growth of charity in our midst; for no one can be justly condemned as wicked when born with such strong tendencies to evil as psychometry indicates some to be, and who, perhaps at the same time, are living in environments which foster this tendency, so that it will require something like a miracle to change them. It may at times be not only needful, but merciful to place restrictions on those who have unfortunate tendencies abnormally developed; but by regarding them with pity instead of aversion, as is so often the case, we might rouse in them the wish to reform, and so hasten the time when they, too, shall shine with the full radiance of true spirituality, and each become "a miniature sun."

South Boulder Camp.—It is estimated there are 50,000 Spiritualists in Colorado, but until now there has been no acceptable place for a central yearly gathering. Geo. Taylor, of Denver, with his tact and foresight, has secured 480 acres of land, comprising what is known as South Boulder Canyon, 27 miles from Denver, for a Summer outing and camping ground. A camp-meeting is now in progress, which is growing in interest. Several eminent mediums, inspirational speakers and healers from different States, are already with us, and we have the promise of many more. Our camp will continue for at least a month longer. All letters of inquiry should be addressed to Geo. Taylor, Box 780, Denver, Colo. J. M. CLARKE.

When I am a Hundred.

An Oakland clergyman, the Rev. J. T. Sutherland, has preached a sermon upon the theme, 'If I Were Twenty Again;" has published it in pamphlet form and circulated it far and wide. It is a good sermon. It tells many good things that a middle-aged man would do if he could start over again and live differently. He would I ad a simple, wholesome life; would make worthy friends; would read none but good books; would learn to sing if he could; would learn to play on some instrument, and would make "a distinct provision for the joy side of life." All of which is most excellent. The true moral of the discourse, however, is one which the preacher has left out: If all those good things at 20, why not at 50?

All sermons should not be preached for young men. The chances for improvement, mental or moral, are as good at one age as at another. There is a familiar story of an old man of 70 who advised his son to plant an orchard, but the son would not do so, because he thought he might move or die before the trees came into bearing. Thereupon the old man planted an orchard himself, despite the mocking of his son and his neighbors; and, as the story goes, he lived to eat fruit and drink cider made from the fruit of those trees for many a

healthy year. As it was with that apple orchard, so it is with every kind of fruit a man desires for his enjoyment. The middle-aged man who feels the lack of early education, and finds his faculties deadening because he has nothing of music or art or other provision for the joyous side of life, is wasting time when he sits down to consider what he would do if he were 20 again. Seventy is just as good a time as any to undertake whatever one really desires at 70. It is true that one learns more readily when young, but it is also true that one remains young as long as he continues to learn. The Oakland preacher should follow his sermon, If I Were Twenty Again," by a sequel with the title, "When I am

a Hundred."—San Francisco Call.

Prof. Hyslop.—That Professor Hyslop believes that he has found in Spiritualism additional and complete proofs of the soul's immortality can hardly be questioned. He states that he has arrived at his conclusions only after a most thorough and painstaking examination, in which all possibility of fraud was carefully excluded. Indeed, it is the very method of investigation employed which Prof. Hyslop so strongly emphasizes; for he lays great stress upon the scientific methods, the care and exhaustiveness, which characterizes his inquiry and distinguish it from previous work in this direction. -Louisville (Ky.) Dispatch.

Loving Spirits from spheres of wisdom in the world of souls are forever seeking to approach the earth, that they may teach the children of men the sublime truth of immortality. They reach but few because of the material barrier that men have erected between the inner and the outer worlds in which they live. Materialism is cold, sordid, lifeless, while spirituality is warm-hearted, loving, kind and true. Let us welcome our returning teachers, that we may become like unto them.—Banner of Light.

Reincarnation—Even-up.

The lovers of fair play delight to tell us that reincarnation is based on the benevolent intention of Divine Wisdom to give fair play to all by giving the same experiences to all in the course of time.

