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## BORDERLAND.

### Predicts Destruction.

Prof. Rudolph Falb, of Vienna, Austria, predicts the probable destruction of the earth next November.

In 1894 he predicted that in January and February, 1899, there would be "unprecedented cold waves, cyclones, and hurricanes at sea, with great loss to shipping, particularly on the American coast and continent."

Towards the end of March—"Earthquakes and destroying hailstorms," which all put in an appearance.

In August he sees "a tidal wave destroying the eastern coast of America, and Florida and California become islands from a submarine earthquake." If this is to occur, the time is at hand. We shall soon prove its truth or falsity.

The most astonishing part of the prophecy is set for November 13, when our planet is to come in contact with the comet known to astronomers as "the comet of 1866," and our planet is to be partially destroyed.

This is the cheerful prediction that a noted scientist and world-renowned authority on earthquakes and meteorological conditions, in March, 1894, forwarded to the Imperial Academy of Science, at Vienna.

The *Chicago Tribune* remarks as follows concerning it:

Probably nothing more would have been heard of the prediction if the meteorological condition of the latter part of January and the early part of February of this year had not corresponded with Professor Falb's prediction, and the scientific journals of Europe are, in consequence, giving Professor Falb and his predictions a great deal of attention.

While Professor Falb is, by many scientists, considered a "crank," his predictions on seismic disturbances have been remarkably fulfilled. As, for instance, the great earthquake at Zante in 1893, he, several days before the earthquake occurred, sent warning to the press all over Europe. Again, in March, 1893, he was invited to lecture before the Tourist club of Vienna on the subject of earthquakes, but, while accepting the invitation, postponed the lecture until after April 13, as an earthquake would take place about that time and he would prefer to include the results of his investigation of this earthquake in his lecture.

And, as the German proverb has it, "Has du mir geschen," the

earthquake did occur on April 8 and was felt all over southern Hungary and did much damage.

Many incidents like these could be quoted, where predictions have been made one to two years in advance and been fulfilled. Professor Falb disclaims, in the most peremptory manner, that his warnings should be classed as predictions or prophecies.

"I am not a prophet," he said in an interview. "My theories are simply scientific investigations into mundane anatomy. The interior of the earth is filled with a matter mass, subject to ebb and flow just like the waters of the ocean. Every intelligent and educated man knows this. Between the surface of the earth and this molten mass, which is slowly cooling, there is only a shell of an average of eighteen miles in thickness, in some places thinner than in others, and here the combined force escapes in the form of gas. But not finding such



Prof. Rudolph Falb, the Austrian Seer.

an outlet, through the influence of the moon, a great tidal wave sweeps round the inner crust of the earth and produces the terrible phenomena known as earthquakes.

This is, in short, Professor Falb's theory, and it has been much disputed, particularly his reference to the influence of the moon. Professor Falb calls attention to the "fully established" instances where a comet has come in contact with our planet and the results.

Jan. 14, 616. Ten people killed in China by the fall of a meteor.

Nov. 3, 823. Thirty-five villages destroyed in Saxony.

Sept. 4, 1511. Many lives destroyed by falling meteors at Crema.

Nov. 4, 1749. A ship crossing the Atlantic was struck, killing several sailors.

Each of these instances, says Prof. Falb, can be regarded as the fall of a small comet on our planet.

### Two Old Materializations.

DR. R. A. DAVIS.

Two cases of materialization took place before one person on this continent understood anything about spirit-return, as now known.

The first, some 70 or 80 years ago, was in Maine, and near the town of Newfield, the home of my paternal ancestors, and the circumstances are related as follows:

A minister had disappeared and could not be found. Finally, after many months, a certain portion of the woods were said to be haunted. Parties passing through it after dark saw strange lights and heard sounds, and the horses which they rode trembled with fear.

One dark night, a gentleman, who had been a close friend to the minister, was riding home through the woods, when suddenly a great light appeared, frightening him and scaring his horse badly.

Then the form of the missing minister appeared, telling the man who he was, and also stating that he had been murdered by two men, well known to both. After talking some time, the spirit said: "Dis-mount and follow me, and I will show you where my body is buried." The man followed the spirit for some distance through the dense brush at the road side, until they came to an opening showing some dirt which had been turned, when the spirit said: "Dig here and you will find my body," and then disappeared, leaving the man in total darkness.

Finding his way home, the man reported the occurrence to proper officials, and, together with a number of men, went to the woods, dug and exhumed the body. The men named by the spirit as having murdered him were arrested, confessed and were punished.

#### ANOTHER MATERIALIZATION

Happened in Virginia, some 60 or 65 years ago, and was thus related by a friend of mine to me:

His father, when single, had lived at home, with a younger sister, who loved him very dearly. She would always go to meet him on his return home from work in the evening. This sister had been subjected to fainting spells, often being in a dead faint for some time.

One night, on returning home from work, he saw his sister coming to meet him, but she turned to one side, walked into an angle of a rail fence, and disappeared in the ground, before her brother's astonished eyes.

Seeing a cap that she wore, laying on the ground where she disappeared, he picked it up and went into the house, where he found his sister, who had had a worse fainting spell than usual, but then in a normal condition.

This case is one where the young

lady was in a dead trance, the spirit materializing outside of the body, and then returning to the body. She had it on her mind about meeting her brother, and as she could not go in her body, she went in spirit, and had to return suddenly to her body, before she could speak to him.

### The Unseen and the Seen.

MRS. CHARLES LONG.

Continuing her recollections of strange happenings in her family, Mrs. E. said: My mother was early deprived of her parents and went with her sisters to live in the family of her maternal grandfather, who was a man of marked character, and possessed of peculiar gifts, which in that day surrounded him with an atmosphere of mystery, almost of awe.

