

## THE VOICE OF WISDOM.

Would it show the greatest wisdom To pass judgment on a thought, One of which you have no knowledge Of the good work it has wrought?

Would you welcome as a blessing Holy thoughts from spheres above, That would make your life work better, Fill your soul with noblest love ?

Would you gain this blessed knowledge From its teachers here below? Or, are you too well contented With what you may chance to know?

Is this earth life not a school room In which mortals should progress? And, would not a higher knowledge Be a blessing, to possess?

Man is given judgment, reason, As a power, by which to know; Would it not be wise to use it, While we tarry here below?

Spirit gifts! by nature given Pure and high, in truth and love Test them by your own good judgment For they come from heaven above. H. L. CHAPMAN.



in very much frightened, and lighted all the gas and than sat on my bed, and we waited for it to get light. We rather startled folks by appearing early in the morning, and we did not even stop for breakfast. You see, Terry and I had important business outside. Whenever I go to the house I make some excuse to go and try that door where the step went and it is always locked." — San Francisco *Chronicle*.

## Sees a Vision.

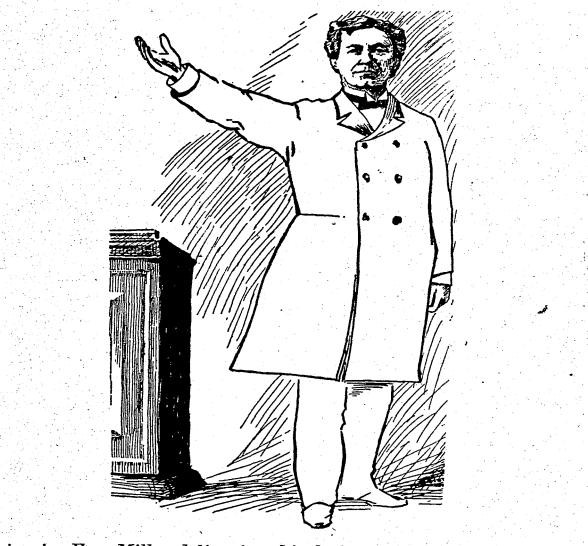
An intelligent man at Washington, D. C., who has written books, who has held high official station, who is known well as a public speaker, receives from time to time Love of God will bring men nearer to brotherhood. Sectarian bitterness will in a great part be wiped out. Within the next quarter century a great upheaval of European governments will take place. Republican governments will be the rule; monarchies the exception. At the opening of the first quarter century Queen Victoria will die very suddenly. The Prince of Wales will come to the throne. After a short reign he will die by violence. The Duke of York will succeed him and be the last of the line of monarchs of Great Britain for the present. A republic will be established in England in about fifteen years. India will be lost to Great Britain in the meantime. After the loss of India rapid decline of the power of Great Britain will take

whispered that this house is haunted also, perhaps because of the fact that it has so long remained unoccupied, and because Judge Bennett, to whom the house belonged, and his wife died in it, a young man went insane therein, and another youth met with an untoward fate while living there. The house was then on Filbert street, whence it was moved to its present location.

In the lot adjoining that on which the house stands is a guant, forlorn-looking windmill that is also said to be the haunt of spirits, principally that of a woman said to have been murdered there by her husband long years ago.

# A Clairvoyant Calf.

Who has not had some "experiences?" I remember my first. I was a little girl sitting on the porch as we do in the long Northern twilight after a hot day. It had grown too dark to read when a calf, our own, ran bellowing by the house and turned the corner and ran around the block and back by the front of the house. When it had gone by a third time the Scotch lady who lived alone next door with her servants came over the lawn in the dusk. Her face was white and her hand trembling, and she sat down with us as the calf ran by a fourth time, still bellowing. "Four times," she said." Before four months have passed there will be a death in the block." We were four families in the block and we all knew the prophecy. It was just six weeks from that night that death occurred in the family on the street back, but in the block. Mere coincidence, of course. "The brute beasts know when the death angel is near and are afraid, and it always scares me when I hear a sensible beast howling and acting as if it was being followed by "something," the old lady said.



