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MAN'S POSSIBILITIES.

There is no summit you may not attain, No purpose which you may not yet achieve,

If you will wait serenely, and believe Each seeming loss is but a step to'rd gain.

Between the mountain-tops lie vale and plain;

Let nothing make you question, doubt or grieve;

Give only good, and good alone receive; And as you welcome joy, so welcome pain.

That which you most desire awaits your word ;

Throw wide the door and bid it enter in. Speak, and the strong vibrations shall be stirred;

Speak, and above earth's loud, unmeaning din

Your silent declarations shall be heard. All things are possible to God's own kin. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Told of Cave and Treasure.

Great excitement has been created in Berryville, Va., by the announcement that a cave had been discovered on the farm of Mrs. Hattie Dortch and her sister, Miss Selina Williams. This property was formerly owned by Mr. James E. Tyson, of Baltimore, a brother-in-law of the present owner, and is about three miles from Berryville. The circumstances which led to the discovery of the cave seem almost too strange to be true, but the prominence of the persons who vouch for their truth leaves no room for doubt. Mr. Henry Williams, a brother of the ladies above named, says that some weeks ago his sister, Mrs. Dortch, was visiting in Baltimore. In the same house where she was staying was an old blind lady, recently from Scotland, her native country. Mrs. Dortch was told that this old lady had at various times foretold the discovery of money, and one day, more from curiosity than from any real belief in her powers of divination, she said to her: "I wish you would tell me where to find a fortune on my farm in Virginia." For a few minutes she said nothing, then, turning to Mrs. Dortch, she described accurately the farm there; told her that just west of the house was an old spring; at so many feet from that a large tree, and that if an opening was made at a point between the two, which she described, a dave would be found; in that cave a well of water, human bones and a chest of gold and precious stones. . . So impressed was Mrs. Dortch with what had been told her that upon her return to Berryville she told her family. Digging was begun two weeks ago, the cave was found

and in it the well and bones, just as foretold. The cave contains several quite large rooms. and work is now being steadily pushed on in the hope that the chest of gold will also be unearthed.—N. Y. Journal.

Two Spirit Visitors.

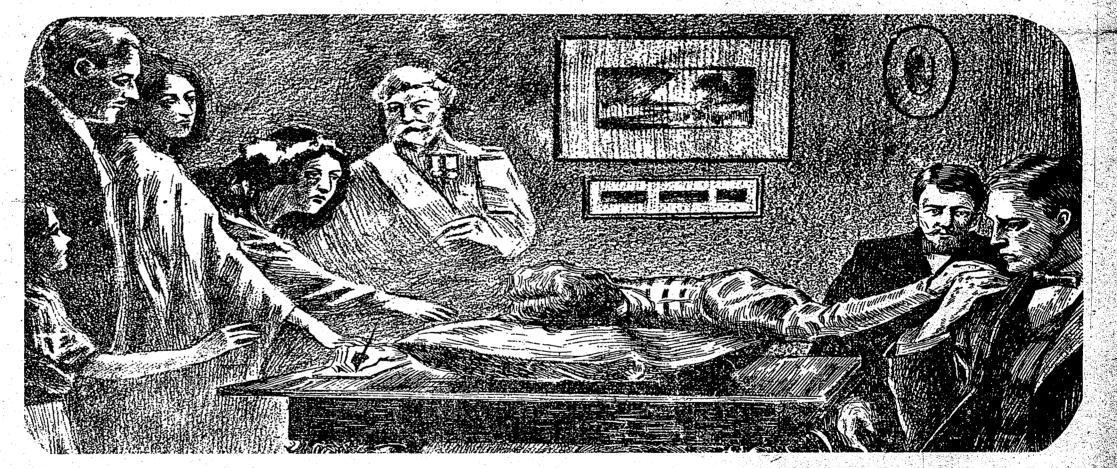
Nearly 20 years ago, I was spending the Winter in Maine. It so happened that I was living in an old-fashioned farm-house with spacious rooms in the lower story. In one corner of the house was what New England country folk denominate a parlor bedroom, and used on special occasions as a sitting-room, and in which visitors sleep. The customary open fire-place and oldstyle andirons, swinging crane, the brass candle-sticks and many other indispensables set off the room

These manifestations soon became more distinctly marked and gradually moved upward until reaching my body. I then said mentally: "I don't want it to continue approaching nearer to my face." Casting my glance in the direction of the rocking-chair before-mentioned, I distinctly saw sitting in it a lady dressed in black and having on her head an old-fashioned bonnet apparently made of black crape. such as I had seen worn by elderly ladies half a century ago. The figure was fully and perfectly outlined; was sitting with face from me, motionless.

