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## SWEET FREEDOM.

There's a pure and crystal stream,  
And its sparkling waters gleam.  
As it hastens to the sunny vale below.  
On its banks grow flowers bright,  
Scarlet hued and snowy white.  
Let no ruthless hand despoil them: let  
them grow.

There's a ship tossed on the sea,  
Tried as storm-tossed ships may be;  
By a brave and skillful crew she is  
manned.

Her flag will soon be sighted;  
Loved ones be reunited.  
Let her sail into the harbor; let her land.

There are birds in every tree,  
Warbling out their notes so free, [spring.  
Singing praise to God and nature in the  
That the Winter storms are past;  
That fair days are come at last.  
Raise not a hand against them; let them  
sing.

There are souls of priceless worth,  
Of the noblest sons of earth,  
That are struggling, ever struggling to  
be free.

Look within. Oh, look and learn  
The true Life Book's leaves to turn,  
Which tell of all that man will ever be.

Look within, and you shall see,  
That "he" who says "Come, follow me,"  
Simply means the pure, the spotless life  
within.

That life is peace and joy.  
Its unfoldment will destroy  
Ignorance, which is man's only sin.

Look within. You soon shall be  
Where you can heed that "Follow me,"  
And live as in the happy days of youth.  
Read the Book of Life—the heart—  
From its lessons ne'er depart. [Truth.  
And worship at the sacred shrine of  
Z. T. LANDES.

## BORDERLAND

### Remarkable Pianiste.

"She is the most wonderful child I ever met, and had I not heard her play I would not have believed what I had been told." Such was Ignace Paderewski's remark during his visit to San Francisco, apropos of the playing of little Phyllida Ashley, a tot of five and a half years, residing with her parents on East 23rd St., Oakland.

The remark means more because Paderewski was pestered to death while he was in San Francisco by the over-ambitious parents of precocious children. There was not an afternoon when the great pianist, tired out from his matinee, was not kept from one to two hours listening to these piano-playing children, until his soul was weary within him. Sometimes the children played at the numbers for which Paderewski is most famous himself, but he was obliged to grind his teeth and endure. He was, however, frank. He warned many of them that they would never be piano-players. To others he held out slight hopes, but of Phyllida Ashley he was enthusiastic.

At one of his concerts at the California Theater Paderewski was told of the little Oakland girl. The great pianist was very skeptical, but, with his usual politeness, he said he would listen. As he named no time or place, Phyllida's friends concluded that Paderewski wanted to hear no more of the child, but in this they were mistaken. On his return from San Jose he expressed a desire to hear the baby play on the piano, and one Sunday evening she was brought to him.

Paderewski lifted the child on to the stool and allowed her to use his cherished piano. The child played an air and sang, but this was merely an introduction. The little fingers, with wonderful dexterity and feeling, rendered the Lohengrin "Wedding March," and while she did so Paderewski became intensely interested. He passed from the room and returned with a bonbon, but the little girl declined it very quietly and proceeded with "Der lieben langen Tag."

At its finish the master hugged her and kissed her, and begged her to play something else. Phyllida, all from memory, played "Marching Through Georgia," but this did not interest Paderewski until she rendered it in 'the minor, when he exclaimed: "Marvelous! What is this?" and again kissed the little player.

The ensuing effort was the rendition of the waltz from Weber's "Invitation to the Dance." Phyllida played this according to the interpretation of Rosenthal and De Pachmann, and when it was over, Paderewski took her in his arms and walked around his salon with her, smothering her with kisses. In answer to his questions he learned that the child had been able to play when two years old. "Impossible," said Paderewski; but when he saw a photograph of the infant at the piano taken over three years ago, he accepted the proof, and said that her attitude there showed that she was born to be wedded to a piano.—*Examiner.*

### FLEET F. STROTHER.



Fleet F. Strother, who was a prominent figure in San Francisco municipal affairs for many years, has passed to spirit-life.