Not so very far away is a house, big and silent—a most inviting solitude for a wandering spirit to seek, remembering the days when he walked in the sun, with a shadow to show for him. A well-known society girl who was a guest in the house one night will never try to sleep there again. "Indeed I'll not." she said to an awe-filled group of listeners. "I know I was frightened out of ten years of my life that night I did stay there, and so was Terry, my poor maid. She can't bear to go in the street in front of the house in broad daylight any more. I had been to a cotillion. We were still living in the country, and I was glad when aunt asked me to stay all night with her. I came home late, tired, as you can guess, and was asleep before you could count twenty. Terry slept in a dressing-room off mine, with the door open between, and she had locked the doors into the hall. The house is so big and lonesome, locked doors make you feel more comfortable, and there was only my aunt in the house besides the servants. Suddenly I woke up out of a sound sleep and there was a step in the hall. Now, there is a thick carpet in that hall, and 1 remembered that as I lay there, cold as a fish, listening to that step coming slowing down the hall. It was a step like an old man walking on a bare floor with his slippers flopping up and down. It went up and down the hall and into the room next to mine, and out again and down the hall. I whispered to Terry and she came

Benjamin Fay Mills, delivering his lectures in Metropolitan Temple, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

communications through what he considers supernatural agencies. Things are revealed to him as he sits alone in his room. Not long ago he had a vision which forecasted for him one of the severe defeats of the British in South Africa. He saw one of the checks of Buller's army when the campaign to relieve Ladysmith took its most disastrous turn. But the most notable communication of his was one which came to him within the past week. This is the communication:

"The coming century will see remarkable changes in governments and religion. The different branches of the Christian church will come closer to one another. place. France will have comparative peace and prosperity, with a stable republican government for at least twenty-five years to come."

### San Francisco Phenomena.

Out on Union street, on the crest of the hill next to the last one where the cars slip down to the Presidio, there stands a house which looks as though it might have been a comfortable home. But now it is covered with dust and cobwebs, and although for twelve long years it has borne "for sale" signs it has not had a tenant in all that time. It is

## Problem of Immortality.

Synopsis of a lecture delivered by Benjamin Fay Mills in Metropolitan Temple, San Francisco, Sunday evening, April 15, 1900.

We have all of us heard the old question of Job. "If a man die, shall he live again?" but I think, in its exact form, it is not of any great interest to us. This is not the question for to-day. The question for to-day, so far as it concerns immortality, is not, "If a man die, shall he live again?" but rather, Does a man ever die?

There are those who say, that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead answers this question. We do not know whether Jesus rose from the dead or not! We have no way to find out. But if he did rise

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from the dead, that would not settle anything concerning your immortality or mine.

There are those who say that the testimony of modern Spiritualism answers this question.

I will say this,—if all that is claimed in the way of testimony from Spiritualism is true, if there have been thousands of those who have gone from the flesh who have found means of communicating with men still in the body, that would only prove that some men are immortal, and still we would be confronted with the same question.

I am one of those, who, on such grounds as I shall suggest in a few moments, hold that man as man is immortal. I believe that all men are to live beyond the grave.

"But," you say, "how about the lower orders of men?" Are we to have a heaven into which shall be gathered the idiots and imbeciles?

I answer that if they are to live here only as imbeciles, and then to perish forever, the same thing and the simplest thing is to kill them now! That is what men used to do before they came to be really men. But how do we treat them? "Oh ! how we study the idiot and imbecile. How the judgment of civilized men is convinced that the idiot and the imbecile are men and have possibilities!

I believe that God is as good as I am, and I do not want to kill any idiots! I believe He is wiser than I am; I believe He is vastly wiser and more loving than any man. He is as wise and as loving not only as the collective body of men of all ages, but far beyond that. And I believe that everything I would aspire to do is to be done by the Infinite Love.

Let me then give you two reasons —leaving out the science and the philosophy and the authority, which furnish interesting illustrations but cannot answer the question satisfactorily—let me give you two reasons why I believe that man lives beyond the grave.

lists. As I have said a number of times, I should be more than glad to welcome such communications myself, but I cannot bear any personal testimony on the subject. But suppose it were none of it true, suppose no spirit ever came back to communicate with man-not even the spirits of the great leaders, religious leaders, concerning whom there have been so many traditions about there resurrections; suppose the tales in the Bible of the communication of departed spirits with men-and all the other tales of all the centuries—were none of them true, that would be no argument against immortality. In fact, the analogy almost seems to be the other way, for man cannot go back of this life—I cannot at least. I would like to communicate with what I was before I was a man, but while I can think some thoughts along that line I have not been able to accomplish it. A man is not even able to get his brain into an infant's skull.