He was a native of Albany, N. Y., and lived in his pleasant home in the beautiful Mohawk valley, in a style of generous, old-fashioned hospitality. A man of an intensely religious nature, in his household, Sunday was held sacred to the divine service. Large supplies of food were prepared on Saturday, and in the evening a table was spread for many guests.

Returning from the church on Sunday, he brought with him those who had come long distances, to attend worship, and could not procure a satisfactory dinner. At his table they were comforted, and sent home rejoicing.

It was said, in the language of the day, that he possessed a double endowment of the Holy Spirit, and it was his habit, when the divine impulse moved him, to go into the grove that surrounded his house, and take a seat under a particular tree, remaining in the deep solitude, until the influence left him. My mother told me that the children were warned not to approach him when there, and the venerable man sitting in the woodland shadows, with white hair flowing upon his shoulders, and uplifted face, that glowed with the inner light, made a picture that never faded from her memory.

In cases of great suffering, his aid was sought, for in that scattered population it was not always possible to get medical help at once, and so great was his power, that he could give immediate relief.

A child, belonging to a poor family of the neighborhood, was badly burned and Grandfather S— was called and responded, as was his custom, without delay. He found the child suffering intensely, while the father, a man of grossly immoral life, and full of bitter hostility toward all good, sat in the room, and poured upon Grandfather S— a torrent of profane



and vulgar abuse. Nothing daunted, the brave old man knelt by the bed in prayer, and then rising, passed his hands above the tortured child a few times, with gentle passes, when its agonized cries ceased, and it fell into a peaceful sleep.

When the physician came, he had only to apply such curatives as were the medical fashion of the time, and its recovery was rapid and complete.

Best of all, the father, brought face to face, for the first time, with the realities of the higher life, was overwhelmed with the knowledge of his own errors, which was suddenly flashed upon him, and changing his course, became, under the loving guidance of Grandfather S—, a law-abiding and self-respecting member of the community.

Who shall say that my great-grandfather, in the faint dawn of our wonderful century, had not drawn to himself the Divine atmosphere, of which Mrs. Underwood has written?

Coronado, Calif.

### Food and Clothing from Air.

DR. GEO. W. CAREY.

"My hope for the human race is as bright as the morning star, for glory is coming to man such as the most inspired tongues of prophets and of poets have never been able to describe. The gate of human opportunity is turning on its hinges, and the light is breaking through its chink; possibilities are opening and human nature is pushing forward toward them."—*Emerson*.

It is well known by chemists that all manner of fruits, grains and vegetables are produced directly from the elements in air and not from soil. The earth, of course, serves as a negative pole and furnishes the mineral salts of lime, magnesium, iron, potassium, sodium and silica, which act as carriers of water, oil, fibrin, sugar, etc., and thus build up the plant. But the oil, sugar, albumen, etc., are formed by a precipitation or condensation of principles in air and not from soil. This is a fact abundantly proven. M. Berthelot, a scientist of France; Tesla, the Austrian wizard, and our own Edison, have long held that food could be produced by a synthetic process from their elements artificially. Some six or seven extracts, as well as coloring material, are now being manufactured in this manner. Madder is made almost exclusively by this process now.

The writer long ago advanced the theory that animal tissue was formed from the air inhaled, and not from food. The food, of course, serves a purpose; it acts as the negative pole, as does the earth to plant and vegetable life; and also furnishes the inorganic salts, the workers that carry on the chemistry of life, sets free magnetism, heat, and electric forces by disintegration and fermentation of the organic portions of food. But the air in passing through the various avenues and complex structure of the wonderful human organism, changes, condenses, solidifies until it is finally deposited as flesh and bone. From this established scientific truth it appears that by constructing a set of tubes, pumps, etc., resembling the circulatory system as well as lung cells of the human mechanism, which is a chemical laboratory where the chemistry of spirit is ever at work, changing the one essence of spirit substance to blood, flesh, and bone,

air may be changed to an albuminous pabulum, which may be again changed into the special kind of food required, by adding the proper flavor, which may also be produced direct from air.

There does not seem to be any reason why this substance, the basis of all food or vegetable growth, cannot, by drying and proper process, be manufactured into material for clothing. Wool, cotton, flax, silk, etc., are all produced from the universal elements through the slow, laborious, and costly process of animal or vegetable growth. Why not produce it direct?

Those who believe in a time of peace on earth, a millennial reign, certainly do not think that our present mode of producing food and clothing will continue during that age. Slaughtering animals, and fruit, grain, or vegetable raising, leave no time for a man to enjoy a condition foretold by all the seers and prophets. But under the new way of producing food and clothing, the Millennium is possible and probable; no more corners on nature's bounties then; no more trusts and syndicates to profit by man's necessities.

We believe a loving Father is about to usher in the glad day, the Sabbath day of rest, when none shall say, "Know the Lord," for all shall know him from the least even unto the greatest.

When Jesus broke bread and poured wine (some kind of fluid for drink) we see why he said, "This is my flesh and blood." He was an adept; He had spent several years in Egypt and India, and received secret occult teaching and was aware that all food came from the body of God, universal substance. The One "whose body nature is and God the soul." A realization of this vision, or theory, that will for a while be called visionary by most people, will mean Eden restored. The earth will be allowed to return to its natural state. Man will cease to eat animals, birds, and fishes, and they will become our friends instead of enemies; love will rule and break down every barrier. Animals and birds will subsist on the natural products of the soil, as they do in regions uninhabited by man with "none to molest or make them afraid." Many people have wondered why during the last few years fruit pests have multiplied so alarmingly, and why cows are almost universally diseased, and so much attention given to meat, milk and butter products by boards of health, etc. There is surely a reason for all this.

