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THE EARTH AND MAN.

A little sun, a little rain,
A soft wind blowing from the west—
And woods and fields are sweet again,
And warmth within the mountain's breast.

So simple is the earth we tread,
So quick with love and life her frame;
Ten thousand years have dawned and fled,
And still her magic is the same.

A little love, a little trust,
A soft impulse, a sudden dream—
And life as dry as desert dust
Is fresher than a mountain stream.

So simple is the heart of man,
So ready for new hope and joy;
Ten thousand years since it began
Have left it younger than a boy.

STOPFORD A. BROOKE.



Was it a Spirit Voice?

One of the August numbers of *L'Echo du Merveilleux* relates the following incident, which is stated to have occurred on June 25, 1881: The narrator was then a girl of 18. The companion with whom she shared a room had been in anxiety about a favorite cousin; the last tidings received had, however, been slightly more favorable. The narrator, who was kept awake by toothache, says that her companion was sleeping quietly near her when suddenly, about 3 o'clock, she shuddered, opened her eyes and said: "Did you call me?" "Not at all," was the reply. "Oh, I was dreaming, then; someone called and touched my shoulder." "You dreamt," responded her companion.

She closed her eyes, but after about 5 minutes she started again, got up and ran to the window, exclaiming: "I am not dreaming; someone pulled me by the arm, calling, 'Belle.'" (This was a pet name used only by the sick cousin.) In the sky opposite the window a lovely trail of color, graduating from bright pink to mauve, was visible. At that moment the clock struck the quarter after 3. The girl called "Belle," turned deadly white and nearly fainted; she said that she had again felt a hand on her shoulder and heard the words, "Belle—adieu!" Subsequently the news arrived that her cousin had died precisely at 3:15 a.m., and that her last words were about her cousin.—*Exch.*

Steered by a Spirit Pilot.

Robert Dale Owen says that the mate of a bark off the banks of Newfoundland sat in his cabin, working out the vessel's course, when he saw one whom he supposed was the captain writing on a slate in the cabin. The mate went over to him, only to find it was not

the captain nor any member of the ship's company. He spoke to the stranger, who vanished instantly, leaving on the slate the words: "Steer to the nor'west." Her mate called the captain, who was much interested. As the wind was fair for that course, the skipper said: "We'll see if there's anything in this spook advice." He ordered the bark to change her course to northwest, and sent a mariner aloft to keep a sharp lookout. In a short time the lookout sighted an ice-bound vessel whose passengers, officers and crew were nearly perished of cold and hunger. The skipper reached them just in time. One of the passengers the mate recognized as the stranger who wrote on the slate. According to the other passengers, this man had been in a profound sleep at the time the mate saw the vision.

Spirit Boy Seeks His Mother

Here is a story vouched for by Newton Crosland of Blackheath, England, who is interested in psychic phenomena:

Tom Potter, a bright dare-devil of an English lad, joined the Brit-



MME. E. YOUNG,

Delegate from California to the National Spiritualists' Convention.

ish man-of-war Doris in 1865. After a couple of voyages he ran away and came home to his widowed mother, half-naked and half-starved. He was ill for a while, and his captain, taking pity on him, gave to him another chance. Tom sailed for the West Indies, and his mother, having married a Mr. Cooper, left the H— family, with whom she had been living. Some weeks later a woman, whose name was Mary, came to the H—s to fill the place Mrs. Potter's marriage had made vacant. Mary did not know anything of Mrs. Potter or Mrs. Cooper.

"On the night of Sept. 8, 1866," says Mr. Crosland, "some one rang Mr. H—s door bell. Mary answered it. Opening the door, she talked to some one outside for a moment and shut it. Mrs. H— was ill in bed, but could hear what was going on. She recognized Tom

Potter's voice. 'Who was at the door, Mary?' she asked. 'A little sailor boy,' said Mary. 'He wanted his mother. I told him I didn't know anything about his mother, and sent him about his business. When I told him that he put up his hand to his forehead and said: "Oh, dear, what'll I do?"'

"Well, Tom Potter's run away from his ship again, that's sure enough," said Mrs. H—. She and her husband tried to find him, but not a trace could they discover. A priest, who was interested in Tom, did not believe the lad had run away. He said he had heard from Tom not long before, and in the letter reported himself as getting on finely. The priest questioned Mary carefully, however, to find out whom she had seen. He showed her a lot of photographs of boys about Tom's age, who were, or had been, pupils in the same school. Picking up one, he asked: 'Is this he?' 'No,' said Mary instantly; 'this is 'im, as sure as I'm sitting 'ere.' She had picked out

meant when we say: "Look within." Clouds do not put out the sun, but they keep the earth from receiving all the benefit it might from it.

Thus it is in regard to the Spiritual Sun of Being. For the greater part of their lives people have generated cloudy thoughts, and these hide the Sun of Being from their spiritual sight. If, after several efforts to dissipate them, the Sun of Being does not shine in upon their spirits, they give up, concluding that the interior Sun is all a myth. But their attainment of the Immortal State of Consciousness is dependent upon their beholding the Sun of Being, for it is the Source of Immortal Life, just as the natural sun is the source of physical life. Therefore, do not be discouraged if the life-long clouds are not immediately dissipated, but keep on exercising the spiritual nature until they are all gone, and the Sun of Being shines forth in all its effulgent glory.—*Lucy A. Mallory.*

A Time of Trouble.