I at first supposed it to be an inmate of the house, until, on second thought, I concluded that such was not likely to be the case, because an occupant of the house would not be sitting with head covered. When, a little later, I phenomena, which is clearing away ignorance, the fear of death, and superstition." C. C. D.

Shipwreck Foretold.

Judge Edmonds, in one of his reminiscences, says : "To convince my daughter that it was not her own mind which was producing the phenomena of foreseeing future events, the spirits told her of the loss of a steamer which had left for California a few days before, laden with soldiers. They said the vessel had foundered at sea; that over 100 passengers had been swept overboard, and that the residue had been taken off by three vessels, bound for different ports. In the course of a few days after that, news came of the wreck, confirming in every respect the statement.



Mrs. Piper Acting as a Telephone for Prof. Hyslop.

with an air of comfort and luxury. This was given me for my sleeping room. Near the head of my bed was my trunk, and in front of it, near the foot of my bed, was an old-fashioned rocking chair, and further away the fire-place.

It was early Winter and cold. I think I slept-well, until near morning, when I was partially wakened by some movement of, or contact with my bed. Partly opening my eyes, I discovered that daylight was breaking. I became fully conscious of my surroundingsthat I was lying on my back, and that something unaccountable was taking place at the foot of my bed. I was fully cognizant of the fact that somebody or thing was there and pulling the bed-clothes. Soon this ceased, and what seemed to be the hand of a child commenced softly striking or patting my feet.

turned my gaze toward the place where contact had first been had with my feet, as before mentioned, and seeing nothing unusual, I again looked at the rocking-chair, and it was vacant!

After dressing and mingling with the family, getting ready for breakfast, etc., I said to an elderly lady, who was called "Aunt Foss," and being a Quakeress, was precise and dignified : "Well, Aunt Foss, I had a rather singular experience last night, and related what had taken place. But she manifested no surprise, and replied : "Well, that is nothing new or strange, as that lady and child both died in that room," and the matter was not alluded to again in my presence.

Now, one class of so-called Christians will exclaim, "haunted house." while thinkers and philosophers in search of truth will say: "Spiritual

Prof. Hyslop's Report.

At a regular meeting of the Society of Psychical Research, which took place at Allston Hall, Boston, Feb. 9, Prof. Hyslop, of Columbia College, gave the long-awaited report of his experiences with Mrs. Piper, the celebrated medium.

Prof. Hyslop said that his sittings with Mrs. Piper had been conducted with the greatest possible care and secrecy. Without the medium's knowledge as to whom she was to receive, he had been conducted to her house and introduced as "Mr. Smith."

Mrs. Piper sits in a light room by a table upon which there are a number of cushions. It may take ten minutes before the trance condition is complete. When it is, her head falls on to the cushions so

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that she cannot see her right hand, which rests upon the table.

A writing pad is put before the hand and a pencil placed between the first and second fingers, and the medium writes. All the spirit conversations are carried on in this way.

Prof. Hyslop says that the first four sittings he had he considered very unsatisfactory. Mrs. Piper told him at the first sitting that his brother Charles wished to speak with him, and this brother, who died when he was but four years old, had asked him one or two questions which Prof. Hyslop did not regard as evidential.

At the second sitting, the Professor's father spoke with him, calling him by name, and asked him if he remembered various things.

For example: "James, do you remember my little brown knife? Do you recollect my cane with my initials carved on it?" and numerous other apparently trivial questions.

Prof. Hyslop reported his failure to find anything very satisfying, and not until four months later, and after long correspondence with his stepmother and various other relatives, did the value of the first messages reveal itself.

The Professor's stepmother remembered the knife, which was, she said, the one Mr. Hyslop used for years to pare his nails with, and the cane with the carved initials was one Prof. Hyslop had never seen or heard of, but which his father's second wife knew all about.

When Prof. Hyslop resumed his sittings with Mrs. Piper, his father asked to communicate. Then the Professor told of his father's asking about the building of a broken fence, the payment of delinquent taxes, the placing of an organ in a Methodist church, and the almost life-long feud which had existed between himself and a neighbor whose dog had destroyed bodied spirit apparently tell what is going to occur. Thought transferences must be eliminated with telepathy in considering the Piper phenomena.

Dr. Hodgson once sat for Prof. Hyslop, making himself known to the departed father as "James' friend." The tests were even more successful, and facts were elicited that had long escaped Prof. Hyslop's memory, and that Dr. Hodgson could not possibly know.

Speaking of the triviality of the identification tests, Prof. Hyslop said that for his own satisfaction he had telegraph wires placed between two of the Columbia College buildings. He arranged that A should be at one end of the wire and B at the other. A should know that B was there, but should not know who A was.