Now for the other reason why I believe in immortality. I have already suggested it; it is what I call the Soul-Consciousness. You may ask me if I ever saw a soul, and I will have to tell you, No, I never did; but I have seen something more than bodies—I can tell you that. I believe that "the eyesight has another eyesight." I believe that back of the hands and the faces that we are conscious of, there are other hands and other faces. "calm and actual faces." I believe that this theory explains the most facts and leaves the least unexplained. Science does not see all matter. Science analyzes that lily, until it says the lily is composed of molecules and atoms, but science cannot fill up the spaces between the atoms. What does it say is there? "Ether." I have just as much right to call it spirit as science has to call it ether.

How much space can a man inhabit? "How little ways a man's hands can reach, and yet his vision takes in the stars!" How much space do I inhabit? Here I am, standing in a spot a foot one way, six inches the other. Is that all? No! I can reach up; that belongs to me too. I can move; I can go round and round this globe if I will. How much space can I inhabit? There is the roof,—I can see beyond it. And I can stand on any square foot of God's earth to-night and look up into the infinite spaces and live there. How much space can I inhabit? Am I simply a little two-legged animal standing down here? I can not only see beyond the stars, I can think thoughts that make the stars shrink into insignificance. This is the "real real." And now, if we must, let us still ask. "What saith Science, What saith Philosophy, What saith Revelation of the immortality of man? But I warn you, that, honoring each according to its service as I do, you will turn from these eager, though blind leaders of the blind, to find the answer only in your soul. Soul! soul! what canst thou say of immortality? I hear the answer, "I am I, superior to this housing of flesh which now reveals but only half interprets me. I am bound as yet; great vistas open before me but my powers of vision are not yet strong enough to see more than short distances along their shining Wondrous harmonies lengths. faintly salute my ears, echoing and re-echoing through vast regions which I am not able to traverse yet; light, beauty, fragrance,

power, sublimest, truest thoughts press upon me from every side, yet I walk as one 'veiled and sleeping,' not yet large enough, fine enough, free enough, to grasp the marvelous significance of it all. Yet truly I know that this is no phantasmagoria of a fanciful mind, no cunningly devised illusion, but that it is true; that these are perceptions of the real world in which I live and that the things I see and touch are but partial manifestations of that which veritably exists. Nay, more! I see that ethical, loving purpose is the essence and substance out of which the universe is built. That I am only an individual atom in it does not argue my unimportance. I am one of the Divine ideas, an invaluable link in an unbroken chain of sequences. And this knowledge is at once my inspiration, my vigor, my wisdom and my energy. I work tirelessly, up-bearing and up-borne, intelligently shaping and being shaped by the eternal progress and purpose."

Shall I cease to exist before this larger, truer life is mine? Never a soul throughout the length and breadth of earth that hath found its voice but answers "No!" And all the echoes of the Universal Soul thunder and reverberate along the hills and valleys of matter and of mind "No! No! No!" I shall persist, I shall pass from life to fuller life, from partial knowledge to satisfying truth, from loyalty to devotion, from service to partnership, from love to greater love, from mountain height to mountain height, from glory unto glory.

### Life-What is it?

### W. P. PHELON, M. D.

The following little composite sketch is the work of four different brains practicing concentration and harmony, in one of the classes in the Hermetic Brotherhood. The articles were all written separately

plane must be in line with the spiritual and so keep a perfect balance.

There is but one life. All we see, feel, are, is the activity of the One Life in manifestation. It is resolvable into the one substance, one intelligence, one center of consciousness. Life is a song. Rhythm, harmony, melody — every atom, every molecule, every heart throb, is teeming with the vibration of, this universal heart essence. The One Life is exhaustless, boundless, shoreless and eternal. My life is bound in the bundle of life. Not one life shall be destroyed, or cast as rubbish to the void, when God has made the pile complete.

What then may we conclude life is? Life is motion. Life is activity. Life is air. Life is vital force. Life is substance. Life is energy. Life is immortality. Life is all, and all is life. Life is unit. There is but One Life. Life is pure and unadulterated good or God. Therefore, life is eternal, without beginning or ending, self-existing, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent and invisible. There are many expressions of life emphasising its many changes. But life never changes, never ceases to be. Life is being. Life is the breath of God.