We must see, at once, that it would be a physiological impossibility by any known rules of physiology—but we will waive that.

We must admit that the truth is too meager to classify—but we will waive that.

The morality of the proposition to me is questionable—but we will waive that.

Personally, I have no desire to clandestinely climb into the family tree of somebody else; for I am perfectly satisfied with my parentage—but I will waive that and consider the problem mathematically.

We will take as a basis of calculation for this evening-up process, the population of the earth when it had reached one million. Make all the necessary transpositions of that million to give each and all the same experiences. Then multiply this product by all the millions the earth has already produced-leaving what it will yet produce still to be multiplied; for each individual of each million must have all the experiences of all the individuals of all the millions.

Follow this calculation until you have sacrified a bundle of good fabers and a ream of good foolscap. By this time you will begin to think that if Pythagoras had commenced the calculation when on earth, and it had been kept warm with new figures every day since then, the end would not be as near as the end of the present century.

After working on this puzzle to my heart's content, I reflect that there have been "fools" for money, and there have been others. I am inclined to think that the inventor of this evening-up process was one of the others. J. MARION GALE.

America's Future.—The London, England, "Penny Pictorial Magazine" contains some peculiar predictions of Mdlle. Couëdon, the Parisian prophetess, who claims to be the medium of an ancient Spirit. For America she predicts—

First war, lots of it, then a great union of the American continent, north and south, under one Republic. More war, this time over Canada; the most terrible war ever waged will be between England and America, and England will lose.

Then America's navy will be the first in the world, and the language of the United States will spread from pole to pole, and, worst of all, the English language will be governed by the States, and we shall speak American. President McKinley may console himself that he will not die suddenly, and will be elected a second time.

After the terrible war between England and America, there will be a great reunion of the Anglo-Saxons, with America at the head, Germany next with her, and then England and the colonies which had once been hers.

On the other hand would be Russia, France, and China. The great struggle for commercial supremacy would continue between these two combinations, and Anglo-Saxons would win right through, and eventually rule the world.

Thought of any value is always free and untrammeled.

Col. Ingersoll.—The Rev. J. W. Hudson, pastor of the Christian Church of Santa Rosa, Cal., in a sermon about Ingersoll, remarks as follows:

"Robert G. Ingersoll lived a Christian, even if dogma would not permit him to confess to be one. În abundant measure he had the Christian virtues talked of by Christ and his apostles. He was a Christ-like man. He was Christian enough to be absolutely honest. If there is a heaven, I expect to find him there. He was not only a destroyer, but a builder of what he thought a truer, a holier religion—a religion based on reason. He stood for a loftier Christianity -divested of much tradition called theology and much credulity called faith. When his career was begun the whole religious world was against him; when he died he merely stood with the advanced pulpits of to-day. There has been no other one-man influence of wider magnitude in nineteenth-century religion, differ from him as we may. He was tolerant in the face of intolerance.

What Christ was to Jewish bigotry, so, in his lesser sphere, was Ingersoll to Christian dogmatism. He left the church the message of liberty of conscience; he told it that the greatest blasphemy is to answer argument with calumny. His influence served to elevate the bible from a fetich to a book. He tried to replace bigotry with a sensible humility. He dethroned the absurdities of a theological Christ and gave us a Jesus who loved his fellowmen. He uttered not one word against a hope of immortality. He arbitrarily swept away no man's belief. He merely said "Think!" and men called him a blasphemer."

The National Convention.— Tickets on the certificate plan (one and one-third fare for the round trip) have been granted by the various roads. To secure this concession, purchaser must first buy first-class ticket to Chicago, paying full fare for the same. Be sure to ask your agent for a certificate when purchasing your ticket. This certificate, when properly signed by the Secretary at the Convention and vised by the special agent who will be in attendance, will entitle the holder to a return ticket (firstclass) for one-third fare. Certificate tickets may be procured three days prior to Convention (Sunday not included) and will be honored for return ticket until three days after adjournment. On arriving at Convention, deposit your certificate with the secretary for proper endorsement.