Raphael, the London astrologer, in his predictions for 1899, gives the following for this Fall:

October—There will be grave danger of a rupture. Let those in authority take heed and not be rash or hasty in their actions, otherwise the result will be disastrous. There will be shocks of earthquakes, tidal waves and disasters in collieries. The Autumn of this year will witness many strange and appalling events, which will strike terror into hearts of the stoutest, and cause a deep-seated feeling of unrest and uncertainty as to what the morrow may bring forth. It will be demonstrated to our senses the littleness of man and man's mind, and the vastness of nature.

November—Toward the close of this month the grand conjunction of seven planets in one sign will be approaching, an event that does not occur once in a thousand years. This conjunction will mark an epoch—the beginning of a new cycle. A great war has yet to come in which the whole of Europe will be embroiled, and in which England will be one of the combatants. Many of my readers will live to see this war, for its advent is not far distant.

December—Strange to say that in this month, the last of the present cycle, 7 planets will be found in the sign of Sagittary on the second day, and Jupiter 5 degrees of the same sign, making the eighth. Following this tremendous conjunction, a new era will arise, not immediately, for nature works slowly and surely, and Mother Earth and her sons and daughters will have to pass through throes of pain and convulsions ere the new era dawns.



MRS. ADDIE L. BALLOU,

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Tom's photograph, and was positive it was a picture of the boy she had seen the night of Sept. 8.

"The next month a letter from the Admiralty reached the priest. 'We write to you,' it ran, 'because we do not know the address of Tom Potter's mother;' and then it went on to say that the lad was doing well until July 24, when he fell from the masthead and hurt himself badly. A fever set in, Tom was delirious, and on Sept. 6 he died, calling for his mother."

Newton Crosland declares that he has taken great pains to verify the details of this statement and has found them to be facts beyond question.

Look Within.

The sun is the center of our solar system, and it is a good representation of the Spiritual Self that is

The New Heaven and the New Earth, OR THE UNIVERSAL SUPPLY IN AIR.

A Lecture Delivered by Dr. Geo. W. Carey at Los Angeles, California.

The hour has struck for a new dispensation for man. It is the voice of a standing prophecy proclaimed with trumpet tongues.

The great battle of the ages is being fought out on the earth to-day. The Samsons of spiritual power are feeling for the pillars of material authority.

We of the present time are about to see the end of the world, or the end of the old heaven and the old earth. It will soon be gathered together as a scroll, and the glory of the new will burst upon our sight.

Edwin Markham, in one of his Masterpieces of Spiritual Symbolism, says:

"St. John beheld it as a great white throne,
Above the ages wondrous and afar;
Mazzini heard it as a bugle blown,
And Shelley saw it as a steadfast star.
It is a vision waiting and aware,
And you must bring it down, oh! men of worth;
Bring down the Republic held in air,
And make for it foundation on the earth."

How may we determine from a scientific basis that there is to be, or can be, a new earth and heaven? It is self-evident that the earth exists and that we dwell upon it, and it matters not if it has always existed or is a special manifestation of creative power, or was thrown off from the sun as fiery vapor aeons ago. But as a starting point is necessary, and as that point will not change the facts of to-day, I will take the position of the late Prof. Winchell as set forth in his book, "Sketches of Creation." For publishing his views, he was deprived of his Chair of Science in the University at Ann Arbor, Mich. But public pressure was so great in his favor he was soon reinstated.

According to Winchell's theory, the earth was once a component part of the sun and was thrown off from that central orb of life as light—its mother—as a ring of incandescent substance in which was contained the germ life, or power and potency of all the varied manifestations of life we now in any manner sense or realize. That through unnumbered ages it passed through a cooling process, condensing first on the outer edge, forming a crust, and slowly settling and pressing inward, growing smaller and smaller as the crust grew thicker, until it was moulded into its present size, shape and general conditions.

When the earth cooled sufficiently, vegetable life appeared; but no rational explanation was ever given of the *modus operandi* by which vegetable or animal tissue is materialized until the idea that so-called matter and spirit were two separate substances began to fade from the consciousness of many dwellers on the earth, and until chemists and electricians proved scientifically that all forms of matter are but condensed air, and that spirit is a high vibration of air, or Universal Substance.

The commonly-accepted idea that vegetation is a product of soil, that it absorbs from the earth the material that builds the structure of the planet, and that animal tissue is built up by a metamorphosis of this vegetable substance into flesh and bone, has been proven erroneous.

Chemistry and the Spectroscope prove that vegetable and animal tissue is precipitated or condensed air, which should be named Universal Spirit.

The earth serves a threefold purpose: First, a material resting place—by the word "material" I mean condensed spirit—for there is no other substance.

Second, the earth is the passive pole of spirit or mother principle, by which air, through the operation of wisdom, is changed into matter.

Third, soil contains the mineral salts of iron, magnesia, sodium, potassium, silica, etc., which act as carriers of, or workers in, the organic substances. This process is now recognized by the term Biochemistry. These mineral salts are the carriers of oil, sugar, fibrine, albumen and water. But the oil, sugar, fibrine and albumen are first formed by synthetic process directly from their elements in the air, water and the twelve mineral salts being used as builders. Thus we see how twelve plays such an important part in the occult world, or symbolism, as well as in so-called material things. The twelve signs of the zodiac, through which the sun passes in 365 days and through which the moon passes every 28 days; the twelve sons of Jacob, each one partaking of the character-

istics of the sign in which he was born; and again in Revelations: "And the tree of life stood in the midst and bare twelve manner of fruits, and its leaves were for the healing of the nations."

At the period of time in the earth's history when vegetable life first appeared, the atmosphere nearest earth was very dense and contained more organic material to the square inch than at present. Modern man could not have existed in such environments, but monsters flourished in both the vegetable and animal world. Immense ferns and animals so large that in comparison an elephant would seem a dwarf specimen of the animal kingdom.