Mr. Strother came to San Francisco in 1864, accompanied by his wife. Soon after his arrival he engaged in business as a stock broker. In the years when the shares of the Comstock mines were booming, Mr. Strother accumulated a considerable fortune. At the same time he was devoting himself to literary pursuits and the study of the law, so that when the market began to show signs of weakness he was able to retire from the field of speculation and enter practice as an attorney. He was thrice elected Supervisor and served three terms as City Auditor.

Mr. Strother was in ill health for several months, and a severe attack of pneumonia ended his physical life. He leaves a widow, but no children. He was a native of Washington, D. C., aged 61 years.

True and conscientious Spiritualists, Mr. and Mrs. Strother have for many years been faithful investigators of the philosophy and phenomena of Modern Spiritualism. Their home on Bush St. has been the scene of many spirit manifestations, and eloquent orators have been their guests.

### Wonderful Memory.

Gertie Cochrane is a little girl 9 years old, who lives in Mount Vernon, Ill. She has a wonderful memory, which has puzzled all the doctors who know her, for they cannot understand how so young a child can manage to keep so much knowledge in her little brain. Gertie began to walk when only 7 months old, and when 10 months old could talk as well as most children do when they are two years of age. She remembers every new word mentioned in her hearing, and day by day gathered up the knowledge which she now possesses. She answers instantly and from memory thousands of difficult questions relating to a great variety of subjects.

She can give the population of all the large cities of the world, dates of discoveries, inaugurations, political history, dates of great battles, with generals officiating and numbers killed and wounded; national debts of all nations, including the United States, and can give its exact size every year since the time of George Washington. She states the financial history of world's fairs, including the great Chicago World's Fair. She names the Presidents and Vice-Presidents, giving them in order, both backward and forward; the Kings and Queens of foreign nations, capitals of all States and nations of the earth, and her knowledge of Bible history, dates, events and the like is remarkable.

When making her instant reply to any difficult question, her bright eyes sparkle with fun, and her winsome, childish ways are endearing to all who know her. In appearance Gertie is of slender form, has oval features and auburn hair that curls in a sunny mass over a shapely head. She is a thorough child, lavishing a wealth of tender affection on an ordinary doll, and she enters into the pleasures of childhood with keen enjoyment.

### There is no Death.

WILLIAM E. BONNEY.

In all ages, and all countries of the world, among all conditions and classes of people, a belief has been very prevalent that another life is in store for human beings, after casting off the tenement of clay and becoming free from earth's environments. It is probable that no race of people ever existed who were too low in the scale of progression as to be entirely devoid of hope in the possibility of living in some form or other after the change called death. But something in human nature has always demanded a proof of such a life, and a glimpse of the unseen world to satisfy them of there being such a

life and such a world. This something has come from the spiritual nature of men and women, which ever seeks to overcome the material. It is the inner divine consciousness asking for truth, asking for light and knowledge upon this all-important question.

Unfortunately, the great mass of the human family are so engrossed in the material wants and cares of their earthly existence that they allow their material desires to have the supremacy over the spiritual; their spiritual natures are allowed to starve for want of spiritual truth and knowledge, and yet there is in every person—no matter how indifferent they may appear to be—a divine spark from the great infinite soul of the universe, which some time or other will try to make itself felt in the individual's life. That divine spark is an unquenchable fire, a spark from the eternal creative life forces of the universe, and it will make itself felt to every person sooner or later. It may lie dormant for years; it may seem to be almost crushed out by material prosperity and the grosser needs of the physical body; but some time or other, when a dear relative or friend passes out of that individual's life, then that spark will make itself felt and demand recognition. Then when the loss of that relative or friend is keenly felt, the spiritual nature will demand food of a spiritual kind. The questions which will arise and demand an explanation are such as these: "Where is my friend? Is the grave the final end and goal of all human aspirations, hopes and labor? Are we all simply perishable material manifestations which come upon the scene of action, the earth-life, and then after awhile drop into oblivion?"