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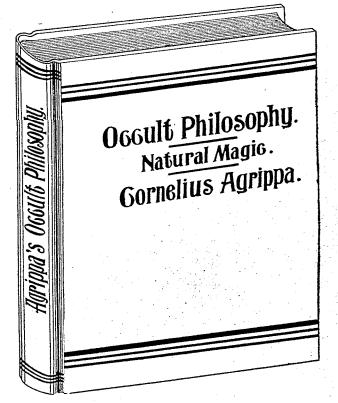
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Banish me from Eden when you will; but first let me eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge.— Ingersoll.

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Individuality.—Col. Ingersoll said: "I want no heaven for which I must give my reason; no happiness in exchange for my liberty, and no immortality that demands the surrender of my individuality." We agree with him in these assertions. If we are to have no individuality—no conscious personal existence in the next life, as some would-be Spiritualists claim—then it would be really annihilation!

A Fanatic.—Mrs. Clemmons wants to have all the American coins made during the first year of the new century bear the image of Christ on one side, and the cross on the other, in gratitude to God, because Christianity has made America, she said. She forgets that the principal founders of this Republic were not Christians, but infidels, so-called. This is not a Christian nation. If it were, it could not be devoted to freedom.

The National Convention will be held in Chicago, Ill., on Oct. 17 to 20, in the 31st St. Hall. Full particulars later. We hope some plan will be perfected to organize for effective work during the coming year, and also that a Statement of Principles will be adopted, so that the world may know what we are willing to declare as our principles, without misjudging us. We must unite upon some statement, and we want it defined. The world also wants to know what it is. All the liberalists and thinkers of the age are looking this way, and should be informed where we stand to-day, on our way up the ladder of progression.

The Southern California Harmonial Camp-Meeting of Spiritualists opens on Sunday, Sept. 3, at Sycamore Grove, Los Angeles City, Cal. See notice on next page.

The Storm and tempest of thought is better than the dead calm of ignorance.

Was Planned in the Spirit-World.—Mr. W. T. Stead, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews, for August, when reviewing the work done by the Peace Congress at The Hague, pertinently remarks thus:

Far more important than anything which men do is the evidence which their deeds from time to time afford that there is behind them, and over them, and working through them, a Power that is mightier and wiser than they. The extraordinary manner in which the conference has been led, by a way it knew not of, to evolve a high court of justice among the nations, is calculated to confirm the faith of the doubting in the reality of the "stream of tendency not ourselves which makes for righteousness."

In proof of this position, Mr. Stead cites these facts, showing conclusively that the Peace Congress was the result of plans arranged by higher intelligences than ours:

When the delegates met at The Hague on May 18, few of them (possibly none of them) believed that they had come on anything but a fool's errand. They said frankly that they did not believe anything would come of it. But after six weeks they see, even the most skeptical, that great things are coming of it—whereof they are glad.

The codification of the laws of war is an achievement of which any conference might be proud, and it is very satisfactory that at last—after thirty years—the benificent rules of the Geneva Convention are now to be extended to naval warfare.

But these provisions for regulating war, or for rending its sufferings less acute, are trivial when compared with the measures taken to diminish the danger of the outbreak of war and to provide for the administration of a system of international law.

If twelve months ago any one had predicted that the representatives of all the governments would be employed for two months in elaborating a court and code for the universal establishment of a system of arbitration among nations, he would have been derided as the idlest of dreamers. But this strange thing is coming to pass before our eyes.

At the celebration of the Fourth of July at Delft, Ambassador White, the former president of Cornell University, gave an address wherein he stated that Grotius, the Dutch patriot, with antiquated theology, was nearer right than many of his critics.