The One Life, One Supreme Intelligence or Divine Wisdom, that holds the worlds of space in their appointed orbits, surely knows all about the affairs of earth. When a new dispensation is about to be ushered in, old things begin to pass away.

All labor of preparing food and clothing as now carried on will cease, and the people in governmental or collective capacity will manufacture and distribute all manner of food and clothing free. The machinery for the production of everything necessary for man's material wants will be simple and easily manipulated. One-twentieth of the able-bodied population, working one or two hours a day and shifting every week or day, for that matter, with others, will produce an abundant supply. Neither droughts, nor floods, nor winter's snow, can affect the supply. It can be made in Klondike or the tropics. Garments may be worn

for a few days and burned, and laundry work cease. Cooking will be reduced to a minimum, as the food will only need flavoring and heating. No preparing vegetables or fruits, or cracking nuts, or making butter, or preserving meats. Men will not have to devote their lives to the endless grind of food production, nor women to cooking, dish-washing, sewing, and laundry work. Garments of beautiful design and finest texture will be made by machines invented for the purpose, ready for wear.

Paul must have referred to this time when he said: "Now, brethren, we are the sons of God, but it doth not yet appear what we shall be as such."—*Eleanor Kirk's Idea*.

### About the Hereafter.

A. H. NICHOLAS.

There is no intelligent man or woman who has not, in the hours of silence and meditation, interrogated nature; asking the why of life, the reason for existence, and sought to lift the veil of death, to learn what is his or her destiny, or in some manner been brought face to face with these formidable questions. It is best for mortals to know what the spirit-world is like, learn what the future will be, to get some light which shall brighten their way and make the burdens of this life easier to bear. It is possible to see the truth arise out of darkness, to bathe in the beneficent light, and find the hope that consoles, the certainty that guides and sustains humanity.

Life is real, life is earnest,  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art, to dust returneth,  
Was not spoken of the soul.

The negation of a future life suppresses every moral sanction, and with it all acts end in the same results, whether they be good or bad. The most generous impulses of the human soul would wither and at last become extinct.

The fact of spirit return must be demonstrated to the individual mind. The proofs of the reality of another and better life are as strong as facts can make them, under the blaze of evidence that outshines all traditional or historic testimony. Spirit communion is a glorious truth; no longer in the realm of hypothesis or speculation. The mind of man, weary of theories, demands proof as a solid ground of support. One needs only to observe with calmness and sincerity the phenomena and study them with patience and perseverance to be convinced of their reality and importance.

Death is a total cessation of the physical functions of life, transferring the life processes to the new body, while the outward form passes into decay. Its healing beams are the hope of humanity. Its silent ministry absolves from struggles and weariness of sense and takes its subject to a better world, where the freed spirit finds itself in a body that is whole and sound in every part, and finds full compensation for all the pains and turmoils of the earth plane. It meets kind friends, gone before, looking real and natural and holding tender memories of the past. The language of the spirit when it can speak is: "Do not grieve for me; I am in better environments than those of earth. I can return to you, see you and be with you often. I find life full of employments and satisfaction, and I send back good cheer to the friends on earth."

The gates of eternal life are

closed to no soul; they are and will be open for every life, and unto all is vouchsafed the blessing of continued existence and experience. Life continues even as it continues through sleep from one day to another, and the change is so natural that many do not realize that they have passed away from the mortal body. They are governed by the same general laws of being (minus bodily suffering), have the same character, have corresponding vocations, duties and enjoyments, and gravitate to the position for which they are best fitted. There are conditions of suffering or unrest among the crude, vicious, undeveloped spirits from which every earnest soul can rise. The law of gravitation drags it down to the lower sphere in which it suffers, expiates, redeems the past, and is borne to happier spheres where greater harmony prevails.

Each individual keeps a record of his or her thoughts, words and deeds on the tablet of memory, and we shall meet this book of our record, which will be opened before us after we pass into the spirit-world, and if we find there a balance in our favor, we shall rejoice, for we shall have that much capital to start on with and go to work with courage to straighten up the debit side of the account. If the balance is against us, we shall have reason to regret, for we cannot falsify this account and escape the consequences.

If there were no progress in the spiritual world, then would man be but little better situated after the death of the body than he is while passing through this mortal state. In that world man does not at once come into possession of all the peace and happiness that he is capable of enjoying; neither does he find the greatest career of usefulness that he can reach, nor does he in any sense occupy the highest position in point of understanding or achievement that is possible for a human soul to find. These heights of development must be gained by gradual climbing, through the efforts of the spirit to gain new knowledge of life and its conditions. Therefore, one spirit entering the other life may find himself surrounded by beautiful objects and pleasant scenes, while some other may find himself surrounded by clouds, mists and things unpleasant to look upon. They all go on from point to point, achieving good results in new lines of labor, unfolding new powers and increasing in spiritual strength as time goes on.

Life is an unfinished problem, an unknown quantity, and death is a special mark in the problem of life which indicates the carrying over of the lesson to the new day. Freely and easily the spirit steps over the narrow boundary between the two worlds, to find that the other life is not altogether different from this earth, but is like an outgrowth of temporal existence. The spirit-world is all about us, and we may, if we desire it, receive constant help from the influx of spiritual forces around us. We may come into close communication with the beautiful souls, who, from immortal heights, go forth unto homes on earth, bearing tidings of great joy, bringing consolation to the sad, comfort to those who mourn, strength to the weak, light to those who sit in darkened places and know not of the higher and better life. We may profit by their companionship and know that we are elevated and strengthened by their association.