In order to identify A, B "reminisced," and his questions were quite as trivial as any of the spirit inquiries.

"In fact," said Prof. Hyslop, "when a lot of staid men and women of mature age get to recalling old memories, the 'do you remembers?' are as positively trivial as the conversation of street gamins might be.

"'Do you remember that splendid waistcoat you wore at the Prom?" says Judge J. to the Rev.

led to some of the most remarkable tests.

To an intimate friend, the wife of a New Haven banker, Mrs. Wright, when spending an evening with her, said that she and her husband must give up a trip South they had planned, because a terrific storm would cause them much discomfort if they persisted in going. This was a whole month before the blizzard of 1898. True to Mrs. Wright's prediction, the storm swept down upon the country on the very day she said it would.

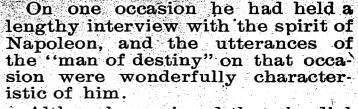
FINDS A THIEF.

Another time the brother of a friend said: "Help me to find who is stealing money from the cash drawer in my shop." Mrs. Wright located the thief, who turned out to be the man's own nephew.

Mrs. Wright is a most attractive woman, with a winning, magnetic manner. It seems that her psychic gift began when she was a very young girl and has been the most potent influence in her life.—New York World.

Ignatius Donnelly Also.

Ignatius Donnelly delivered an address on "Spiritualism," under the auspices of the State Spiritual-

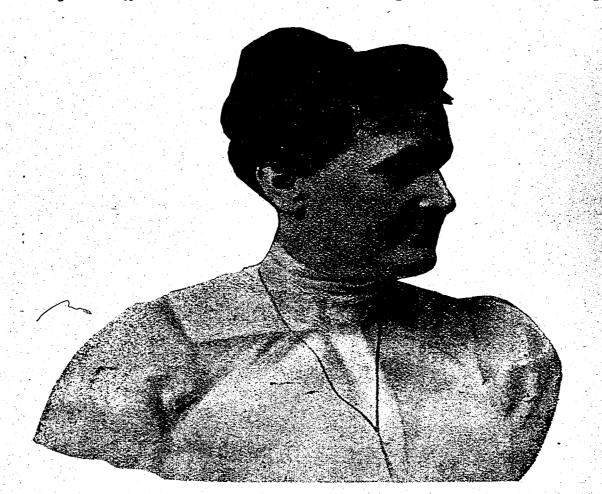


Although convinced that the dial was not strictly infallible, the author of "Cæsar's Column" and other stories was nevertheless convinced that an "intelligence higher than ours" acts through the dial on that which is "the spiritual part of us."

Spiritualists, he declared, had rendered the world a great service if they simply succeeded in demonstrating that when a man dies he lives again. Viewed simply in the light of scientific research, he believed they had succeeded in demonstrating that there were stranger things in heaven and on earth than were dreamed of in the philosophy of men.

He announced his conviction that science and Spiritualism went hand in hand. The great all-absorbing question was, after this brief span of life, does the dust of the grave end man's existence? Spiritualists had done as much, perhaps more, to answer that question than any other forces which had attempted to solve the mystery of being in the civilized world to-day. Their whole, belief and theory were identified with the proposition that man certainly does live again. He agreed with Bacon, "the greatest of English poets and writers," when he said that he would sooner believe all of the fables of the talmud and koran than that the universe was without a mind. There were the same evidences of intelligence in nature as in the mechanisms invented by man. Every step made by man in the progress of civilization in 400 years had gone to show the existence of a superior intelligence.

"What assurance have we," he asked, "that the human mechanism includes all of the senses that might reveal knowledge to us? How do we know that we are not staggering through the world with but a few senses, unaware of most of that which is around us? I think all of the revelations and facts of Spiritualism have served but to open wider the door of knowledge and have added another sense by which we are to become cognizant of, another world, which we cannot observe with eyes and ears. "There is no reason why there should be only three forms of life which are known to us as solids, liquids and gases. There may be a hundred other forms which pass through us and through which we pass unknown, inhabited by beings to whom we are a great source of amusement and delight. There was never anything true that didn't have its counterfeit. We have great physicians and quack doctors, great lawyers, such as Lincoln, and pettifoggers. In Spiritualism, as well, the student was confronted on the one hand by facts, and on the other by humbugs. "The highest compliment which we can pay to the Creator is to try and understand His works. The mind must be immortal. The proposition that nothing can be produced from nothing overwhelms the agnostic doctrine of creative force Nothing can be the result of accident. If the material from which was made the shin bone of Adam still exists in some other form, then the spirit of Adam must be somewhere round about us to-day. This marvelous thing called intellect cannot perish in the dust." Hypnotism and mind-reading.



one of Mr. Hyslop's sheep.