### From Spirit Etta.

### JAS. H. YOUNG.

Though I passed to spirit life when but four weeks old, and have now passed more than forty years of earth time there, and have been in the various schools of that world, I have seen no one in the higher or advanced spheres who has been aided to reach there by a Savior called the "Son of God." Many millions of those who had depended upon Jesus (called the Savior of men), for salvation, are in states of darkness from which they cannot emerge, because no ray of truth can penetrate the walls which the beliefs entertained by them through long years of earth life. had erected around them. And it is only when a ray of light can penetrate their darkened minds that we can hope to present the truths and lead them out from the magnetic influences of the creeds and dogmas that bind them. Many, (more than the world. dreams of) are now in these states of darkness, watching and waiting for the promised redemption, but must watch and wait in vain. Our first duty in spirit life is to present the truth to every soul willing to receive it. We offer the smallest rays or greater truths, according as the soul can be drawn from its creedal influences and brought into a higher state. Then, if possible, we lead them to a circle of friends on earth, and there prove the truth of spirit return and communion with earth friends, and thus lead them step by step intothe light of truth, and teach them that only as they work for others can they work out their own progression. Once on progression's path they become missionaries, or leaders, seeking others who desire to learn, and as they thus seek and teach they acquire new truths. They learn that the receptive mind. expands, and becomes more receptive, yet the measure is ever full, for the more one gives to others the more he receives, and yet there is room. Spirit work is a work of love. but yet we cannot force the truth upon any unwilling to receive. Many who were called learned in

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The first reason is what I am so fond of saying, that I believe this is a rational order. It is an irrational order, if men are made merely to tarry on this planet for a little time and then to fade forever.

Nearly all the founders of religions have taught immortality. Almost all the scriptures of all the nations teach immortality. Almost all the great philosophers and scientists believe in the individual immortality of the soul. It is not something that belongs to one people, and is shut away from other people; it is one of the universal beliefs in the world.

If there be any reason for existing at all there is reason for going on! If there was any reason why the fire-mist should be formed, if there was any reason why the atoms, the particles, the meteors of the air should strike one another until they were formed into worlds, if there was any reason why the ice age should pass away and the age of vegetation should come. if there was any reason for the growth from protoplasm to man, if there is any science, if there is any philosophy, then there is a reason why man should go on!

There is one word that is always spoken by those who claim to represent departed spirits returned to communicate with people still in the flesh,—so far as I have read the literature the testimony is unanimous in this respect—that there is immortal progress for all, beyond the tomb.

I think there is considerable evidence for the claims of Spirituaand absent from one another, by adults. It shows how every telepathic current can be made to work at will.

The Bible reads: "In the beginning, God created" all things. So life — motion—was manifested then. Its manifestation ceases, only when all things ends, if there be an end. Of course, there is but the one life which must be eternal. As far as I can comprehend it, it is spirit manifested, or the great force or energy back of manifestation.

I know I can not grasp, nor understand what the One Life is, nor can I see how any one really knows, or can be taught to know. God says: "It has not entered into the heart of man," what He has in store, or prepared for those who love Him.

There are many ways to look at the question. I take this however, that it means the inner life—the Higher and principal part of our dual nature: that while we fulfil our duties on the material and physical planes, whatever they may be, we should also keep in touch with our Higher Self.

Gathering up constantly, material for soul-building, when the soul leaves the earthly tenement, it can enter into rest laden with the knowledge and experience gained. It means also to weave into the dark shades of human life, the bright, living threads of love, truth and justice.

The Master from His childhood, whatever His occupation, never lost sight of His Father's business. The life we live on the material

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earth life are bound with the chains of their learned ignorance in spirit life, and hence cannot be approached by those who would present the truth. Such are the learned churchmen and priestly bigots from the earth sphere. They declare themselves leaders of the people and for selflish ends keep them within their magnetic power. teaching the doctrine or dogmas they taught on earth. You, and many others have been, and will be used as mediums through whom the power of these priestly foes of truth can be broken. We have gained recruits from their ranks by first allowing them to control some medium, then holding them until the purpose of control was explained. Every recruit gained weakens the foe and strengthens the missionary force; lightens the cloud of superstition and error that hangs over the earth.

To all true mediums we say do not despair, but continue to work with and for your spirit friends and guides, and great will be your reward when, in a few short years hence, you join your working bands in the bright and beautiful summer-land.

Onset,, Mass.

### Give the Pennies Back.

C. C. POST.

It is funny how many things we have to unlearn that we learned in Sunday school. Now I distinctly remember being called upon, when a child, to give up my few and much valued pennies, to help educate the heathen mothers in India to a knowledge of their exceeding wickedness in feeding their babies to the crocodiles in the river Ganges. I remember the tearfulness of the tale told, and the pictures that were shown of a Hindu mother throwing her baby into the water, from which protruded the heads of several monster crocodiles.