Is there another world, a spiritual world; another life, a spiritual life; another body, a spiritual body? Where shall we go to have these questions answered? Is there any way by which the misty veil of the future can be at least partially torn aside and our eyes, ears and other organs of sense satisfied of future life? To all these questions the answer comes: "Prove all things, and hold fast that which is good." But how are we going to prove? The answer comes: By the development of your spiritual natures." Take the advice of St. Paul to the Corinthians: "Cultivate charity and desire spiritual gifts." In other words, have charity in your souls for those who have thoroughly investigated this matter. Then do as they have done—cultivate your spiritual powers, investigate spiritual manifestations, read up and educate yourself in the spiritual philosophy.

Give your loving friends upon the spirit side of life a chance to return to you. By refusing to investigate spirit manifestations and by neglecting to cultivate your spiritual powers, you shut the door and refuse to admit those who desire to show their continued love for you, and who are trying to prove to you that they still live and take an interest in your welfare.

If you were to go to a strange city and you had friends in that city whom you wished to communicate with, but they refused to answer your knock at the door, how would you feel? How must our spirit friends feel when they come to our homes and lovingly try to impress us in some way with their presence and we turn a deaf ear to them? We refuse to listen to their knocks for admission by

ignoring mediumship, by ignoring family circles for investigation.

A properly-conducted family circle is the most sacred, as well as the most pleasing institution on earth. There broken families can be reunited, the spirit members uniting with those who are still in the flesh.

There, love is shown to be continuous as well as life, and the door of communication between the two worlds kept regularly opened. But someone will ask: How can we open this door? By what means can we be made conscious of our loved one's presence? The answer comes: By the development of the spiritual faculties, the same as we are made cognizant of the presence of material things by the organs of physical sense. Spirit communication with mortal can be demonstrated in so many ways, and new phases of mediumship are constantly showing forth, therefore it is impossible to clearly enumerate all. But a few of the principal phases of mediumship will be explained briefly.

Mediumship, or the development of powers for spiritual communication, consists of two distinct classes termed, mental mediumship and physical mediumship. The principal mental phases are those of clairvoyance, a power of clear seeing, by which the presence of spirit friends is made known, and by which descriptions may be given of such friends. Then comes clair-audience, or clear hearing, a power which enables the possessor to catch sounds of names and messages from the unseen visitors. But these powers in different persons assume different forms and can only be explained by those possessing them, and sometimes it is a matter of extreme difficulty for mediums themselves to make themselves or their phase of mediumship understood. Then there are the phases of inspirational speaking, writing, music, painting and other powers, which prove outside help from higher intelligences. Impressions, dreams, visions, automatic writing, trance mediumship and many other forms of a mental character.

There are probably but a very few families in which some kind of mental mediumship could not be developed if they would give the subject a reasonable amount of time and attention, and much pleasure and satisfaction would come to them from such development.

Besides the mental phases of mediumship already mentioned, there are a number of manifestations which come under the head of physical mediumship. Among those most commonly produced are the moving of tables, furniture and other objects by a power beyond that of the sitters; raps which respond to questions given by those present. Then independent voices are sometimes heard; also telegraphic raps which give intelligent communication to those who understand the telegraphic code; musical instruments which float through the air, at the same time keeping time and tune with those present who sing familiar tunes. Again, there is the very convincing phase of receiving independent slate-writing in broad daylight; also occasionally the wonderful phenomena of materialization where the previously unseen visitor takes on a temporary material appearance visible to all present.

Surely this is a grand work and worthy of our best thought and most earnest effort, to so develop the latent spiritual powers which

are our divine birthright and inheritance, that we may be able to satisfy ourselves of the presence of our angel visitors, and demonstrate to a world of sorrow-stricken mourners that life is continuous and fear of the grave has been swallowed up in victory. And then above and beyond all these manifestations which prove to us the certainty of a life beyond the confines of earthly existence, we have the opportunity of gaining knowledge of our future from those whose experience in the spirit-life enables them to become teachers to those who still inhabit earthly tabernacles.