Geology proves that such animals and vegetation existed and have been absorbed by the earth, and that by this process the fact that the lower strata of air is constantly settling or condensing on the earth like invisible snow, accounts for the growth of the earth and explains why fossil remains are found many feet below the surface, independent of landslides or cataclysms.

How stupendous the thought that all we see, feel or taste is a certain condensation or vibration of the air Substance or Spirit.

Paul must have sensed something akin to this sublime truth when he exclaimed: "Oh! grave, where is thy victory? Oh! death, where is thy sting?"

The more refined the atmosphere, the more delicate or refined the object or form, materialized, as the descending atmosphere is of a higher or more attenuated grade from day to day.

Let me carry you upward in spirit above the strata of air in which we live to the more refined, and let you see the New Jerusalem that the prophet and clairvoyant, John, saw on the isle of Patmos, being let down out of the heavens. It was the descending spiritual air—"the new republic held in air"—that the Bellamys and Markhams see. We will name it the celestial regions, or heaven, for those educated along religious lines and good truth or the electric world for the materialistic, scientific and occult schools of thought.

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth." In the discussion of the question, an understanding of the esoteric meaning of words is essential, as well as the esoteric meaning. "The heavens declare the glory of God." This has reference to the stars and planets. "The birds of the heavens rested in its branches" refers to the atmosphere. "The kingdom of heaven is within you," gives the esoteric real meaning, and is realized by the consciousness that all in the universe is the operation of wisdom, and that evil has no existence as an entity. Evil is a belief in something that is not good. A belief may be overcome, but a truth cannot be overcome, for truth is eternal. It logically follows that if evil is a truth, it can never be overcome.

But how shall we have a better understanding of truth, or wisdom's operations, so we may truthfully, logically and scientifically say: "All is good and there is no evil." I answer that the descending spiritual atmosphere operating through the brain of man will make manifest the new heaven by evolving the consciousness to realize that all that is, is good when properly understood and used. Then the "New Name" will be given to all things and acts now called evil. This is the Judgment Day. God manifesting himself unto himself. Truth triumphant.

When the electric strata reached the earth, Franklin touched the hem of its garments of light and we dreamed of its possibilities, and when a higher potency touched the earth, behold an Edison, a Tesla, the electric light and the telephone. Why were not these magicians upon the earth thousands of years ago, with their apparatus? Why was it that electricity was not used to swing the mighty stones of the Pyramids of Cheops in place, carve the features of the awful Sphinx or rear the Chinese Wall? Because the condition of atmosphere resting upon the earth, and which materialized the human brain of those days, did not contain the proper combination, or potency, of aerial elements to make the electrical operations of to-day possible.

Our Edisons and Teslas are the prophets of the electrical age, which is the age of spirituality or millenium. The researches, inventions and practical operations of these latter-day magicians are marvelous. I need not recount these marvelous manifestations of spirit power, but will simply refer to the latest invention of Tesla. He has invented a machine by which

what is termed electrostatic waves can be produced. In what is called an alternating current the vibrations number about 200 a second. Tesla's machine produces a current having 20,000 alternations a second. 2,000 volts of crude electricity passing through the human organism produces instant death of the body; but Tesla received 1,000,000 volts of this new phase of force without injury. It is so subtle that it evades matter in human organisms as now constructed. It does not affect the nerves, because they do not sense what is taking place. But though this rate of vibration is too high for our nerves to comprehend to-day, it must be remembered that the organic structure of man is continually changing. The body is condensed air and always manifests according to the quality of air. The descending spiritual air is day by day materializing brain cells and nerves that will soon be enabled to sense impressions and understand principles that have heretofore been sealed up from the understanding of man.

From Biology we learn that the cells that constitute matter do not touch each other; the laws of cohesion and repulsion are so nicely adjusted that a proper equilibrium is always maintained. Of course, the nearer particles or molecules come into actual contact the more solidified the substance. Steel comes nearer being solid than wood or granite. The organic particles, cells or molecules, an aggregation of which make up the human anatomy, are separated by spaces so small that ordinary electric waves or vibrations can not pass between them without producing friction or sensation, and a given quantity or rate of vibration so irritates the cells of tissue that the molecular chain of life is broken and death of animal function is the result. But the higher or more refined force set free, or set in motion, by Tesla's machine, finds its way between the molecules without friction, consequently without sensation. With the new descending atmosphere (the new heaven) or higher potency of the one-spirit substance, will come the power of the nervous organization to sense this higher phase of force, which is the John the Baptist or the forerunner of the "angel out of heaven" that is making all things new. The power the prophets recognized and that Jesus of Nazareth proclaimed when he said: "All the things I do, ye shall do, and greater things shall ye do."

"'Twas a long, weary night;
We were almost in doubt
That the future was more than they knew.
'Twas a long, weary night;
But the morning has dawned,
And the words of our prophets are true."

We know that electricity is unlimited; it can only be set in operation and used according to our degree of consciousness of its powers and possibilities and its adaptation to human needs, and when the people everywhere feel the influence of the descending new heaven, the earth will be lighted by this flaming breath of Deity. Huge arc lights will illuminate the country, roads and forests as well as the city's streets, and, indeed, it is no great stretch of imagination to see that when the people in collective capacity take charge of all natural resources, their divine heritage, how climate may be made to order, and fruits, flowers and vegetables, even of the tropics, be produced all over the earth at all seasons.