## Ingersoll and Paine.

A. C. DOANE.

It is not generally understood, but Robert G. Ingersoll was spiritually unfolded, and a spiritual brother of Thomas Paine. The latter originally was a Hixite Friend, who believed in the occult, or spirituality of the bible; but not in the letter. For instance, they believe that the birth of Jesus is a spiritual birth in the human mind; that the first-Adam is earthly nature possessing a living soul, and the second-Adam is the birth or unfoldment of the heavenly nature, possessing a quickening spirit. While we are controlled by the first-Adam nature, we are under the old dispensation; but we have the spiritual nature, by the birth of Jesus, the offspring of the New Jerusalem, mother of all spiritual thoughts, of whom Jesus was the first-born. An occult writer makes him say, "He that cometh after me is greater than I," describing the progress of progressive light in the human mind.

Ingersoll never said a word against the spirituality of the bible—he only showed up its contradictions and the inconsistency of the orthodox Christianity, which teaches the literalism of occult writings. That also caused Thomas Paine to be persecuted by orthodox Christians.

My mother was loved by all church-going people, but she never went into a church to hear an orthodox sermon. For the same reason, Ingersoll's family did not attend orthodox meetings. Orthodox is dying, because it falsely renders these occult writings.

Ingersoll said: "The gods are all gone but one, and he is growing feeble, while reason is growing strong." Thomas Paine and Robert G. Ingersoll have done more to destroy orthodox idolatry than any two men since the days of the Emperor Constantine. They lived in the immortal part of their being, and immortalized their names; for future generations to follow their example. They need no monument to immortalize their memories—they were the leaders of the coming brotherhood of humanity.

Credes must crumble and empires fall, but immortal truth will outlive all. Robert G. Ingersoll was a John the Baptist, blazing a road through the wilderness of orthodox idolatry, so that coming teachers may follow his example of love to humanity, and not waste their time in worshipping idols created by the undeveloped minds of ignorant men.

## Truth.

You ask the question, What is truth? It is the soul's divine conviction. Master mind, and you have mastered the universe. Search for truth on all occasions, and espouse it in opposition to the world. Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. Brave the world; be firm in truth, but liberal and generous.

The most natural beauty in the world is honesty and moral truth; for all beauty is truth. True features make the beauty of a face; true proportions the beauty of architecture; and true measures that of harmony and music.

Accustom your children to a strict attention to truth, even in the most minute particulars. If a thing happened at one window, and they, when relating it, say that it happened at another, do not let it pass, but instantly check them.

You do not know where deviations from truth will end.

Truth, whether in or out of fashion, is the measure of knowledge, and the business of the understanding. Whatsoever is other than that, however authorized by consent, is nothing but ignorance or something worse.

Truth needs no color, with his color fixed;  
Beauty no pencil, beauty's truth to lay.  
But best is best, if never intermixed.

The study of truth is perpetually joined with the love of virtue; for there is no virtue which derives not its original from truth; as, on the contrary, there is no vice which has not its beginning from a lie.

But few historians have been diligent enough in their search for truth. It is their common method to take on trust what they distribute to the public; by which means a falsehood once received from a famed writer, becomes traditional to posterity. Truth is the foundation to all knowledge, and the cement of all society.

Read at the Mission Lyceum, San Francisco, on Aug. 13, by Lottie G. Davidson.

Among the "Words of Wisdom" were the following:

We should always strive to set an example of perfect truthfulness in word and deed.

Let us always be ready to receive and welcome new thought and truth and to honor those who are persecuted for truth's sake.

Truth is vitiated by falsehood, and it may be equally outraged by silence.

Truth fears nothing but concealment.

There is no doctrine so false as not to contain in it some truth.

All truth is precious, if not all divine.

Truth will be uppermost, one time or another, like cork, though kept down in the water.

Truth is simple, requiring neither study or art.

There is nothing so precious as truth.

The expression of truth is simplicity.

O truth, we turn to thee, as to the light; thou art a treasure, above all price.

I have seldom known anyone, who deserted truth in trifles, that could be trusted in matters of importance.

Be just in small things, and you will be just in great ones.

Let love and truth and peace alone,  
That heaven its work at length may own,  
And men be brothers all.

W. T. JONES, Conductor.

## One Truth of Spiritualism.

BY STELLA B.

Spiritualism, as announced to the world by spirits, is an infinite, interminable field of wisdom.

It is not supposable that, in their greater field, spirits can always be understood correctly. An individual spirit is but an atom in the conglomeration of atoms, and its growth and development is rapid or otherwise, according to the intelligence, spirituality and collectiveness at the time of transition.

Those who are supposed to mislead and falsify in the spirit-world are ignorant ones, developing and unfolding as we do in earth-life. At the time of transition, the soul leaves the body, and the spirit-force, collected in the material world, is gathered together by the magnetic aura of that freed soul, condensing and forming one whole. That force, in strength and intelligence, is equal to the height and breadth of our material growth while germinating these forces. Then the material form is either left behind entirely or hovered over in agony. The material desires and loves either still hold their attractiveness to the freed soul, or, in accordance with growth, become as nought in comparison to the greater field wherein individual spirits can find rich mines of knowledge and love.

Growth is a necessary adjunct of progression, and its law is as fixed as that of the planetary systems; and the spirit intelligence or life ego must unfold and develop in the

spirit-world. As unreliability is a material condition or product, it must of necessity originate with the one receiving it, for spirits, however weak, seek after truth, the same as we do, and it is simply through the imperfect relations existing between the spirit-world of force and this world of matter, that mistakes are made.

## Robert Ingersoll.

AUVERGNE L. ASTOR, M.D.

Tongue, pulpit and pen have not been weary in criticism or praise since Ingersoll passed into the silence, but has anyone portrayed his true thoughts or known what, in his real soul, he believed? Those I have seen, so far, have failed, and I believe now is the time to give to the world the result of an interview I had with him at the Palace Hotel, about 12 years ago.