Prof. Hyslop's sisters, Anna and Eliza, also communicated with him, referring frequently to incidents Prof. Hyslop knew nothing of, but which, when hunted up, always proved true. Sometimes it would take weeks to get at these facts. Then some aunt or cousin or more distant relative would be found, and the result would always be a corroboration of the spirit statement.

Prof. Hyslop said his father had always had a terrible dread of cancer. When General Grant died, the senior Mr. Hyslop said: "I don't know what I should do if I thought I had a cancer of the larynx." As an actual fact, he had one, and the fearful truth was kept from him to the end. He died believing he had catarrh in an aggravated form.

Prof. Hyslop, at one sitting, said: "Father, do you remember when you passed over—how you suffered?"

The answer was: "I felt my heart beats grow faint. I knew I was going. Yours was the last voice I heard. But, James, why did my throat swell so?"

"Now," said Prof. Hyslop, "I was the last person to speak to my father. I closed his eyes. His throat swelled from the cancer of which he never knew."

The conjecture from this statement would naturally be that the spirit has no superhuman knowledge of events which were not known on earth, nor—as other incidents which Prof. Hyslop relates would prove—can the disemMrs. Leonora E. Piper.

Mr. B., 'and the girl with the red hair you danced with?' says another.

Finally Prof. Hyslop said that there was no fraud in the Piper manifestation.

If the telepathic and thoughttransference hypothesis were rejected, he would like the honest skeptic to explain the phenomena.

At the conclusion of the lecture Dr. Hodgson asked for questions or remarks upon the paper just read. A gentleman in the audience arose and asked Prof. Hyslop if his experience with Mrs. Piper had resulted in his acceptance of Spiritism. Prof. Hyslop replied : "It positively has done so; there is no other explanation but Spiritism." -New York World.

Foretells a Storm.

Mrs. Mary J. Wright, of New Haven, Conn., is much in the public eye at present, owing to the wonderful clairvoyant power she has developed. Her careful study of the occult, combined with her natural ability as a medium, has

ists' Association of Minnesota, at the First Unitarian Church Sunday evening, Feb. 4. Every seat in the auditorium was taken, and many people were content with standing room in their curiosity to hear what the "Sage of Nininger," and more recently of Minneapolis, had to say about "one of the most interesting questions that occupies the scien tific minds of the world." The belief in the immortality of the soul, he argued, justified a belief in Spiritualism- He maintained that if the soul existed after death, as was quite generally conceded, then it was equally probable that spirits, under certain conditions, could hold converse with mortals.

His own experience with the speaking dial, which had once helped him to get a pension for a widow, had convinced him that there was something in Spiritualism, and he cited numerous instances where he had reason to believe that he had come in personal contact with nebulous bodies. He gravely declared his belief in the efficacy of the speaking dial as a medium of communication with spirits.

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Mr. Donnelly contended, were but other manifestations of Spiritualism.

He told of a number of experiences at spiritualistic seances when he was a member of Congress in Washington.

In concluding, Mr. Donnelly recited Addison's "Cato's Philosophy on the Immortality of the Soul."-Minneapolis Tim<u>es.</u>

Our Occult Forces.

W. P. PHELON, M. D.

If we believe, aye, know, that everything worth having lies in the great treasury of the unseen, and is waiting our demand and bidding --- if our spirit manifests itself as strong enough to seize hold upon the thing desired, then we must do. This we must practice. Do we desire to reform any government? Do we seek justice on the earth? Do we wish love amongst ourselves and our fellow men? Do we crave harmony? Is it our wish that there shall come means for accomplishment of certain things? Then, as we believe in the union of the Invisible and Visible; as we believe that thought, the expression of the spirit, is stronger and more forceful than the physical, so act we along all lines of which we know. Begin to practice that which we do know, and trust to the future to bring us more power and strength along our lines of perfect communication with the Invisible.

We go to the Invisible demanding that which is our right. Suppose we go to someone who possessed coin belonging to us. Suppose it was a double handful, and just as the holder, yielding to our demands, was about to fill our hands *full*, we should drop them to our side. Could we think our hands would be filled? Nay. And that is one reason why our wishes and demands so often seem to fail. We put forth our efforts to receive, and just as our dear, invisible friends have arranged to furnish us. to the fullest extent, that which we have the right to seek and have, we shut off the power current, which must be continuous to form the bridge between us and them, we cease, and the Invisibles can not complete it. While there must be will and demand, there must also be, on our part. persistence in maintaining the attitude of receiving.

and we shall all be adjudged according to our motives.

With love and gratitude, MRS. F. A. LOGAN. Alameda, Cal., March 7.

MY TREASURE SHIP.