My own experiments in Chemistry have demonstrated the fact that air can be condensed and used to cure diseases. Oxygen, one of the elements of the air, has long been used as medicine, because it has an affinity for iron. But the air contains twelve elements, which are spiritual correspondencies to the twelve cell salts. A proper combination of the cell salts will attract and hold the air elements in condensed form when submitted to a proper degree of light. A lack of these elements, or lack of a proper balance, is the cause of every disease that afflicts the race. The different symptoms manifested in disease, to which medical science in the past has given names without end, are produced by the same identical cause, viz: a deficiency in some of the constituents of the blood.

The microscope, the spectroscope, the X-ray, and liquefied air, have made it possible to determine the agents that are deficient in human blood, when it is in a diseased condition. The scientists of the world long searched in vain for this remedy, because they supposed that disease was caused by something, instead of a lack of something—a deficiency.

[Concluded next week.]

Word, Parable or Picture.

STELLA B. CASE.

In a worded line, I see pictured
The light of a grander truth,
Than all of the sages that withered
The thought of a growth in their youth.

A misty cloud-land, like phantoms of past memories, are the shadows of former lives. Dark, soulless, sombre, unwholesome, behind lies the dark speck of earth called the world. In various directions can those shades trace the paths that they have traversed, both in earth-life and after the mortal form was cast aside.

Beyond all is a dreary expanse of space, endless, formless and occupied simply by the shadows of those who had left all but their former thoughts behind them. In the distance, a beautiful strain of music is heard. Ethereal, soul-stirring, are the tones swelling now loud, now low, lulling the senses to a reposeful rest. A beautiful radiant atmosphere pervaded the darkened space, all the grandeur of a purer aura filled the shadowed space.

Suddenly, as if formed out of space, before the phantoms stood many forms, whose brilliancy and beauty thrilled through and through their darkened brethren. Thinking was their mode of speech, and as the thought of those dark spirits was, "Who are you and what do you want?" they were answered in kind words by the spirits of light. "We are spirits of light and life, and come that ye shall be made to know the great secret of existence, and the mode of progression thereto."

Some of the dark spirits, who had been the bigoted of earth-life, scoffed at the idea of progression; while those who had been weak and subjected to strong earth influences, gladly accepted the proffered help of the spirits of light and life. They were gathered together, and ere the thoughts of their darkened brethren could follow them they disappeared from sight.

The darkness and depths of space seeming more intense after the illumined brilliancy of the spirits of light, life and force-power. Farther and farther away sounded the heavenly music, until, at last, the sound had died away, and all that was left to those darkened forms was but the empty echo of the melodious sounds.

All our life, we are liable to reject that which is the light of a more powerful growth, knowing and acknowledging its eternal beauty, but carelessly living the life that suits best our pleasure-loving sense, thinking that a more favorable time would come to begin. But there is a "still, small voice," forever calling to us for the good of self to haste. Ah, friends in truth, we wait and wait, content to feed our lust, our greed and our vanity, thinking that in this we get progress, always resisting the "still, small voice"—the spirit of light, life and force-power.

Letter from Herman Snow.

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks for the kind words you sent me and for your readiness in making use of my somewhat *out-of-date* contributions to your columns. This, together with some encouraging words from other quarters, induces me to think that my old age efforts in the good cause are not wholly useless. It is probable, therefore, that I may continue to send occasional brief articles for your use; i. e., so long as my octogenarian frailties will allow of it

(I am now in my 88th year.) My almost 50 years of experience in Spiritualism will not let me fall short of material. But thinking that a more intimate acquaintance with my personal career in the matter may help the reader to a better understanding of my position and views in regard to the subject, I send you this brief outline of my course, as it has been more or less closely connected with Spiritualism:

At rather a late period of my life, I engaged in a course of theological study lasting about four and a half years and ending with a graduation from the Harvard Divinity School in 1843. Then came 10 years of sincere and earnest labors as a Unitarian minister, rendered more than usually hard from the fact that my preparatory course had been hurried and imperfect. This, together with repeated cases of severe family bereavement, left me in a reduced state of health and with a general feeling of discouragement. I felt that my work in this world was finished. I now think it would have been but for the advent into my mind of a well-sustained belief in the then novel and very unpopular teachings of Modern Spiritualism, which brought to me the bright hopes and wonderful healings of the spirit-world.

This was almost 50 years ago, and since then, though I still continued to give some attention to my former work, the main strength of my life was given to a better understanding of the new faith, and in extending its benign influence among mankind. The first public effort made by me was to send forth to all my brother ministers and many of the leading laymen of our faith, a pamphlet printed for the special purpose in which the course of my investigation and its results were clearly set forth, and thus from that time to the present day I have been publicly known as an active advocate of Modern Spiritualism.

I have never found occasion to reverse my first decision that the leading claim of the new faith rests securely upon eternal truth. Yet I have at times found so much of abuse and sham in the movement that feelings of discouragement attended my efforts. I now feel that such were unreasonable feelings, as such abuses have ever seemed the necessary attendants of new religious movements, not excepting that of Christianity. But no important truth should be surrendered because of its abuses, but all should be winnowed and the truths preserved for the good of man. When this is done with Spiritualism, it must become a most important agency in the world's salvation, for it is the bringing of the love, the wisdom and power of the spirit-world—now peopled as it is with the noble souls of past ages—to bear more directly and powerfully upon the welfare of man.

Cambridge, Mass.

Compulsory Arbitration.