Alfred Cridge, the noted proportionalist, journalist and Spiritualist, requested me to call upon Mr. Ingersoll at the Palace and urge him, if possible, to take up the subject of Proportional Representation, the effective ballot, and in the course of his lecturing-tour to give it to the public, that the world might be enlightened upon the subject and our nation adopt it and become a real Republic in fact, as well as name.

Mr. Ingersoll granted me an interview of over an hour. He admitted that our ballot-laws were then very unsafe (but few States, if any, then had the Australian ballot system), but to talk upon "reforms," he said, "we have to look out that we talk what the public want to hear about, if we want to have the people hear us." "Proportional representation is what the people need, but it is unknown, therefore unpopular; but in my lectures against the church-religion, I am not expected to give such new ideas; it won't do. If the people are willing to give me \$1.50 to hear me lecture, I am willing to give them what they want to hear about, the hereafter—that is, "I don't know. I hope so."

I expostulated with him, and in his jolly *sang-froid*, waved his hand and said: "Little woman, go home; quit your fads; work to please yourself, and the world will applaud. Work to give the world an unpopular thought, and you will be a pauper and always in want. No. Thanks. I am working for Robert, and the world is gracious; you must do the same if you wish to succeed in life." He also said he did not know why he confided in me, a perfect stranger; that he knew that there was an intelligence after death that came from loved ones. He said: "I can not help telling you this; you are so honest and sincere, that I am impelled to tell the truth, and I know you will keep it confidentially."

I reported the result of my interview to Mr. Cridge, that he would not lecture on Proportional Representation because it was not popular; the other I have held sacred until now. Now I believe I have a moral right to say to the world that Robert Ingersoll was a Spiritualist, and he was called home when he could not be persuaded to work more fully to lead the people to freedom.

We read: "The soul (the astral) that sinneth, it shall die." I have said, and the JOURNAL has printed my words: "The world shall be trodden like a threshing floor before 1901 rolls away." "Let every Spiritualist, every human

being, look within and weed out hate, avarice and selfishness." for two shall be grinding in a mill, one shall be taken and the other left; two shall be on the housetop and they will be separated.

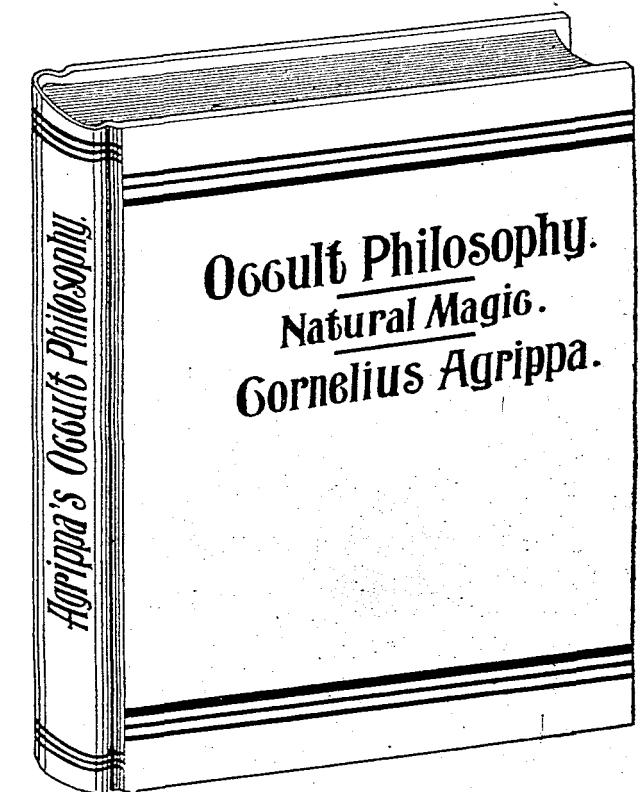
The wrecks of train and vessel, the rushing waters, the sweeping winds, the murders, suicides and deaths that now fill the world, are only a few to what there is to be, for the "Judgment is here" and "the voice of one is heard crying in the wilderness, 'Make Ready.'" Fruitvale, Cal.

[Quite likely Dr. Astor mistook for a statement of fact, the polite facetiousness of Col. Ingersoll, which he evidently intended simply as a jocular pleasantry to a lady he did not wish to annoy with a plain denial or sober argument, for he was the soul of honor and integrity.—Ed.]

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Last May, Mrs. Demorest, of Pittsburg, Pa., said, as several witnesses testify, that Robert Ingersoll would die within 3 months, which was literally fulfilled. She also said, when the steamer, City of Pittsburg, left the harbor and she was looking at it: "That steamer will break down," which it did twice that night. She is a medium and prophetic seer.

Rev. Heber Newton, an Episcopal clergyman, says that the "trouble over Dr. Briggs is not about the creeds, but the right of scholarship to form its conclusions impartially and to teach them unhesitatingly." "It is now time," he says, "for the church to face the fact of her own liberty, and have done with all this nonsense of arraigning scholarship for its assertion of the facts concerning the bible." Mr. Newton is right. Intelligent scholars and scientists should not be interfered with by dogmatic and intolerant priests, whose only idea is to perpetuate their credal system, and antiquated theology.

If Ingersoll could speak now, says a Presbyterian paper, "he would have a different message, and would try to undo some of the harm he had done."

Although this is in accordance with the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, it is fatal to the doctrine of eternal punishment. For, if so soon after death, Ingersoll can have repented, there must be hope for him. Orthodoxy has outdone itself, in making such a claim! The old dogmas are passing away. People are outgrowing them. As the priests have no power to compel a belief in them, the people are growing out of the old ruts, and embracing the "new thought."

Mrs. Maud Lord-Drake has been in Cripple Creek, Colo., during July and August.