In a vision I stood on the shores of the sea, In the midst of the billows' wild strife, And I knew by the turbulent toss of the waves, That appeared, as they passed me, like opening

That the sea was what mortals call life.

Though unyielding and firm was the rock where I stood Yet my brain felt the waters' mad whirl.

Then my feet seemed to rest on a magical ground,

With a silvery radiance streaming around From some battlement's tower of pearl.

I wondered and mused-to my heart came a

Soft and low as the seraphim's note: "Mortal, pause, and behold, for thy earth-stained feet stand

Where the waves of life's ocean are bathing the strand

Of the mystical shore of death.

"Have the roses that blossomed in the faraway home

Withered long ere the summery moon? Did the pearls and rubies there, called friendship and love,

With elusive light shine and mockery prove, Till thy life seemed a harp out of tune?

"Oh! gaze not so longingly back o'er the sea,

Seeking there for treasures once lost, For the eye that e'er watches and the hand that e'er saves

Has long since rescued all from the dark ocean

O'er which thy frail life-bark was tossed."

As the voice ceased, I looked with a new, clearer light.

Far over the wave-beaten sand, And behold, proudly stemming the swell of the fide

Stately vessels in beauty and majesty glide, Nearing swiftly the glittering strand.

Oh! the quick-bounding pulse of my earthweary heart

Told how sweet were their coming to me, For with longing and yearning for many sad

vears I had looked vainly out through a mist-cloud of \mathbf{tears}

For my ships coming in from the sea.

I had sent them adrift in the morning of youth, Filled for fancy's frail, beautiful freight. I had deemed them long since in the watery

tomb: But the argosy, golden with beauty and bloom,

Had passed safely the malstrom of fate. There were buds I had bound in my child-

hood's first crown, Wreathed rosily over each prow;

There were gems that had lost none of earth's

is reached and for a time indulged, the transgressors are painfully reminded of this undue expenditure of force and mistit conduct, by becoming generally debilitated.

That a debilitated physical system affects the thought and actions of mankind, is a fact that speaks for itself. It can not be otherwise, for the reason that, although the brain is the workshop of the spirit-the storehouse and exchange office of thoughts and ideas, yet the entire mechanism works in unison with the brain activities, which are aided by a healthy and hindered by a debilitated organism. Although, in a measure, the soul supplies the brain with thought, and through its agency thought food is drawn from the universal fountain, yet the mechanism must do its part of service and natural supplies, and even the inducted ratios depend upon the quality and strength of thought lines or soul fibers put out from the individual brain. Only thus are inductions possible, and as desire colors this output, it decides the quality drawn in. Like attracts like here, most assuredly, as in companionship.

All strife realized by humanity is due to the fact that the imminent, crude force mixtures resident in all mortal forms, go forth to battle with their kind, seeking, in natural ways, assimilation and coherence with superior qualities of energy.

This is the strife process for force graduations upon which individual evolution and goodly progress is dependent. You see, this strife between the forces is but seeming, for it is so governed that all work constantly for the maintenance of the general force system which they represent, nourish and are nourished by, in return.

Thus this play goes on in nature's. economy, and each entity is a factor in it and has its own numbers to render.

Spirit is the prime mover and builder and prompts every effort, but the soul is the great weaver of each one's web of life. It is what can be called the true entity, for all inductive vital force and intelligence comes through the soul. A humble person, spiritually-minded, breathes in truths and breathes out blessings, while a proud, selfish person exhales poisons that are detrimental to the world; yet are the former deprived of deserving appreciation, while the latter receive it unjustly. Van Wert, O. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates

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They who desire to deal successfully with occult powers must first train themselves to know their own capabilities; and in the sweetest souls and readiest minds there is often a drawing back at some point.

From Mrs. Logan.

TO THE EDITOR :

I see you have quoted from the Progressive Thinker of my actual needs. What grieves me more than destitution is that I am physically unable to pursue the work for which I was chosen 35 years ago and fulfilled to the best of my ability, aided by angelic inspirers.

I hope to be able to attend the anniversary if I can arise from my depleted condition. Angelic ministrants have done their best every day during the past month (the time of my sickness.) Spiritual papers have come as winged messengers of love every week, without which I should not want to remain in the form. I feel that it will not be long that the friends will be asked to assist the "old worker," but of this we are all assured, that the invisibles are cognizant of all our generous deeds.

sunny gleams, And sorrow-freed memories and realized

dreams, That my incoming ship brought me now.

I forgot human fear and mortal's dread;

Death's shore seemed a beauty divine.

My feet swiftly sped o'er the glittering sand, Till I clasped all the treasures in my glad, eager hand,

That were now ever more to be mine.