But still more surprising was Mr. White's invocation of the shade of William of Orange, "The Silent," in order to suggest the possibility of intelligent observation, if not of communication, between the other world and this—a doctrine which Ambassador White always held in special horror. Yet, what Spiritualist could wish for a more definite expression of hope and belief than is to be found in the following passage:

"But if the dead, as we fondly hope, live beyond the grave, if undisturbed by earthly distractions, they are all the more observant of

human affairs if freed from earthly trammels. Their view of life in our lower world is illumined by that infinite light, which streams from the source of all that is good and beautiful. May we not piously believe that that mighty and beneficent shade of William of Orange' recognized with joy the birth hour of Grotius as that of a compatriot who was to give the Netherlands lasting glory? May not that great and glorious spirit have also looked lovingly upon Grotius as a boy lingering upon this spot, where we now stand, and recognized him as one whose work was to go on adding in every age, new glory to the nation which the mighty Prince of the house of Orange had, by the blessing of God, founded and saved?"

Baron de Staal said he had never enjoyed any celebration more; such things usually bored him, but this American festival was a treat. Everyone felt the same.

We are glad to notice that the Spiritual Philosophy is permeating the thinking world—and being welcomed everywhere, by great and small, high and low, rich and poor. Let us all rejoice and be exceedingly glad. Liberty is enlightening the world.

Boil it Down.—That is what our correspondents must do if they want to have their articles printed in the JOURNAL. We have a large quantity waiting now, which must be boiled down before we can accommodate the writers.

When we boil the articles down that are already written, some of our correspondents boil over about it. To avoid this, let every writer boil it down before sending to us. One of our exchanges aptly puts this advice into a verse, thus:

If you've got a thought that's happy,
Boil it down;
Make it short, and crisp, and snappy—
Boil it down.
When your brain its coin has minted,
Down the page your pen has sprinted,
If you want your effort printed,
Boil it down.
Take out every surplus letter—
Boil it down.
Fewer syllables the better—
Boil it down.

Like Attracts Like.—I often see in the Spiritualist papers, that "like attracts like," and good spirits come to those who are good, and the bad to those who live bad lives. Now I must question that statement, for in my work those come to me that I know I do not attract, by any mode of living of myself or my husband—I mean those on the other side who seek some one in the physical to help them out of their earth-bound conditions, and only those who try to live good, pure lives can help them; so I contend that like does not always attract like. A PILGRIM.

[The spirits who seek avenues to learn and to progress, are not the ones generally alluded to by the phrase, "Like Attracts Like;" but those who come to stay, to control, or to become friends or companions, by being attracted to those spirits in the physical form.—ED.]

Every Person should have a character peculiarly individualized—to be unlike any other, to do just what no other person can—in other words, to fulfill his own destiny.

Col. Ingersoll Heard from.

The Baltimore Sun of July-25 says that Dr. William Franks, 251 West 23rd St., New York, had a communication from spirit Col. Robert G. Ingersoll.

Dr. Franks' conversation with the late agnostic occurred about noon. Among those present were Charles Broadway Rouss, his millionaire friend, and Charles Davis, who was formerly Colonel Ingersoll's lecture agent.

The Doctor stated that Colonel Ingersoll said that he was much worried about a letter he expected to receive from Archbishop Corrigan, in reply to a note which he had sent to the Archbishop asking him these two questions:

"Why should a man go to another man to confess his sins? and why should he not go directly to God, if there is a God?"

He said he found his state of existence in the other world far from his expectations. He seemed to be comfortable. Dr. Franks explained to his auditors that Colonel Ingersoll was satisfied that death was not the end, but that he was right in his contention that there was no hell.

Colonel Ingersoll said that Dr. Parker, of London, whom he met in life, since they had met in the spirit-land that he (Dr. Parker) had realized the falsity of many things that he had taught.

There was a Rev. John Tilley, of Baltimore, whom Colonel Ingersoll had met on earth several times. Since meeting Dr. Tilley again in the spirit-land, the Baltimore divine recanted many of the things that he had taught during life and admitted that he had altered his views materially.