And now I want my pennies back. I find that the whole story was a fable, and my pennies were taken from me under false pretense. In the New York Sun of recent date, appears a letter from Swami Abhedananda, the Hindu priest, or teacher, who has been for some years studying and lecturing in this country. It was written in reply to an article previously appearing in the Sun, written by a Mrs. Tytler. The Swami says: "Mrs. Tytler asserts that she was in India and that she went from Calcutta to Meerut in a boat, and that she saw many crocodiles in the river, which we fed by the babies thrown into the river by Hindu mothers. I am sorry to contradict a lady's statement, but no Hindu mother ever knew of such inhuman practice. I never heard of it in India, not because I closed my ears to such reports, but because the practice is unknown among the Hindus. I have walked on foot along the River Ganges from its source down to Calcutta, nearly one thousand five hundred miles, and have lived among the Hindus of all classes and castes, but never have I heard the stories of Hindu mothers feeding the crocodiles with their babies, which the Christian missionaries had spread far and wide in this country, printing pictures thereof in Sundayschool books, in order to serve their purpose. Mrs. Tytler ought to know a little more of the geography of India; Meerut is not on the River Ganges."

"As regards the crocodiles living in the Ganges, I can assure your readers that they cannot stand in the strong current of that river. There are crocodiles in other rivers where the current is not so strong. I used to bathe and swim almost every day in the Ganges, but never saw a crocodile."

All my pennies gone for nothing.

The Swami goes on to say a good many other things that are discouraging to givers to the missionary fund. He asserts that most all the stories about juggernaut are travelers' tales, and that "suttee," the burning of windows upon the funeral pyre of the husband was never widely practiced, never countenanced by the Hindu religious teachings, except by an occasional fanatic, and that it was entirely suppressed as the result of appeals from the Hindus themselves. The Swami says:

"Some of the priests supported this by perverting the meaning of some Scriptural passages. The educated classes, however, strongly protested against the priests who supported this custom (which prevailed only in certain parts of India) and efforts were made to suppress the evil by force; but as they could not do it without official help, they appealed to the ruling Government, raised a large sum, gave it to the officers and asked the Viceroy, Lord Bentinck, to pass a law against suttee, which he did. Thus the evil was practically suppressed by the Hindus themselves through the help of the British Government."

It is too bad to have one's hopes and expectations of rewards in a life to come, based upon the promise purchased with one's first pennies, brushed away so ruthlessly. I am willing to relinquish all claim to the promised reward if the other fellows will return the pennies, and I consider that as fair a proposition as can be reasonably asked for.—*Freedom*. verse has been evolved from the spiritual or spirit.

The soul of man is the universe both physical and spiritual, and all things are natural. Law governs matter. Law is the property of matter and takes care of a more negative thing we call material, substance. All may be resolved into energy, which is the product or result of spirit will-power. We see in the material universe system, order, mode and way of doing things. It was in the soul before it was in form, it came out of the soul or center and exists in matter as corresponding properties of the soul, and as a consequence there is nothing in existence but spirit uncreated and eternal. We need no "Deity" to operate the universe, it is self-operating as the soul or spirit is self-sustaining and sufficient for all the material universe will fade away and change and give place to more perfect constitutions and systems, but the soul of man will remain the same Iam forever, and perfect within itself.

## Thought=Transference.

The editor of the British Medical Times is among those who see in wireless telegraphy an argument in favor of thought transference by "brain waves." He writes : "Marconi has shown that a small electric battery can send waves of energy and thought through the ethereal atoms of space for a greater or less distance, according to the elevation, which may be caught by a sensitive mechanical receiver and its code of signals recorded and interpreted.

"In the battery a small amount of material is decomposed to produce the electric current. The brain is to a certain extent a battery, and the ganglions of the great sympathetic supply of the nervous energy generated in a great measure by the brain. The battery, with its relays, by the nourishment applied to the body, decomposing its own material thus supplied, is perpetually in action. Thought is to a certain extent the outcome of central action, the same as electricity is a force evolved: from the decomposition of elemen-? tary substances. Thought, then, is an entity, a force something: which can travel through space and be caught by a receiver, however distant, which is in tune with its vibrations."—Selected.

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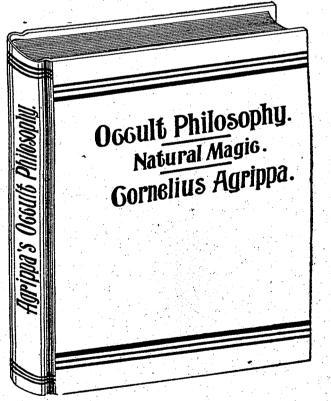
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# A. MARK STODDARD.