Then again came the voice that sang to my heart:

"Mortal, let that glad vision go by Thine earth home awaits thee; thy duties lie

there. Once again must thou toss o'er the billows of

care, With no haven of happiness nigh.

"But, oh! trust and be faithful, for life's missing gems Shall all shine in eternity's wreath.

Thy God shall restore each lost hope to its

bloom. Resurrect every treasure from life's billowy

tomb. When thy bark nears the harbor of death."

So I took up my life and its burdens again,

As the angel voice sang unto me, And my cares resumed, with smiles passed

along, While my heart ever echoes the beautiful song

Of my treasure ship out on the sea.

Positive and Negative Forces

MRS. M. KLEIN.

In all of nature's gradations, these forces have their legally affixed chemical, electrical and magnetic ratios and are strengthened, pro and con, from the central source of these system supplies, as long as single and complex relations are kept within the legal bounds; but when these limits are overstepped, it is then that such supplies are weakened, become depleted, which is readily traced to excesses of various kinds. When such a state of misfit force relations

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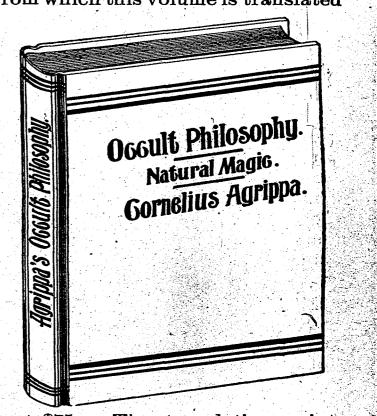
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SAN FRANCISCO, MARCH 15, 1900.

The Procession of eminent men and women who are steadily marching toward, and constantly arriving at the conclusion that the claims of Spiritualism are valid, has been augmented by the person of Ignatius Donnelly, who recently delivered a lecture on Spiritualism in Minneapolis, Minn., the report of which will be found in another column. There ought to be a reception committee appointed to welcome these converts.

The Way Out.

In the Banner of Light, Feb. 24, Harrison D. Barrett, editor, and President of the National Spiritualists' Association, publishes an editorial article headed, "Missionary Effort," in which he complains bitterly of the apathy among Spiritualists everywhere in the United States, and their attitude toward missionaries. President Barrett concludes his able article as follows:

If the people can but be awakened to a sense of their responsibilities in these directions, the future of spiritualistic societies is assured. Unless present conditions are changed, however, it is easy to forecast coming events. Local. Spiritualist societies will disintegrate, and pass out of existence, and only sporadic efforts will be made to publicly present the teachings of Spiritualism. Class work will supplant the rostrum, and Spiritualism will only be known in and through the private classes of instructors who eschew the platform in toto. It rests with the Spiritualists to decide which they will choose, the public rostrum and temple work, or that of the private class, and secret seance.

This crisis is upon us, and we believe it to be the duty of every thinker, speaker and writer to help solve the problem presented and, to the best of their ability, point to "the way out."

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and Spiritualists are considered "back numbers." General George Washington in time of danger gave the command: "Put none but Americans on guard to-night." We would paraphrase the words of this illustrious patriot, and say: Put none but tried and true Spiritualists on guard.

This is only one of the dangers confronting our organization, and only one of the rocks upon which our ship may founder. With malice toward none, but a love for truth and justice, we will pursue this subject farther in future, and endeavor to point "the way out" of the desperate conditions in which we find ourselves.

Organization.

There is an idea extant among Spiritualists that the individual can accomplish the same result working alone as when associated with others. This may be true in the ultimate, but the desired results can be accomplished more quickly by united effort. In this connection we quote the ringing words of Cora L. V. Richmond :

Individual advocacy does not suffer by associative effort; the strong are made stronger, and the weak are strengthened by union. Local and distant societies are made one with all other societies in the general work for the cause; each integral part possesses the strength of the whole body. Spiritualists—believers, mediums in all phases, ministers, speakers, teachers—need to unite their efforts.

The Symphony of Life is made up of its discords; but there

they deserve. Ours will be the first of the kind. We are not proposing any wild scheme or crazy experiments. We propose first, a college where students will be taught to think rather than be stuffed, taught to weigh the learning of others by the light of their own intelligence rather than to swallow what is offered under the label of ancient wisdom. We are going to send out thinkers into the world to do the work of the world.

Speculations on Spiritualism

Freedom, one of our most valued exchanges, devoted to Mental Science, in the issue of Feb. 28 prints a three-page editorial under the above heading. This splendid article from the pen of Helen Wilmans was inspired by reading the JOURNAL, and we will publish a synopsis of it in our next issue. We want Mrs. Wilmans and all the world to know that we are not dogmatic creedalists, but truth-seekers, and if Spiritualism is not true, we want to know it. We welcome honest investigation and intelligent criticism. "Let the truth prevail, though the heavens fall." We quote the following from *Freedom*:

The RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL is always kind to me, and I can honestly reciprocate its good opinion. This is an old paper; it was established in 1865. It was one of the first of the spiritual papers that I became acquainted with.