Free Masonry.—A Masonic periodical in New South Wales, quoting the *Outlook*, says that the ban of the Church of Rome has been taken off, in the United States of America, and that "priests are allowed to officiate at the burial of members of secret societies in consecrated ground, provided they have not been openly hostile to the church." The *Trestle Board* of San Francisco makes this denial:

This is not correct. Not many months since a funeral occurred in San Francisco where three firemen, who were Catholics, were buried at one time. The procession went to a Catholic church, where two were admitted to the church service, while one remained outside in the street in the hearse, and went to an unconsecrated cemetery," followed by his weeping widow, without so much as a prayer over his remains. and this because he was a Freemason. This is the attitude of the Romish church toward Masonry throughout the United States, and no other religious sect would do such a thing. Masonry opposes no religious sect, for many Catholics are Masons in all countries.

We need men with moral courage to speak and write their real thoughts, and to stand by their convictions, even to the very death.

—Col. Ingersoll.

The Reviewer.

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The Open Court for July contains an illustrated article on the Survival of Paganism in Mexico, by Prof. Frederick Starr, of the University of Chicago; Modern French Philosophy, the ideologists and traditionalists, and an interesting article on the Higher Forms of Abstraction, dealing with the psychology of images, and also visual, auditory, and motor types of imagination. Open Court Publishing Co., Chicago.

The Homiletic Review for August opens with a remarkably luminous article on "Three Ways of Studying a Biblical Narrative." Its author, Dr. Willis J. Beecher, is professor of Hebrew Language and Literature in Auburn Theological Seminary. He sketches the three ways of approaching a passage of Scripture for the purpose of investigation, and then applies the methods to the account of the defeat of the Midianites by Gideon, as given in the Book of Judges. In the light of a correct method, the alleged objections are shown to disappear. Monthly: Funk & Wagnallis Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$3.00 a year.

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The roses blossomed, the flowers grew, Till all who saw her, scarcely knew The place which but a few weeks past, Was held in by icy fetters fast. Down in the valley and on the hillside Men are searching, far and wide, Not for the flowers or the golden sunbeam, Yet they find, ah! look at it glisten and gleam. Gold, bright gold, they are risking their lives, Leaving behind them children and wives. Oh, sad the home, oh, sad the day, Which took them thousands of miles away, From the homes they loved, to search for gold; To perish or suffer such miseries untold. Yet this wonderous land, of the midnight sun, Is surpassed, in beauty, by no other one.

Its beautiful mountains of ice so rare, Sparkle like diamonds, suspended in air, Floating along on the crest of the wave, Gradually melt in an endless grave. Oh, beautiful child of nature fair, Reveal thy hidden treasures there Deep in the earth, 'neath a mantle of snow; In Summer beneath where flowers grow.

Are millions of gold, yet searching in vain, Hampered by sorrow, and sickness and pain, Billions of gold, in thy bosom concealed. Alaska, take pity; let it be revealed To the weary searcher, the men who explore This wonderous country, and open the door To all, that thy grandeur, thy beauty sublime, Dot the pages of history, time after time.

Switzerland, whose fame has spread beyond, around and through

The universe, can not compare with grandeur such as you Have spread before our eyes; so rare these

wonderous beauties are,
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Yet fascination is so great, we climb those mountains high, Till yonder, on the topmost peak, we almost

touch the sky, And pause in breathless wonder; could we

but comprehend The mighty works of nature, from beginning to the end.

EMMA H. PADDOCK.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

Letter from Prof. Patterson.