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The Paris Exposition will remain open on Sundays. We think that this is as it should be. Sunday is a day of recreation and rest, rather than a day set apart for the promotion of superstition in the minds of the people.

Walter Howell delivered a splendid address before the London Spiritual Alliance on March 22. From a report of his lecture in *Light* we see that Mr. Howell has lost none of his old-time inspiration and power.

Prof. Chas. Dawbarn, the sage of San Leandro, has again taken the lecture platform, this time for the Hermetic Brotherhood. Prof. Dawbarn is an advanced thinker and a brilliant lecturer.

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### From a Catholic Standpoint.

We have often wondered when reading the inspired words of Marie Corelli, how long she could continue to write from the Catholic Standpoint. There seems to be some hope that this grand mind is at last to be freed from the thraldom of popery, and will be enabled to look at life from a rational point of view. Aroused by another excommunication outrage, she has addressed a vigorous letter to Cardinal Vaughan from which we make a brief extract:

My Lord Cardinal, if I venture to think that the "New Commandment" which Christ gave, "Love One Another," is sadly lacking today in the churches, I am not alone in my thought. Away in South Africa brothers in the Christian creed are murdering each other; in Europe brothers in the Christian creed are hating and slandering each other; here at home half the population of our great cities is little more than heathen. And in the face of these things we have the unseemingly spectacle of a number of ministers of religion quarreling together for the merest trifles of form and ceremonial!

At a time when the life blood of England fills the Boer trenches we see the "press organ" of the Vatican expressing gloating satisfaction at the slaughter! We quote the following from the London Daily Telegraph of February 15:

"From some obscure reason possibly because Great Britain permits complete freedom of thought in religious matters—the Vatican press is betraying the most intense hostility to England, accusing her of a desire to set the whole world in flames. The Pope, who could stop this agitation if he wished, remains silent!"

The Needs of the Hour.

prayers. We have a work of love to perform and love ever calls for its own. Every reader, young and old, should single out in their minds a few sympathetic friends. Send them kind thoughts on behalf of the *Light of Truth*, at the same time in prayer asking their own spirit friends to accompany these thoughts and aid in firmly lodging them in their souls.

## A Soldier's Prayer.

The Primate of Ireland, Archbishop of Armagh, has published a new prayer, specifically for the soldiers in South Africa. Lord Roberts has had copies of this prayer distributed to all of his troops. Its opening passage is: "Almighty Father! I have sinned against Thee! Oh, wash me in the priceless blood of the Lamb of God!"

Commenting upon this prayer The Christian Register says :

"It certainly would seem as if the soldiers in South Africa were already having enough to do with blood and slaughter without a theological fulmination in the same key. It is difficult to imagine just what notion the average soldier gets from the savage wish to be saved by the death of another. It can certainly not be a wholesome or morally saving conception. He may be moved to the desire to get rid of his guilt in some way without clearly comprehending that his prayer implies that God will not forgive him unless first some one be slain in his guilty stead. So far, then, as he goes it blind, he may be benefited; but, so far as he rationally and apprehendingly utters the prescribed prayer of the archbishop, he is praying purely as he shoots."

His Better Half.

Felix Alder in an address in New York the other day, made the following sensible remarks upon suicides, which should be brought to the notice of the people everywhere:

I cannot sit in judgment on those who have done this deed; I cannot enter into inner life. But I warn all who think of freeing themselves from this life that they have no right to do it. They have not the right of even the stoics, who believed in no progress. The duty of progress compels us to remain; we must stay.

We are here to solve the problems of life, not to evade them. We are here to fulfill our task, not to leave it unfinished. We must make the soul victorious over the senses, and we do that not by evading pain but by conquering it.

# The Reviewer.

Any of the Books noticed in this Department can be obtained at this office. When to be sent by mail, add 10 cents on the dollar, of the price, for postage.

DISCOVERY OF A LOST TRAIL, by Charles B. Newcomb, author of "All's Right With the World." Cloth, \$1.50. Lee & Shepard, Publishers, Boston.

This is not a new discovery. It is a simple study of that strange and beautiful thing which we call life. It contains only a few familiar signboards that have helped some bewildered travellers to find their way in paths that seemed mountainous and difficult.

THE NEW NAME, by Dr. G. W Carey A. M., Author of "The Biochemic System of Healing," "The New Heaven and Earth," etc. 64 pages, paper bound, tinted cover, wide margin, large type. Price 50 cts. For sale at this office.