The Australian plan for preventing industrial strikes is arousing a great deal of interest in the United States, says an exchange. Hon. W. P. Reeves, the former minister of labor of New Zealand, who drafted the law which is now in effect in that colony, and which makes it obligatory upon employer and employee alike to submit their differences to a public tribunal for adjudication or adjustment, is now at Philadelphia as a delegate to the

International Commercial Congress, K w in session in that city. Mr. Reeves has explained the workings of the law of compulsory arbitration, as it is operated in New Zealand, and claims for it the greatest measure of success. An attempt is being made in Massachusetts to secure legislation similar to that in force in New Zealand. In New York Mr. Reeves has impressed the public mind with his plan, and in Philadelphia the delegates to the International Congress have been devoting a considerable portion of their time to the study of the economic system that has placed the Australian colonies among the most prosperous Commonwealths of the modern world. The Congress, by the way, is attended by official representatives of most of the commercial nations in the world.

Mrs. Addie L. Ballou.

The Chicago Morning Record of Oct. 19 remarks as follows concerning Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, one of the delegates from California:

Mrs. Addie L. Ballou of San Francisco, who is attending the convention of the National Spiritualists' Association in progress in this city, is one of the best-known women politicians of the country. She is a practicing attorney, but yesterday signified her intention of devoting her entire time in the future to spiritualistic work. Mrs. Ballou was a nurse with the 32d Wisconsin regiment, of which Bishop Fallows was chaplain, and since the Civil War has been prominent in Women's Relief Corps' work. She is one of the very few women who are allowed to wear the Grand Army badge. Twice Mrs. Ballou was sent by California to represent that State in the national convention of the Republican league, and is the only woman who ever enjoyed that honor. She said:

"Spiritualism is growing, but what it needs most is the right kind of persons at the head of it. In a general way, the management has been poor, and the cause has been injured somewhat by the enthusiasm of some Spiritualists, which has caused them to take up with imposters."

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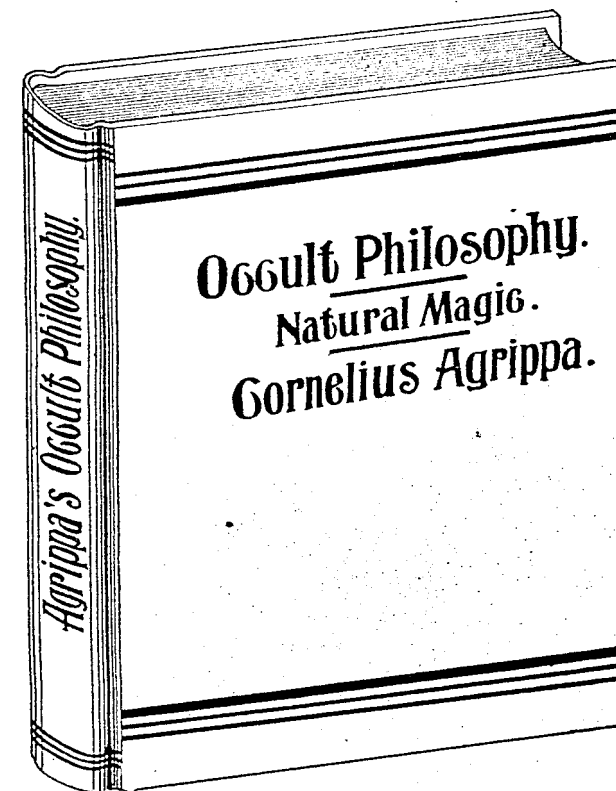
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SAN FRANCISCO, NOV. 2, 1899.

President Barrett, we are glad to notice, was re-elected President of the National Association by unanimous vote. This shows appreciation for the good work he has done since the Association was organized, for he has been its only President. Mrs. Longley also was re-elected, and to show the appreciation of the Convention for her labors during the past year, it increased her salary from \$900 to \$1,000 a year, with typewriting expenses extra.

We have not been able yet to ascertain if the headquarters of the National Society, offered by Treasurer Mayer, as a present, was accepted. As the Convention was to raise a similar amount to its value (\$15,000) to create a fund for general use, we fear that this requirement was not accomplished. Two or three of the moneyed men present could easily have raised the \$15,000, and we had hoped they would have done so.

War is now in actual progress between the English and the Boers in South Africa, and it seems to promise that it will be very desperately fought. Inasmuch as the interests of other continental nations of Europe are, to a great extent, mixed up in South Africa, many apprehend that this war may involve also all the European nations, and thus the war become general. Germany and France have interests there, particularly the former, and it seems to be a battle for the supremacy between Germany and England, though that point is really under cover at present.

While we hope for peace, we fear that considerable time may elapse before this matter is finally settled, and then perhaps it may be settled very differently to what is now expected.

Dedication of the Temple.

On Thursday of last week, many Spiritualists of Northern California gathered at San Jose, from San Francisco, Santa Clara, Decoto, Hollister, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and all the surrounding country, to attend the dedication services of the Temple purchased by the Sleeper Trust, and at 2 p.m. (the hour appointed) the hall was filled with enthusiastic spirits, incarnate and decarnate. Mrs. Eunice Sleeper, the donor of the property to the Trust, from the proceeds of the sale of which this Temple was purchased, was seated in the centre of the semi-circle on the platform in a large chair, decorated with flowers, and Mrs. E. P. Thorndyke placed a large bouquet of flowers in her hand.

Among those on the platform were Mr. Vinter, secretary of the Trust. Mr. Z. T. Croop and Dr. H. M. Barker, members of the Trust. W. D. J. Hambly, president; Wm. Rider, vice-pres.; Mrs. R. I. Johnson and F. A. Parker, of the board of directors of the State Association. Dr. C. H. Johnson, pres. of the First Spiritual Union of San Jose; Mrs. Sarah Seal, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson, Capt. H. H. Brown, Mrs. E. P. Thorndyke and the editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

Mr. Vinter called the meeting to order and presided with grace and dignity. From the orchestra came fine music to add to the harmonious vibrations of kindred spirits.