TO THE EDITOR: I have read the Journal dated June 29, containing an article entitled, "Opponents of Spiritualism," by Geo. W. Carpender, M. D. I heartily endorse every word of it, including it етеленсе to "reformed fake mediums." I have no confidence in the reformation of such heartless, unprincipled people. In one of our meetings, in Scottish Hall, a lady, who sat near the platform, asked Mr. Garrison this question: "When you were impersonating mediumship, did you not know you were perpetrating fraud?" He answered, "Yes." "Then why did you continue doing so? Why did you not stop it?" An evasive answer was the reply. The only true answer that he, or any other fake medium, could or can give, is: "It pays too well to stop it," and just as long as Spiritualists continue to patronize such imposters, and have not the courage to denounce and expose them, when they are detected, and proven to be frauds, just that long will Spiritualists be imposed upon. Their hypocritical cry of "repentance" sounds to me much like the excuse offered by the person who destroyed a valued article. He is so sorry; but, when you ask him if he is sorry enough to pay for the loss, that is another question entirely. Just so, in the case of these heartless imposters, when they make some pretense, show some disposition to make restitution of their stolen wealth, give back to the poor dupe the tearstained money obtained from them, through fraud—then, and not till then, can any reliance be placed upon their reformation.

What has their assumed reformation amounted to? Do they prove by their clumsy, unscientific methods that Spiritualism is not true? Not at all; they merely prove the degradation of their own minds; the lack of principle possessed by the imposter. Like the serpents, whom the magicians cast down before Moses or Aaron, though seemingly a good imitation of the genuine, yet, how soon destroyed, when confronted with the living truth?

The brazen gall possessed by some of them is astounding. Did the true spirit of reformation actuate Mr. Garrison

when he presented himself before a body of ministers? Or was it based on mercenary motives alone? Did he for one moment imagine that his crude methods would be accepted by those gentlemen, as a true sample of spiritual phenomena! These are but a few of the questions that every penitent reformer should answer, to the enlightenment of a long-suffering and deluded public.

It does my heart good, to see the JOURNAL (in a quiet way) showing up these unprincipled charlatans, by publishing such articles as that written by Dr. Carpender; also, the comments of the Rev. Dr. Minot Savage, on "Fake

WM. PATTERSON. Mediums." Vice-President People's Spiritual Society of San Francisco, California.

Ministers and Fake Mediums.

TO THE EDITOR:

I can easily understand why fakirs take up with church people, because they make money at it; but why Christians should oppose Spiritualism I cannot comprehend, unless on the principle that "those whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad." Spiritualism always was, from the time that human souls passed over, and always was true. It is a natural and well-demonstrated fact, and the churches are tearing down a superstructure built on their own foundation.

If Spiritualism is not true, then there is no future life; and if there is no future life, then Christianity is a great deception, a glaring fraud—the worst of all delusions—and the sooner it is eradicated, the better for humanity.

Dear Editor, be faithful to your high calling, and you will succeed. The truth shall prevail, and those who oppose Spiritualism now, will yet have their eyes opened, as did Paul, to see the truth, and the truth shall make them J. H. CAMPBELL. free.

Letter from San Jose, Cal.

TO THE EDITOR:

Since I wrote you last, I visited Santa

Cruz and the shore of Monterey bay.

The G. A. R. had an encampment at Santa Cruz, in July. There was a little city of tents down near the beach. By careful estimate, we found fully 60 per cent. of the campers were Spiritualists. I found many Spiritualists residents of Santa Cruz. Among them I met Mr. Bonestell, an old worker in the cause.

H. C. Johnson, president of San Jose Spiritual Society, was with me. We drove down the beach to Watsonville, a splendid little city, situated 5 miles from the beach, in one of the richest and most productive valleys of the State. Spiritualists have no society there. There was some private work going on.

It was an interesting drive of 30 from here to Gilroy, through fruit and grain fields. There is no spiritual society in Gilroy, a town nearly as large as Watsonville, say 4,000 inhabitants.

Dr. Carpender is entertaining the

Spiritualists Sunday forenoon and evening at San Jose. He will probably stay during the month of August; he is making many friends. I must say a word about W. C. Bowman, who was with us during the month of June. I don't believe the history of San Jose furnishes one more brilliant for Spiritualists than did the month of June, under Mr. Bowman's splendid addresses.