This knowledge can be gained in no other way but by coming in touch with our friends who have had actual experience. Then why should we hesitate about commencing our investigations? Why not avail ourselves of the opportunity to come into communication? Many difficulties may present themselves at first; mistakes may occur, as in all the avenues for gathering knowledge; but if we will be patient, if we will perseveringly investigate, the door of knowledge will be opened unto us. Wisdom will be given, which is far above the price of rubies, and a satisfaction will come to us which can be gained in no other way. We shall add to our faith, knowledge; we shall know, "There is no death; what seems so is transition."—*Republican*.

#### Ohio Convention.

The Ohio State Spiritualist Association held its annual convention at Columbus, opening on May 23, Hon. E. W. Bond in the chair. Among those present were Hon. Harrison D. Barrett, president of the National Association, and Dr. J. M. Peebles of Battle Creek, Mich. Mayor Samuel Swartz gave an address of welcome. He humorously referred to the fact that while acting as Police Judge, not having, to his knowledge, a Spiritualist before him for trial during his entire term. "His Honor" took his seat amid a round of applause.

It was decided that the next meeting should be held in Cleveland in October, at the same time as the national convention. At this assemblage the place for the next annual session will be decided upon. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Thomas A. Black, Cleveland; vice-president, W. V. Nicum, Dayton; second vice-president, C. H. Mathews, New Philadelphia; secretary, John C. Hemmeter, Cleveland; treasurer, Carrie Firth Curran, Toledo; delegates—W. J. Hull, Columbus, and G. B. Gould, Cleveland; alternates—Mrs. Zetta L. Eise, Cleveland, and Cora Folsom, Toledo; trustees—J. B. Townsend, Lima; E. A. Kibby, Columbus; E. W. Bond, Willoughby, and H. H. Baxter, Ashley.

The following was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the officers of this association make an effort at the next session of the State Legislature to have enacted, a measure making it a misdemeanor to practice mediumship in the State of Ohio for pay, unless such persons possess a certificate of indorsement from the officers of the Ohio State Spiritualists' Association as to their worthiness, etc.

*Resolved*, That we are in favor of all reforms, either temporal or spiritual.

*Resolved*, That "every person should have the privilege of select-

ing his or her own physician, and therefore, we are opposed to the effort being made to enact so-called medical laws at the dictation of the medical fraternity."

"We believe that Church and State should be kept separate; therefore, we deplore all attempts to engraft the word 'God, Christ or Christian' upon the Constitution of the United States."

"That we extend our cordial sympathy to the struggling masses of other countries, as well as our own, in their efforts to achieve larger liberty, a better chance to earn an honest living, thereby to better their condition socially, morally and physically.

"That we are in favor of taxing church property and are opposed to all Sunday laws that are based upon the idea that it is God's holy day."

The ninth section of the resolution reads: "That we hail with joy the rising sentiment in favor of universal peace, manifested at the inception of the recent Peace Congress at The Hague, recognizing thereby peaceful operation between individuals and nations."

#### The Gist of Philosophy.

J. P. COOKE.

The earth life is only the shadow of the life or careers to come. The spirit ego is like Tennyson's "Brook":

For men may come and men may go,  
But I go on forever, ever,  
I go on forever.

Up the eternal cycles of being, man is drawn by the Inner Light of life, if love be his attraction. For—

In love, if love be love, if love be ours,  
Faith and unfaith can ne'er be equal powers:  
Unfaith in aught is want of faith in all.  
It is the little rift within the lute,  
That by and by will make the music mute,  
And ever widening, slowly silence all."

The lack of faith in our own essential being is a great misfortune, for then we lack the courage to make the truth of our souls known to men and to declare the ever-presence of that Inner Light and Soul Love which wells up in us under the forms of consciousness.