The first speaker introduced was the editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, and by *particular request*, the following synopsis of his speech is given in the JOURNAL:

After referring to the excellent building, over which he had been conducted by Mr. Z. T. Croop, he said that it brought to his mind a scene reported to have occurred in the old Temple at Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, when (as the story is told) a good old soul by the name of Simeon had long been waiting to see the fulfillment of the visions of the prophetic seers, about the coming of the Messiah. He entered the Temple and saw the child Jesus, whose advent had been heralded by angelic choirs, and taking him in his arms, he said to the spirit who told him he should not die before seeing the Messiah: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen," the prediction fulfilled. So our good Sister Sleeper who sits here has seen the fulfillment of her desires in the materialization of this beautiful Temple, before her departure to the spirit-world, and we all rejoice with her and hold this grand celebration on her birthday, dedicating this Temple to the use of Spiritualists, and to the angels. Sister Sleeper can now say: "Now let me depart in peace." She has seen the realization of her hopes and desires in this beautiful Temple, where, for coming ages,

may be told the wonderful story of spirits' manifestation, and their teachings of the grand philosophy of life, which is absorbing the present religious system, converting both preachers and congregations the world over, and bringing in the new era of spiritual truth. May the recounting of that story reach to the earth's remotest bound.

Waft, waft, ye winds, this story,
And you ye waters roll,
Till like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole.

Excellent addresses were made by those named above. Some of them were quite eloquent and touching in the extreme. The whole services throughout were very interesting, and the occasion was one which will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present. In the evening there was an entertainment, refreshments and a social dance.

We were unable to remain for the evening exercises, and our San Jose correspondent undertook the work of reporting the whole proceedings, but on account of the length of the program, the late hours made necessary by it and the occupancy of the hall during the next evening, our correspondent was unable to get the report to us as early as promised, and it may not be in time for this issue of the JOURNAL. If so, our readers may expect it next week.

An Afflicted Medium.

It will be remembered by many of the older Spiritualists that Annie Lord Chamberlain is one of the first mediums, and was before the public even prior to the publication of the *Banner of Light*, now the oldest Spiritualist paper on the continent. She has had many reverses of fortune, and much sickness, having had to resort to crutches for some time.

When last we saw her in San Diego, Cal., she had been helped by Mrs. Clark, a good medium and healer there, so that she was able to dispense with the crutches, but had to resort to the help of a cane. Now a lame foot has prevented her from her usual avocation, and Spiritualists everywhere should be glad to assist this prominent and aged medium, who is taking care of a blind sister. Attention is particularly requested to the following letter from her, and we hope responses will be immediate and numerous:

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The *Arena* for November contains many interesting articles. John H. Marble writes concerning the American interests in Philippine Islands; Prof. F. Spencer Baldwin discusses the subject of Expansion, and Ramon Reyes Lala reviews the Philippine Question; Dr. Helen Densmore writes on the Dreyfus Case. There are many other articles which the reader will find both instructive and elevating. The *Arena* is now issued by the Alliance Publishing Co., Life Building, New York. Price, 25 cents.

The National Convention.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists' Association was held in America Auditorium, 77 31st St., Chicago, Ills., from Oct. 17 to 20 inclusive.

A reception to the delegates and their friends was held in the parlors of the Leland Hotel on Monday at 8 p.m.

THE OPENING SESSION.

The convention opened yesterday morning and will sit morning, afternoon, and evening until Oct. 20.

Among the prominent Spiritualists present were: M. R. Rouse, postmaster, of Titusville, Pa., and wife; A. Gaston, Congressman from the Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania district; Frank Walker and sister of Hamburg, N. Y.; E. W. Bond, Mayor of Willoughby, Ohio; Dr. A. L. Sherman of same place; John Hutchinson, Jackson, Mich.; Prof. Richard Young, San Francisco; T. M. Locke, county commissioner, of Philadelphia; C. L. Stevens, Pittsburg, Pa.; C. H. Treat, Hannibal, Mo.; Mrs. E. F. Kurth, Brooklyn, N. Y.; L. Burdick, Texas, Mich.; F. M. Brown, Orrington, Me.; James A. Freeman, Bloomington, Ills.; O. J. Johnson and J. H. McDonald of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Addie L. Ballou of San Francisco, the noted abolition lecturer and hospital worker of the Civil War.

The convention spent the morning and afternoon sessions in organizing. The Committee on Credentials reported 153 delegates present from 35 States. The speakers in the evening were: Prof. W. F. Peck of St. Louis, and others. Spirit messages were given by Mrs. Georgia G. Cooley of Chicago and Miss Maggie Gaule of Baltimore.

During the evening W. F. Peck of St. Louis made an address on "Spiritualism as a Religion," and Dr. N. B. Spinney of Reed City, Mich., spoke on "The Outlook for Spiritualism." Mrs. Georgia G. Cooley of Chicago and Miss Maggie Gaule of Baltimore delivered spirit messages to various persons in the audience.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18.

The first part of the Spiritualists' convention morning session of the second day was given to the second annual meeting of the Young People's Spiritualists' Union. This organization, composed of persons between the ages of 15 and 40 years, was formed a little over a year ago. Mrs. S. M. Biddison delivered a short address of welcome, which was responded to by President I. C. I. Evans.