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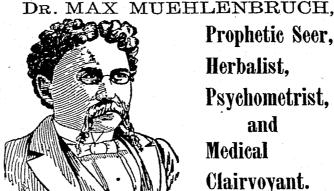
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Local News Summary.

Edited by M. S. NORTON.

Convention News.—The business sessions of the coming Convention will be held in Memorial Hall, Odd Fellows' Building. An invitation Reception to Delegates will be given by the Mediums' Protective Association, in the same hall, on Friday evening, followed by a dance and banquet to delegates. There will be no meeting Saturday night. Sunday afternoon, in the main hall, there will be a conference meeting, and a rousing meeting Sunday evening. Free admission to all meetings.

The Monteznma Granger writes from the Kings' Daughters Home, 217 Francisco St.: On the fifth Sunday in July the Spiritualists held a meeting in the chapel here, addressed by Mrs. Sarah Seal and Alfred Gough. A half dozen children from the Lyceum furnished music and entertainment, and the meetwas a very enjoyable one Spiritualists remember the fifth Sunday in any month, and be present, at 3 p.m.

Mediums' Protective Association. -The meeting in Oriental Hall last Wednesday evening was blessed with ten test mediums, all of whom took part in the exercises. If you don't attend these meetings, you will fall behind the

The Psychic Society of Oakland held a business meeting in the parlors of Hotel Merritt, on the evening of July 31. The resignation of President H. S. Brown was accepted, and Mrs. M. E. Coleman elected in his stead. Per capita tax was voted and delegates to the State Convention elected. This society is prosperous and harmonious, and they are sure to be heard from in the Convention.

Sister Julia, whose life is devoted to the care of waifs and foundlings, reported the little ones at the "home" in need of financial assistance. Mr. and Mrs. Eberhardt called a meeting at their hall, 3250 Twenty-second St., on Monday evening, July 31st. Misses Etta Verner and Mabel Pfifer, Mrs. H. A. Griffin, Mrs. Jennie Robinson, Mrs. L. S. Drew, Mr. W. H. Davis, Miss Lena Clarke and Mrs. Eberhardt furnished entertainment for those assembled. The proceeds, together with a collection taken in Mme. Young's meeting on Sunday night, netted quite a neat sum for the relief of the little ones, upon whom the adverse conditions of life have cast

The Children's Progressive Lyceum, 909 Market St., was well attended, Sunday morning, 6th inst. The subject for words of wisdom was "Order." Mrs. Sarah Seal spoke to the children along this line of thought. John Barnes, a Nebraska soldier, just returned from the war, spoke a few words on Temperance. Friends of the children are always welcome, from 10:30 to 12 m.

Mrs. Sadie E. Cook, Sec.

Oakland.—The notice in the Jour-NAL of August 3 failed to state that the rostrum at 1169 Broadway was, in the afternoon, occupied by Dr. A. L. Astor. Her subject, chosen by the president, was: "The Moral Teachings of Spiritualism," which the doctor handled in her masterful manner. The audience was small, but very appreciative. Dr. Astor will speak for the Union Spiritual Society Wednesday evening, Aug. 16, at the hall, 856½ Isabella St., and we hope a good audience will greet her. Vox.

Mr. and Mrs. Lillie will attend the Los Angeles Camp on Sept. 3 and will represent the Religio-Philosophical JOURNAL, take subscriptions for it and orders for our Books. They will receive hearty welcome in Southern California. They will also attend the Summerland Camp, commencing Aug. 27.

The Lecture on "The Palmistry of the Ancients," given by Palmiea, at 301 Polk St., Monday evening, was well attended, and the audience was delightfully entertained by a recital of the peculiarities of ancient palmistry. The metaphysical phase of this interesting science is being treated weekly by Palmiea, who cordially invites the public to his parlors on Monday evenings. his parlors on Monday evenings.