I did not like its first editor so well as I do the present one. Mr. Newman, the present editor, is too large a man mentally to let a mere difference of opinion affect his attractions for other people.

I read his paper with interest. All my readers know that I am deeply interested in the subject of Spiritualism. Perhaps they do not know that—whatever those peculiar noises called spirit raps really are —I have been regularly followed by them, almost persecuted with them, ever since I was a girl. I do really believe that I was familiar with the raps before the Fox girls were. At all events, I did not hear of the Fox girls for years after I began to hear the raps.

The Banner of Light, Harrison D. Barrett, editor, has, with its issue of March 3, entered upon its 87th volume and 44th year of its publication. The *Banner* is the oldest Spiritualist paper in the world; the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL ranking second. We extend congratulations to our valued contemporary. May it live long and prosper, ever unfurling to the spiritual breezes the *Banner* of light and truth.

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Every man's life is a melody in an individual key. If two persons' lives are naturally in the same key, their thought melodies harmonize without effort. And they enjoy the duet, If their lives are pitched in different keys, there is a jar. The natural impulse with both persons is to protest against the other. Unconsciously each tries to drown the other's melody.

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The Boy Evangelist.

Jack Cooke, the 13-year-old revivalist, who is making such a stir in San Francisco at the present time, is holding immense revival meetings in the Howard St. M. E. Church. The writer listened to one of his exhortations and heard nothing new. The hackneyed phrases about the "blood of Jesus," and all the rest of the sickening nonsense which we have all heard so many times, was glibly recited in parrotlike tone and manner. Thousands of people were present and the collection was large, but only a few persons asked for prayers.

He claims to be inspired by the Holy Ghost. He certainly is a very remarkable boy and displays a zeal worthy of a better cause. He is a medium, and the church is profiting by spirit phenomena, which, if presented on a Spiritualist platform, would be condemned in the strongest terms.

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The Reviewer.

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The Open Court. Monthly. Dr. Paul Carus, editor. \$1.00 a year. 324 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. "Crossing the Styx," after the painting by A. Zick, forms the frontispiece. "Eros and Psyche," beautifully illustrated, is concluded in the March number. "A Study of Jesus," from the standpoint of wit and humor, by George Wright Buckly, and much else for entertainment and instruction.

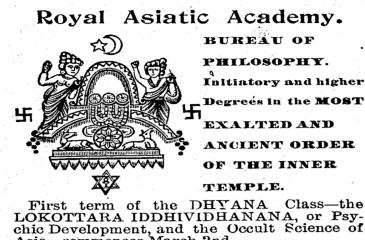
Mind. Monthly. Charles B. Patterson, editor, 19 West 31st St., New York City. \$2.00 a year. The March number is at hand, and the leading article is by A. B. Curtis, headed "Who are the Real Sinners?" Henry W. Stratton also writes interestingly of "The Metaphysics of Music." A. L. Mearkle contributes an article on "Happiness."

"John Ruskin: Poet, Painter and Prophet," is the subject of an elaborate character sketch (illustrated) in the Review of Reviews for March. Ruskin's program of social reform, his venture as publisher of his own books, and other interesting incidents of his long career, are described in the article.

mer The Light of the East. A Hindu monthly review. S. C. Mukhopadhaya, editor; Calcutta, India, 20 Grey St. The latest issue of this bright magazine contains in the department devoted to "Occult Reviews," some of the best thought on current topics to be found in the literature of our day.

The Free Man. Monthly. C. W. Close, editor, 124 Birch St., Bangor, Me. \$1.00 a year. The March number contains a poem by C. P. King, entitled "Flowers of Friendship," and the editor presents a good article on "Mental Healing." Florian Husband and Wm. E. Towne also contribute.

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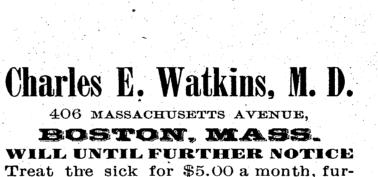
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Suggestion, a monthly magazine. Herbert A. Parkyn, editor, 4020 Drexel Boulevard, Chicago. Ill. \$1.00 per annum. The March number contains a biographical sketch of George Bieser, M. D., and his portrait adorns the title-page; a photograph of the hands of the woman who did not grow a new finger, and many other valuable suggestions in Mental Therapeutics.