The first business which came before the afternoon session was the report of the missionaries. Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, G. F. Perkins, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, and others told of the hardships they had to endure in their work. They were unanimous in the declaration that the best way was by forming local and state societies.

It was decided to expend \$700, the amount now held in what is called the "Will defense fund," in the defense of a suit now at issue before the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. This was done owing to the fact that as yet Spiritualism has no legal standing as a religion, and the courts of the country have often decided against them in cases where people have left legacies to the "spiritualist religion."

At the evening meeting Moses Hull and Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond spoke on the subject, "The Pillars of Spiritualism." Spirit

messages were communicated by Mrs. Zaida Brown Kates and others.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 19.

The Committee on Resolutions reported, and a set of resolutions were adopted. The first one declared against fraudulent mediumship and denounced "fake" seances. Ministers were to be ordained by local societies and not by the national body. The society declared in favor of taxing church property and is opposed to the use of tobacco and drink. The peace conference at The Hague was indorsed; the engraftment of the words "God," "Christ" or "Christian" upon the Constitution of the United States was objected to and capital punishment was declared to be a blot on the page of history. The equality of men and women in politics was strongly insisted upon.

Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, of San Francisco, Cal., began an address by paying a tribute to the lecture of Prof. Lockwood, saying she had hoped in all the years of the past of Spiritualism that science would investigate the phenomena and be able to demonstrate its truth. She spoke fluently and positively regarding purifying ourselves and being prepared to receive and entertain pure spirits. Her lecture was fraught with love and practical knowledge. So says the *Progressive Thinker*.

In the afternoon the discussion was upon the Declaration of Principles, which were laid over from the last Convention for the consideration of the present session. As an outcome of the whole discussion, the following was unanimously adopted as a substitute for all those formerly presented:

1. We believe in infinite intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of nature, physical and spiritual, are the expressions of infinite intelligence.
3. We believe that a correct understanding of such expressions and living in accordance therewith constitutes the true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continues after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe the highest code of moral ethics to be embodied in the Golden Rule—to do unto others as we would that others should do unto us.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

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By vote, it was determined that the next annual Convention should be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Florence Marryat, the author of the celebrated book, "There is no Death," and other works, passed to spirit-life in London, Eng., on Friday, Oct. 27. Of this we are informed through the telegraphic dispatches to the daily press, just as the *JOURNAL* forms of this issue are being closed, and next week we will publish more particulars concerning this notable lady, in an article furnished by Mr. James Martin of this city.

Harbinger of Dawn for November.

This number appears with a new and attractive title-page, which is to be permanent. Among the leading features are: "Researches in Spiritual Phenomena," by Sir William Crookes, F. R. S., scientifically demonstrating 12 phases; "The Fallen Pyramid, or Heart of the World," by Willis F. Whitehead, an occult African legend of a Golden Age in the long ago; "Birds and Animals as Prophets," "The Druids as Spiritualists," "Shakespeare's Spiritualism," "How African Psychics Produce Rain Storms"—a startling tale vouched for by the editor of the *Revue des Revues*; "Evolution in Memory," by Charles Dawborn—an original theory backed by startling facts,—and other important articles, besides the regular editorial departments "Views from our Watch-Tower," "Book Reviews," "Notes and News," etc. The editor, Ernest S. Green, announces that he will soon enter upon a series of independent, scientific psychical researches, which he will report from time to time in his journal. 24 wide, double-column pages. Monthly: \$1.00 a year, 10 cents a copy. Sample back numbers for a 2-cent stamp. Published at 1804 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

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Come to earth bound souls to-night;
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And dispel the gloom and blight.

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Peace, oh, give the troubled soul;
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On Aug. 2 I wrote to the *Banner of Light* accepting Mr. Robinson's challenge and asked him to present a certified check for \$1,000, with legally binding articles of agreement, and I would cover his money. I gave my address in the same article where he could reach me. This was published in the *Banner* in its issue of Aug. 19, just two months ago, and yet Mr. Robinson has not deigned to write me a single line, or to offer his certified check, or in any way to approach me for the business that he challenged me for.

FRED P. EVANS.
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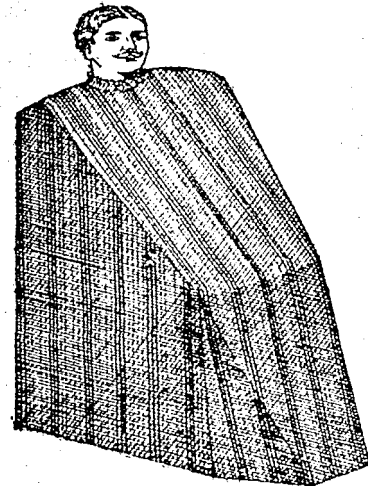
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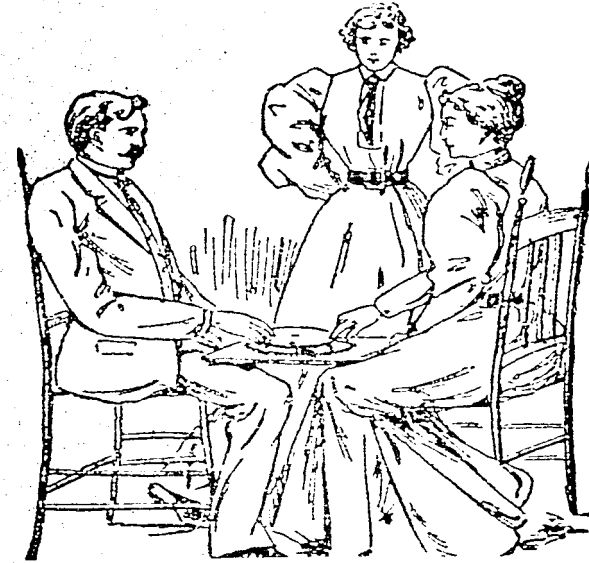
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Prof. Richard and Mme. Young have returned from Chicago, where they attended the National Spiritualists' Convention, as delegates from San Francisco, the Mme. representing the State Association and the Prof. representing the People's Society. They report the Convention as a very interesting one, in which harmony prevailed, and the best interests of the cause were sought to be advanced by those present from every part of the United States and Canada. They were delighted with the acquaintances they made at the Convention and at the magnificent reception which was given at the Leland House on the Monday previous. They will now resume their meeting at 605 McAllister St., and the Mme. will give readings as usual, daily.