"The New Name" is a remarkable metaphysical book. It comprises seven lessons in the Science of Being, a scientific statement of Psychometry and an appendix containing extracts from the written and spoken words of seers, prophets, philosophers, poets, statesmen, teachers, rulers, critics and stoics of ancient and modern times —in support of the world-saving truths contained in the lessons. Prof. L. M. Parkins says "the book is a literary earthquake."

He is as vigorou's and eloquent as when he championed the cause of Spiritualism.

The New Thought is most admirably expressed in the words of that old poem by John Burroughs:

Serene I fold my hands and wait, Nor care for wind nor tide nor sea, I rave no more 'gainst time nor fate, For what is mine shall come to me.

Psychic Investigations into the realms of the unseen are continually raising questions which cannot be settled on the basis of purely materialistic science, and yet material science has unintentionally cleared away the debris, which, but a few years ago made it almost impossible for many of the brightest intellects of the world to believe in a continued existence.

The Advanced Thought of the age brings the universe of matter, mind and morals within the domain of natural law which is only another name for God's law, or mode of working. Our esteemed contemporary, the Light of Truth, in a leading editorial in the issue of April 21, makes some startling statements. We give an extract in the spirit of helpfulness and love:

"Thought is the builder and the destroyer of men and nations. Prayer is the only refuge when help is needed. It may be said that God is with us whether we pray or not. Outside of the sheltering arms of the Infinite we can not stray, but when we need immediate assistance we crave it of those who are ready to serve, if we but ask them, our spirit friends. There never was a time in this movement when such an urgent need of spirit power existed as now.

Sore straits are upon us. From all quarters the leaders write us of the petrifying effects of a death-like apathy which has come upon the Spiritualists of the country. The cry now is, wake up and get together. When Franklin told his colleagues at the accouchment of the American republic that they must hang together or they would hang separately, he alluded in a political sense to what we now point out in a spiritual sense.

Time was when this paper gave away watches, silverware, etc., as premiums for subscribers. It is giving away now dollars in worth where it receives pennies in return. Now we turn the tables and ask this army of readers to make us a free gift of their kind thoughts and

The man whose portrait adorns our title page has made a name and place for himself in the world's history, but he has not "walked alone." On March 25, when Mr. Mills preached at Stanford University, Mrs. Mills stood in his place at the Oakland Church, and preached a sermon on "Heaven," from which we make a brief extract.

The first step towards freeing ourselves from the smaller ideas of heaven is to earnestly endeavor to evolve a heaven out of the materials and circumstances of human society. This means that to the institutions of our government, politics, industry, education, and social life, we must apply the principles of love as the motive power; that love must become the judge and sanctifier of all our relations and transactions. All the qualities we have called heavenly are the qualities of which our natures are composed. We should cease to ask, 'What is going to become of us?' and inquire, 'What may we become ?' High characteristics already ours are all that are needed for the realization of the beautiful life of which we dream. This is the great, infinite God-life that infolds us all. Humanity shall rise from the lower planes on which we dwell, and realize itself as a being whose structure is righteousness and truth, whose face shines with the eternal beauty of love.

MARRIAGE AND MORALITY, by Lillian Harman, 38 pp., papercovers. M. Harman, publisher. 507 Carroll Ave., Chicago, Ill.

An address delivered before the Ohio Liberal Society in Cincinnati. The writer takes a very liberal view of the subject, and to those interested, it should be very entertaining.

A VISIT TO A GNANI, by Edward Carpenter, \$1.00. Chicago. Alice B. Stockham, 56 Fifth Ave.

A Gnani is one who knows, a knower; in other words, one who has a consciousness of the greater or universal life which Carpenter calls the Kosmic Consciousness. It is the higher Self or Ego of the Theosophists, the Infinite I or Fichte, the Noumena of Kant, the Divine Mind of Christian Science, the Kingdom of Heaven of Christ.

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out, and he realizes that there is a life more wonderful and perhaps more real than the material with its hot haste in pursuit of knowledge and riches.

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The Humanitarian for April is full of good things, among them "The History of Magic", by Robert Francis Clarke, D. D. The portrait of Prof. George Brandes forms the frontispiece.

There is an article on Japanese Music, and "A Poem Found on the Field" by Stuart. Victoria Woodhull Martin and Zula Maud Woodhull. editors. 17 Hyde Park Gate, London, England.

Dr. Max Muehlenbruch, the Oakland Seer, has issued a new edition of his prophecies of international consequence, from 1898 to 1925, and their fulfillment to January 23, 1900. It will be sent free upon application.