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New Church Independent. S. F. and G. B. Weller, editors, 144 37th St., Chicago, Ill. Monthly. \$2.00 per annum. The February number contains a poem of considerable merit, by Amy L. Washburn, entitled "There are no Dead," and "Swedenborg's Anticipation of the Modern Theory of Telepathy."

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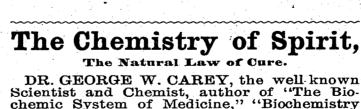
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Dear, not for us to boast that we are strong,

But, deep within, the Sun-dream, Beauty, burns, And life and truth will sing us, song by

song,

All Love's concerns.

Out of the tender night's enfolded shade We slip, empurpled, to the strife that scars,

And duty broadens, while ambitions fade -A. E. S. S.Like day-break stars.



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Psychical Sciences.

TO THE EDITOR :

J. C. F. Grumbine opens his work again in Washington, D. C., in April and May, when he will hold classes at the home of Mr. Wood and Dr. Kate A. Boehme. In Washington a chapter of "The College of Psychical Sciences and Unfoldment" of considerable magnitude is organized and is a powerful factor for the establishment of Universal Religion in the capital.

He returns to Washington in the Winter for December and January. In Boston Mr. Grumbine's work was eminently successful, and many new members were added to the chapter. In the college work at the present time there are 115 students enrolled who are taking "The System of Philosophy Concerning Divinity" by mail, and excellent reports are received from all of them. In Syracuse, N. Y., while Spiritualism is waning and losing ground, the chapter of the C. P. S. and U. and O. W. R. is growing, and its members include some of the most cultured among the Theosophists and Spiritualists. Everywhere Mr. Grumbine sees signs of the decay of the old and the speedy growth of the new Spiritualism. While he is not opposed to either Theosophy or Spiritualism, he is an evangel of Universal Religion and defends the spiritual movements against all forms of irreligion and sectarianism.—Communicated.



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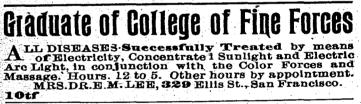
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Progressive Spiritualists. - The usual song service preceded the lecture last Sunday evening in Occidental Hall. Mrs. Lillie spoke on "The Life We Now Live." It was a splendid lecture. Mr. J. T. Lillie led the music, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Sadie Cooke.

Ladies' Aid.—The meeting of this society in Occidental Hallon Wednesday afternoon. March 7, was well attended, and was addressed by Mrs. Rebecca I. Johnson of Hollister, who congratulated the society upon the work done and doing. Mrs. B. F. Small, president of the society, spoke at length upon organization and its benefits. This society is flourishing, and its propaganda work is in good hands. The next entertainment will be given on Tuesday evening, March 27. It will be a character dress party, with a musical and literary program, followed by a social dance.

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The Sunday Lecture Association has been organized: Hon. James G. Maguire, Pres.; Rev. George B. Allen, Sec. This Association has engaged Rev. B. Fay Mills to lecture every Sunday evening for the next three months, in Metropolitan Temple on Fifth St. Membership in the Association conveying special privileges, in the way of reserved seats, etc., can be obtained by the pay-ment of \$1.00 per month. The subject for next Sunday evening will be "The Germs of a Greater Religion.".

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A Test Scance in aid of the N.S.A. Home Fund will be held at 335 Mc-Allister St., on Wednesday evening, March 14. The following mediums have volunteered their services: Mrs. Gritfin, Mrs. Eberhardt, Mrs. Seal, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Meyer.

Dr. J. B. G. Norman is seriously ill at his rooms in the residence of Dr. Carpender, 228 11th St., San Francisco. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery and return to the activities of

Mrs. Wren's Meeting at 117 Larkin St. was largely attended last Sunday evening. Mrs. Kate Heussmann, Mrs. H. A. Griffin, Mrs. M. Miller and Mrs. Wrenn entertained and instructed the audience. The music was furnished by Mrs. Symmons and Mrs. Rosie Stender.

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Mmc. Young's Meeting in Oriental Hall was addressed by Mrs. Sarah Seal last Sunday evening on Psychometry and kindred subjects. The music was fur-nished by Prof. Young, Prof. Bothwell and Mme. Young. The usual readings followed, which are exceedingly interesting and instructive.

B. Fay Mills spoke in Metropolitan Temple last Sunday afternoon on the subject of "The Modern View of Heaven and Hell.", This is the last of the course of Sunday afternoon lectures.

Coming Events.—Central Lyceum entertainment and dance, Crystal Hall, 909 Market St., Wednesday evening, March 14.

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Mrs. A. Smith of Clairville, Cal., a former resident of this city, is sojourning here temporarily in pursuit of health.

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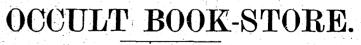
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