### Spirit Memory of Earth Life.

Miss Lillian Whiting, the noted Boston author and writer for periodicals, has an excellent article in the *Coming Age* for August, replying to the theory lately advanced by Mr. Chas. Dawbarn, that "death destroys all memories of earth-life"—which is surely, practically annihilation.

Miss Whiting gives instances in connection with her friend, Miss Kate Field, who communicated with her through the noted medium, Mrs. Piper, and gave indisputable proof of retained memory, after going to "the beyond."

Also, combatting Mr. Dawbarn's assertion that a communication from one having passed the change called death, "rarely reaches the text-book level, and never equals that of the learned specialist," she refers to many highly cultured communications received from spirits, showing in an "unanswerable way and beyond possibility of doubt, that memory survives the change called death." She adds:

There are as many persons who die who have not yet made high attainment as there are those who live who have not attained unto high things. There have been communications of a very high intellectual order written through the hand of Mrs. Sara A. Underwood and embodied in her book, "Automatic Writing," and it was natural that the scholarly culture and scientific achievements of such persons as Mr. and Mrs. Underwood should attract a corresponding quality of companionship from the unseen.

The Editor of the *Medium*, Los Angeles, Mr. Carlson, was taken severely ill, quite suddenly, on Saturday, Aug. 5, at noon, consequently no paper was issued last week. We sincerely hope he may soon recover his usual health.

The Spiritualist camps have quite generally appropriately noticed the transition of Col. Ingersoll, for his grand work of demolishing the dogmas of superstition.

Mrs. Underwood's Book on "Automatic or Spirit Writing, with other Psychic Experiences," referred to by Miss Lillian Whiting in the *Coming Age*, is for sale at this office at \$1.00, bound in cloth, or 50 cents in paper cover. The latter is clubbed with the JOURNAL for one year for \$1.35. Every Spiritualist should have a copy of this intensely interesting book.

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### A Brave Stand.

The Rev. Minot J. Savage, though a minister, is not an orthodox one. In fact, he is an independent thinker and a Spiritualist, and therefore a very liberal man. Creeds and dogmas do not bind him, and his sentiments are noble and grand. In a recent interview, he remarked as follows:

Let me say here, I think Col. Ingersoll's position was completely justified in its antagonism to popular creeds. It was a natural reaction from the old Presbyterian confession of faith, and his criticisms, for example would not touch at all my opinions. They would not hit nor hurt the views of a liberal theistic evolutionist, but were perfectly valid, in my judgment, as against the old-time Calvinistic creeds. The Presbyterian confession of faith teaches the damnation of non-elect infants. As against the kind of God who is represented in such creeds, Ingersoll's position is unassailable, and I will say frankly if I had my choice between the agnosticism of Col. Ingersoll and a belief in any of the old Calvinistic creeds, I would side with Ingersoll every time.

I would a great deal rather die and go to dust, and that be the end of me, than to take any heaven the old creeds offer me, at the price of an endless hell for the meanest man that ever lived.

We fully agree with Mr. Savage. We rebelled against the orthodox hell dogma 40 years ago. It was such a relief when we discovered its falsity. It is so repugnant to all having right views concerning mercy and justice, that we wonder how such a doctrine could have been tolerated so long.

Geo. W. Walrond, of the Opera House Block, Denver, Colo., trance speaker and test medium, will resume his spiritualistic services in Denver, Colo., on Sunday evening, Sept. 3. His four years' work in Denver has created quite an increased interest in Spiritualism, and with a large hall, capable of seating nearly a thousand persons, it is anticipated that the cause will continue to grow and expand throughout the Rocky Mountain district. Mr. Walrond's lectures are thoroughly scientific and practical and his psychic tests appeal to the multitude.

**The Visible Stars,** their primary and secondary planets, together with the comets, indeed, constitute a more trifling portion of existence, than our sun does when compared to the innumerable other suns that come within the sphere of our observation! For though the sun, that blazes to our contemplation, and enlivens with its genial influence our momentary existence, is supposed to be upwards of a million times larger than the earth which we inhabit, and retains, by the superior force of its volume, its attendant planets in their respective orbits; yet does this immense body, when compared with the universe, dwindle into an insignificant star of the milky way! Is the infinite existence but of yesterday—as superstition would force us to believe?—Exch

### Persecution in New York.

The following ironical "circular" came to us last week, with what we have headed this article penciled on the lower corner. "Healers" of every class and name are being persecuted, giving occasion for the publication of this circular:

"GREAT IS DIANA."

And it came to pass in the reign of Roosevelt, Van Wyck being tetrach of greater Gotham, that a strange delusion prevailed, and caused no small stir among the people. There appeared in the streets and synagogues many, who, having no reverence for sound doctrine, or for the priests and doctors, were persuaded that they had been healed of divers and sore disorders in a manner which is unlawful. Behold! they were fools and deceived, for they had suffered no illness, and knew not their own minds.

But the delusion spread abroad, and the number of those who foolishly sought to be healed by strange ministry, rather than die in a good and lawful manner, increased exceedingly. And the doctors and priests, whose profit was despoiled, were sore dismayed and filled with wrath and envy. And some of them cried out, saying: "Sirs! This false doctrine hath turned away much people, and there is danger that our craft, which hath brought us much gain, come into disrepute. Behold! the temple of our sacred calling is profaned, and the silver shekels which are cast into our treasury diminished. Is not the health of the people committed into our keeping forever, and shall not all other mouths be stopped? Peradventure this heresy will prevail, and many be led away and made whole of their distresses unlawfully, instead of perishing in an honorable and long-suffering manner!"

Then certain of the chief doctors, lawyers and priests gathered themselves together, and many counselled an appeal to the rulers. They said one to another: "Go to! have we not power to persuade the Assembly? Behold! the deputies will make a decree that officers be sent out with staves and swords to punish heresy and sedition. It is meet that the malefactors be brought before the magistrates to show by what authority they do these unlawful works."