Mrs. Logan's Circle of Harmony is all that the name implies. All feel a perfect welcome and at liberty to exercise their talents. In fact, it could properly be called a school for the unfoldment of the psychic faculties, which all possess in a limited degree, thereby opening up the channel of inspiration between the celestial and terrestrial spheres. The spiritually-minded are attracted to this circle, which meets every Sunday at 2 o'clock in Occidental Hall, corner of Larkin and McAllister Sts., San Francisco.

The Borderland was the subject of Mrs. R. S. Lillie's lecture last Sunday evening for the Society of Progressive Spiritualists at Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St., San Francisco. No more interesting subject could have been chosen, and it was handled in her usual eloquent manner.

A Social Dance will be given by the Ladies' First Spiritual Aid Society, on Friday evening, Nov. 10, 1899, at Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St. Music by Warren. Dancing at 8:30. Admission, 10 cents.

Mrs. Sadie Eberhardt held her usual Sunday evening meeting in her hall, at 3250 Twenty-second St., San Francisco, last Sunday. Her seances are growing in interest, and her audiences are particularly pleased and comforted with the messages which come through her mediumship from the spirit-world. She is always assisted by her husband, Mr. Carl Eberhardt, who is a powerful battery, operated by celestial spirits, to the delight of all.

Mrs. Meyers held her usual Sunday evening meeting at 335 McAllister St., when several mediums assisted her in giving tests and messages from the spirit-world.

The Mission Lyceum's Anniversary entertainment and dance, announced in our last number, was a grand and heretofore unequalled success. Mission Opera Hall, by far the largest hall in the Mission, was crowded to the doors. The children enjoyed themselves and the ice cream immensely (which was free to them). Owing to the length of the program, the management requested that no numbers be entered. This request was regarded, with the following exceptions: Miss Claire White, Miss Pearl Bryson and Mrs. Keegan. At the close of this most excellent program, the dancing commenced and continued until a late hour. It did us good to see the audience offering well-earned congratulations to the Lyceum officers. If this entertainment is a criterion, the Mission Lyceum has come to stay, and will make its influence felt in this city and lend encouragement to other Lyceum workers elsewhere.

Bazaar.—Active preparations are being made for an Entertaining Bazaar, under the management of the Ladies' Spiritual Aid Society, Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St., Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 8 and 9, 1899. Splendid programs will be changed each evening. A fine lot of articles, useful and ornamental, will be offered for sale cheap. There will be plenty of fun in the Fishpond Department. The table of refreshments will be presided over by courtesy, smiles and cheerfulness. All are invited.

Mrs. Scott-Briggs' meeting on the 25th was a treat. There higher Spiritualism, soul-culture and mental science was taught, as well as the phenomena given in telepathy, character-readings and tests. Capt. H. H. Brown, Mrs. M. A. Reed, Mrs. Melissa Miller, Mrs. Wren and Mrs. Briggs took part. The same talent will be present on Nov. 1, at 117 Larkin St. Admission, 10 cents.

Mrs. Wren has returned from the North and has started Sunday evening meetings again at 117 Larkin St., San Francisco. Admission free. Last Sunday the speakers were Mrs. Wren, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Hatch.

Kings' Daughters' Home.—The Children's Progressive Lyceum accepted a special invitation to visit the Kings' Daughters' Home last Sunday. Recitations were given by Gertie Grant, Eva Deever, Lotta and Eunice Josselyn and Leo Jacoby. Songs by Miss Mary Lantz and Mrs. S. E. Cooke, and by all the children, and remarks by Mrs. R. McClung and C. H. Wadsworth completed the program. Mrs. Kate Heusman, who was present, gave a little talk and some tests, all being well received. The blind, crippled and aged inmates of the Home expressed themselves as delighted and will look forward eagerly to the next fifth Sunday, that day being given to the Spiritualists. W.

The Monthly Entertainment and social given by the Ladies' Aid Society was held on Friday, Oct. 27, at Occidental Hall, and was a very pleasant affair. There were recitations, songs and music. Miss Myrl Colby was one of the chief attractions, as she invariably is, whenever she appears on the programme. After the entertainment, there was dancing and ice-cream and cake. All present enjoyed the occasion.

John Slater gave another of his wonderful seances at 909 Market St., San Francisco, last Sunday evening. He gave messages and answered questions, as usual.

Edward Earle, the noted psychic, gave marvelous tests at Scottish Hall last Sunday evening, to the satisfaction of the audience.

Prof. Richard Young, delegate from the People's Society, San Francisco, Cal., says the *Progressive Thinker*, "favored the National Convention with an original violin solo, entitled 'Barrett's March,' very appropriate, well rendered and highly appreciated." We are glad to notice that Prof. Young's excellent musical compositions were appreciated at Chicago, as they are always appreciated here.

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