You should read the new book by Dr. J. M. Peebles, entitled "Death Defeated." For sale at this office. Price, \$1.00.

The Psychical Science Review for May contains, among other interesting features, a Horoscope of the editor, Ernest S. Green, thoroughly analyzed; a Solar reading of character, etc., for all persons born between April 19th and May 20th, of any year; best days for business from May 5th to June 10th; "Astrology—a Historical Sketch," translated from the German—a popular explanation of Astrology. 10 cents, or \$1 a year. 1804 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.



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GEO. R. SMITH. Cedarville, Modoc Co., Cal., Feb. 23] 1900.

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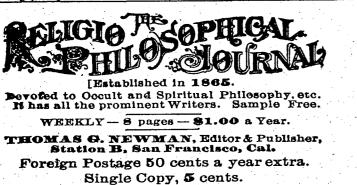
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May Festival.-Everything is in readiness for the May Festival, to be held at 909 Market St., on May 6th, under the auspices of the Children's Progressive Lyceum. The children have all worked faithfully for this occasion and are eager to display their talent. The Festival entertainment is under the leadership of the well known, esteemed and faithful worker, Mrs. A. E. Wadsworth, assisted by Mrs. Briggs, and the rest of the Lyceum members. The crowning of the May Queen by a large group of children will be well worth witnessing. THOS. A. JOHNSON, Sec.

The Mission Lyceum held its regular monthly entertainment and dance in Mission Opera Hall on Wednesday evening, April 25. The following was the program presented:

Overture, Orchestra; recitation, Flor-ence McDonald; recitation, C. Close, fancy dance, Florence Bohn; recitation, Frankie Close; recitation, Mrs. Lida Hickok; song, Miss Mabel Pfiefer; Papa's Letter, Bessie Northrop; Jaeger Brothers Musical Geniuses, Frederick, Otto and George; recitation, Miss Vernie Close; piano solo, Mr. Frank Indig; fancy dance, Bessie and May Northrop; recitation, Miss Etta Werner; fancy dance. Flossie Locke: recitation, Mr. Chas. Anderson; Highland Fling, George Bacon and Shila Smith.

Hermetic Brotherhood. - The meeting last Thursday evening at 509 Van Ness Ave. opened with the Silence, and a song by Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Weld. Dr. Phelon in a few well chosen words introduced Prof. Chas. Dawbarn, who delivered an eloquent lecture, tak-ing for his subject "The Fullness of Man."

His ideas were new, and his conception of man more exalted than the ordinary. A vote of thanks was extended to him by a unanimous vote of those present. Mr. Weld spoke of the Brotherhood Work, and the meeting closed with music and the Mantrim.

Mr. E. W. Gould of Washington, D. C., is visiting his son in Oakland. He is a well-known writer along Spiritual lines, and during his visit we hope to hear from him through the Journal.

A Little Daughter has come to the home of our friends. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison D. Barrett, of Boston. She arrived on April 20, and both mother and daughter are doing well. The JOURNAL joins in congratulations.

Dr. H. M. Barker, the genial mental healer of Los Gatos, Cal., was in San Francisco on business last Saturday, and of course called at the JOURNAL office. He is hale, hearty, and as full of jokes as ever.

Sunday Lecture Ass'n .- Metropolitan Temple was crowded to its utmost capacity last Sunday evening, to listen to an eloquent address by Benjamin Fay Mills, who took for his subject "Between the Animals and the Angels." Mr. Mills is a living example of evolution, as each of his lectures is better than the last. The subject next Sunday will be "The Opportunity of the Orthodox."

Rev. Geo. B. Allen spoke briefly of his thirty-nine years of public service, and the evolution of his creed. Judge Jas. G. Maguire, President of the Association, who has just returned from the East presided, and made some very tell-ing remarks Mr. Alfred Wilkie sang two solos and Prof. Eckman manipulated the grand organ to the satisfaction of everyone present.



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Ladies' Aid Entertainment.-The usual entertainment and dance of this society was held on Tuesday evening, April 24. in Occidental Hall. In addition to the social dance and refreshments, the following progarm was ren-dered: Song by Raymond Hayes, "The Gill I loved in Sunny Tennessee." Mr. Charles Anderson recited, "The Legend of the Organ Builder." Mr. Heron and a graduated class of ten gave an exhibition of Physical Culture and Delsarte.

The Wednesday afternoon meeting was addressed by Mrs. Jennie Ward Hays on Physical Culture.

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