Then the doctors of physic cried out with a loud voice, with one accord: "Great is the god Esculapius! Behold! our medicaments never fail, but when they do fail, it is but just that the will of the Most High be meekly accepted. Do not the multitudes who have been gathered to their fathers' and gone down to Sheol at our hands rest content without complaint or questioning? Who-soever, therefore, doth not bow down to our god and do him homage shall be cast into a fiery furnace, seven times heated. It were well to die righteously and honorably rather than to have health restored through the counsel of the unlearned."

Then the doctors of divinity also lifted up their voices, saying: "Behold! these strange people close their ears to our reproof, and refuse to prostrate themselves before our altars! We have piped unto them and they have not danced! They have profanely dragged down the teachings of Jesus, and made them common and practical. Let it be proclaimed that all who seek strength through strange doctrines, or give counsel to their neighbors to do likewise, be hanged on a gallows fifty cubits high. Then shall their carcasses be taken down and burned with fire, and the ashes thereof be scattered to the four winds of heaven."—Chronicles of Gotham.

After 400 Years of "Christian civilization" in Cuba under the auspices of Spain, 76 per cent. of the entire population can neither read nor write. There are thousands of churches, but not a school house in Cuba. Ignorance prevails throughout the island, and destitution is widespread—not the direct outcome of war, but of conditions which have prevailed for centuries. Spain's legacy to Cuba is the degradation of ignorance and poverty. These conditions confront America in its attempt to establish a government in the Antilles. Obviously, the people of Cuba are incapable of governing themselves; they are merely children in the world of modern civilization, ignorant of the laws of government, order and progress.—Flaming Sword



The Reviewer.

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State Convention.

San Francisco, Aug. 1, 1899. 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.

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Dr. C. W. Hidden, of Newburyport, Mass., returned from his Summer outing at the sea-shore on Aug. 12, and was to start on Aug. 17 for Lake Pleasant, Bangor, Portland, and other noted points in the East. He will open the Fall lecture season in Portland, Me., Sept. 3, thence goes to Providence, R. I., to fill a three months' engagement.

In addition to his professional and literary duties, Dr. Hidden has consented to become a candidate for the mayoralty of Newburyport at the December election, and, assisted by a corps of able speakers and workers, is expected to put up a warm political fight.

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Bringing love and gentle cheer;  
Bringing peace and sweet contentment,  
From my dear ones over there.

Ever o'er my spirit brooding,  
Are sweet harbingers of light,  
Who are come to bring me tidings  
Of the beautiful and bright;  
The holy and immortal ones  
On yon empyrean height.

They bring sweetest consolation  
For the trials that I bear;  
They tell me to be brave and kind,  
Never mind the carking care,  
That seems to eat my very heart—  
But look up in silent prayer.

They tell me many golden truths,  
As o'er my soul they hover;  
And I open wide the gateway,  
That they my path may cover,  
O'er and o'er, with priceless jewels,  
From realms of the Forever.

EMMA D. PITTS.



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TO THE EDITOR:

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## Spirit Pictures.

TO THE EDITOR:

During my investigation in Spiritualism and mediumship, I have learned many lessons, and had many valuable experiences. Duty impels me to detail my last experience, in justice to the medium and her guides.

About four months ago, Mrs. Bessie Van Sickle painted a likeness of one of my wife's Indian controls, and also promised to paint a spirit picture for me. I said: "Paint whatever you may get for me." About three or four weeks ago, she brought a painting to my house, of the Temple of Magi, representing the first instruction in the Order of the White Star, which actually happened about four years ago; also I have a poem that I wrote about two years ago, corresponding with the picture, and mediums have recognized some of the spirits on the picture, as seen in my aura many years ago.

Mrs. Van Sickle states that she never took a lesson in painting; and that is remarkable. It was a complete surprise to the artist-medium when I showed her my scrap-book with the following poem in it:

## The Temple of Magi.

Am I awake or do I dream?  
Is it possible and true?  
Am I in a distant country,  
Before a temple all majestic,  
Adorned with jewels and with gold,  
With pillars of marble so rare,  
And most beautiful surroundings.  
Do the gods dwell there?

Familiar, but of ancient appearance,  
Met by teachers of the past,  
With pure love, and holy greeting,  
"Willing to enter?" they ask.

Following their guiding footsteps,  
To the crystal fountain near,  
Become childlike in appearance,  
A new garment I am to wear.

With the olive branch of Peace  
A lovely spirit now appears.  
Take this and remember the past.  
Peace! Peace! she greets.  
Seven male and seven female spirits,  
With stars adorned, they come,  
Joining hands for one purpose,  
Making a united whole.

Follow closely our direction;  
We all walk by your side.  
Teach all of love and mercy;  
Bring to all peace and joy.  
Ever onward guide your footsteps,  
While advancing to the Light,  
And the name you have acquired,  
Enter in the Book of Life.

Up to the Altar now they lead me,  
Before the Book of Life.  
"Write the name thou hast earned thee,"  
Says the leader by my side.  
Many steps we were climbing,  
Many more we have to climb.  
Ever onward, is the watchword;  
Always forward, to the Light.

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## Local News Summary.

Edited by M. S. NORTON.

**Spiritualists, Attention.**—The President has declared Sept. 1, 2 and 3 legal holidays, in order that you may attend the State Convention in Odd Fellows' Hall. The Sunday afternoon and evening meetings will be held in the main hall, (entrance on Seventh St.) Admission to all the meetings free. All welcome.