The Ladies' Aid has resumed its meetings, which will be held in Mrs. Lillie's parlors every Wednesday at 2 p.m. until further notice.

Hermetic Brotherhood.—The open meeting of this order, held Tuesday evening, Aug. 1, at 856 Hayes St., was opened with meditation on "peace and harmony." Mrs. Francese Rogers sang "Violets," and Dr. A. S. Brackett read a very able paper on the "Theosophical Concept of Christ." Mrs. Virginia Weld and Mrs. Rogers sang a duet, and a very pleasant and profitable evening closed with the "Mantrim."

The Outlook for the coming Convention is the brightest in the history of the State Association. The hall arrangements are perfect.

Friendship Hall. - Mrs. Meyers' meetings are growing in interest and attendance.

Dr. Stitt's Meeting, Sunday evening, was ministered unto by Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Vigars and H. E. Hargrave. The meetings are held in the doctor's office, 9A Sixth St.

Mrs. Henderson's meeting, at 148 Sixth St., is always well attended: the one last Sunday was no exception.

H. H. Brown held his usual Sunday evening meeting. The evening is devoted to "Soul Culture." The subject of his discourse was, "Let Go."

Mme. E. Young's Sunday night meeting was favored with an address by the guides of Mrs. Sarah Seal. The test work of the Madame was really as good as could be done by "the world's greatest medium." The packed hall testifies of the excellence of the entertainment and

Mediums as Delegates.—It is almost certain that all endorsed mediums will be made delegates to all State Conventions—the first business transacted at the coming Convention. If they do not look out for their own interests in the election of officers, etc., it will be their own fault. "A word to the wise."

The Telephone has announced the return of the "Small" family from their vacation. Welcome!

Mr. H. A. Clifford, inventor of the Clifford automatic voting machine, is located at 1224 Noe St., city.

The Spiritual Union.—The oldest society in the city held a business meeting at 861 Geary St., last Monday evening. Getting ready for the Convention; that is right; fall in line.

Universal Spiritual Association.— At 20 Eddy St, last Sunday, at 12 m., began the discussion of the question, "What Conditions Justify the Accusation of Others?" Next Sunday the question will be, "The Expression of Sympathy," and its application to daily life. These meetings lead in the procession of advanced thought. Are you keeping step?

Two Soldier Boys.-Mr. Errol Reynolds and Mr. Geo. H. Bullis, the latter a nephew of the local scribe of the Jour-NAL, called at the office last Saturday evening. The boys have been mustered out of the 50th Iowa Volunteers, and have re-enlisted in the regular army, for the campaign in the Philippines. They sail this week, and we hope to hear from them direct from the firing line. The boys hail from Davenport, Iowa.

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State Convention.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the California State Spiritualists' Association will be held in Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Seventh and Market Sts., San Francisco, Sept. 1, 2 and 3, 1899. The purpose of the Convention is to elect officers and directors for the coming year, and to transact such other business as may be for the best interests of all Spiritualists, and the advancement of the cause in this State. Communities of Spiritualists not organized and chartered with the State Association are invited to do so at once and participate in this Convention. M. S. NORTON, Pres.

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Mrs. May Van Auken, Palmist, of 428 Ellis St., read palms in public, on Sunday evening, in Pythian Castle. The interest in the demonstration of the science was manifest in the packed hall.

Oakland.—Fraternal Hall meeting was entertained in the afternoon of Sunday, Aug. 6, by Mrs. Seeley, and in the evening by Mrs. Louisa S. Drew, both of San Francisco.

Have you seen the new credential cards for delegates, issued by the State Association? They are something new and very neat.

Mr. and Mrs. Eberhardt held their usual Sunday evening meeting, at 3250 22nd St. They are doing a good work, and recognize the fact. "Tis well."

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