**The Local Editor** "had a fall" on the 12th inst. The fall was of little consequence, but the sudden stop when he came in contact with the concrete pavement resulted in a serious injury to the back. Dr. Louisa S. Drew, of 305 McAllister St., was called, and with two of her marvelous electro-magnetic treatments had him on his feet again. If the people who need medical aid knew of the wonderful efficacy of these treatments, many of the "old school" drug dispensers would have to shut up shop and go to work at some useful avocation.

**Mr. and Mrs. Lillie** leave this week for Summerland Camp, where they intend to stay a week, and will then go to the Los Angeles Camp for another week, and will then return to San Francisco, to occupy the platform for the Society of Progressive Spiritualists, at Occidental Hall, for another year, beginning on Sept. 17. We hope they will have a pleasant and profitable outing, and we feel assured they will receive a hearty welcome at both meetings. At both camp meetings they will represent the JOURNAL, and take subscriptions for it and our books. We hope they will be able to get up a large club at each camp. Will our friends help them to do it, by talking the matter up?

**Mrs. Weir** holds a meeting at 521 13th St., Oakland. A correspondent writes: "I attended it on Aug. 16, and found perfect order, perfect tests, with many names, given to an intelligent audience of 40 to 50 persons."

**Oriental Hall**, 605 McAllister St., has three mid-week meetings. Mme. Young holds her meetings on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and the Mediums' Protective Association on Wednesday night. Last Wednesday Mr. J. T. Roberts was the test medium and gave good satisfaction.

**The Music** of the reception and convention will be under the direction of Prof. Carl Sawvell. There will be a mammoth choral and many other pleasing numbers. The names of the members of the chorus will probably appear in the next issue of the JOURNAL.

**The Mission Lyceum** entertainment and dance for August will be held in Excelsior Hall, 2319 Mission St., on Wednesday evening, 30th inst. The musical and literary program will be of a high order, and the opportunities for enjoyment numerous. Admission 10 cents. Fall in.

**Spiritual Entertainment.**—Thursday evening, the 17th inst., Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meyer gave a musical and literary entertainment, in Friendship Hall, 335 McAllister St. In the musical line there was a Swiss quartet—the Misses Wilkie, Miss Katie Kalenburg and Mrs. Adaline Collins, Miss Mabel Luckie.—Mr. Meyer and Mr. Smalls, A. Mark Stoddard and Mrs. Stoddard made short addresses, and Miss Marian Adams sang comic songs and performed a "cake walk." There was dancing and refreshments. These pleasing parties will be held monthly in future.

**Did it Ever** occur to you, how many Spiritualists there are in this State who do not take the JOURNAL? Small wonder that they can't keep up with the procession; now is the time to get in line. You subscribe for the paper; we will do the rest. Forward! March!

**Ladies' Aid Society.**—Vacation time is over; officers and members have girded on the armor, and for another year there will be lively times in headquarters, Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St. Business meetings will be held there every Wednesday afternoon, and socials on the second and last Friday evenings of each month. The next entertainment will be held on Friday evening, Aug. 25. The program will be musical and literary, followed by a dance and light refreshments. The admission will be 10 cents. You cannot afford to miss this one. The ladies have already elected seven delegates to represent the Society in the State Convention on Sept. 1, and this society promises to be largely in evidence on the firing line during the spiritual revival which lies just before.

**Hermetic Brotherhood.**—The open meeting of this Order, held on Tuesday evening, 15th inst., at 856 Hayes St., was addressed by Mr. James U. Spence of Suisun, on "The practical side of the Hermetic teachings." There was the usual interval of silent meditation, songs, discussions, and questions, by students of Occult truth. If you are in search of mental freedom, come. You are welcome.

**A Warm Visitor.**—When Mrs. E. Sloper returned from a call last Thursday evening, she found that the contents of her clothes-closet had been reduced to ashes in her absence by a smoldering fire. The loss of one's wardrobe is not usually considered very good luck; but in this instance it might have been worse.

**At Oriental Hall**, Mrs. Sarah Seal spoke on "Dreams," followed by the matchless messages of Mue. Young.

**Friendship Hall.**—A good audience was entertained and instructed by Mrs. C. J. Meyer last Sunday evening.

**Oakland.**—The platform of Fraternal Hall was occupied last Sunday evening by Mrs. M. A. Bird, of San Francisco. Mrs. Bird is an excellent psychometrist and always gives satisfaction.

**Remember**, our friend, Mrs. Sadie Cooke, has the Sunflower Jewelry for sale, and takes subscriptions for spiritual books and papers. Her residence is 702½ Van Ness Ave.

**Universal Spiritual Association.**—The subject was "Revenge" last Sunday at 20 Eddy St. This was one of the best meetings of the year.

**The Brahmacharin** delivered a lecture in Memorial Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, last Sunday evening on "Brotherhood, True and False," under the auspices of Golden Gate Branch of the Theosophical Society.

**Dr. G. E. Chesbro** is a magnetic healer, developing medium, lecturer and teacher. Mrs. Maud Chesbro is a medium. They are now laboring in Visalia, Cal.

**Prof. W. C. Bowman**, the silver-tongued orator, is now in Portland, Oregon, but intends to be in San Francisco on Sept. 1, to attend the State Convention. He has engaged to give a lecture on Sunday evening in connection with Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson.

**Oakland.**—The Union Spiritual Society met, as usual, at 856½ Isabella St., on Wednesday evening. Dr. Palnbaum, the noted healer, had invited Dr. A. L. Astor to be present. After singing, and an invocation by Dr. Astor, questions were written by many in the audience, which the doctor instructively answered. The tests the doctor gave were short, sharp, fully recognized and satisfactory. At the close, membership dues were collected and new members received. Dr. Astor joined the society, which gives us all new hope that we will have a revival here in spiritual work. Next week there will be a business meeting to elect delegates to the State Convention. Vox.

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