John G. Fichte, the great German idealist, well taught that there is an eternal life, or divine idea, permeating this visible universe, which visible universe is, indeed, but its symbol and sensible manifestation, having in itself no real meaning or even true existence independent of it. It is literally held together by this over-informing power of light, life and idea. To the mass of men this idea lies hidden unknown, often unsuspected, and yet to discern and seize it is the aim of all vital philosophy. To live wholly in it is really the condition of all genuine knowledge and freedom, and is the end of all spiritual and psychic effort in every age with all spiritually-advancing minds.

This view of the universe has such a mass of scientific demonstration and of philosophic and spiritualistic or psychical generalization in its favor that it is coming to be accepted on purely rational grounds, by thoughtful people.

All creation proceeds from the Inner Soul or Spiritual Sun-sphere. The material and spiritual worlds are formed from substances which flow from the Inner light and constitute spheres around it, but perfectly distinct from it. As these substances recede from the Central Life they become less active, their

substances combine and form a grosser substance. A spiritual substance becomes a material substance in its purest form, and this continues to combine and to become denser, grosser and less active until it is inert in outer darkness. It is as though we could follow the circulations of the Infinite, from the heart of being to the confines of granulated darkness in the outer material shell and back again as conscious souls, to the very core of life.

As the noble inspiration of Mrs. Lizzie Doten has versed it:

Eternal self-existent soul! [start;  
From whom Life's issues take their  
Thou art the undivided whole  
Of whom each creature forms a part.  
God of the granite and the rose!  
Soul of the sparrow and the bee!  
The mighty tide of being flows [Thee!  
Through countless channels, Lord, from  
Its leaps to life in grass and flowers,  
Through every grade of being runs,  
Till, from Creation's radiant towers  
Its glory flames in stars and suns.

### Regenerated Force.

STELLA B.

From all portions of the physical globe gather elements of force, constructing and re-constructing the human organism, changing the form of organic matter to one of forceful and vibratory magnetism. Cultivated restraint habituates self to repel and overthrow such elements, until force and power become so strong as to perpetuate a material change by the law of self-government. With knowledge comes practice; with practice comes strength, and when the human, as an organic composition, is controlling element, all spiritual conditions are misunderstood, for the misunderstanding is limited to a natural survey. But, when the organism becomes sensitive to the change instituted by knowledge, all doubt regarding growth and acknowledged truth flees before the awakened faculties.

Thoughts, beautiful as the elements that created them, are received through channels fitted to their form, and, when moulded to the understanding, are pictured images of the thinker. Mind does the work; spirit originates the force, and soul impresses the beauty. Thus, when thought is propelled through space by magnetic batteries it carries a part of the individual force and form of the originator.

Men do not consider waste of strength as a part of the economic system of nature; but from out of their store-house of force, each thought carelessly handled gives them strength as thinkers, when, if it was carefully considered, it would give greater light to the understanding and more force to the organism. Man, as a part of nature's law, is his own creative factor. Out of personal power can he gather a rich harvest of force or create a space of anti-activity, where every atom of life can be swallowed by the more forceful element of organic matter. Thus his spiritual vitality becomes subservient to the power of modinized force, each element giving less power for future development and creating a self-interest in his present surroundings, making man but man in the abstract, while his force is constantly deteriorating and the soul lies dormant.

Mind is controlling element that becomes a shadowy substance and but the essence of a greater "what might have been." Therefore, man has need to economize his strength and force. Not to idle thought

away, but become an active participator in the thought-fields, giving, as he receives, full value and adding to the world's growth a grand factor in its creativeness.

Linn Creek, Mo.

### Live One Day at a Time.

Every day is a fresh beginning;  
Every morn is a world made new.  
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,  
Here is a beautiful hope for you.  
A hope for me, and a hope for you.

All the past things are past and over—  
The tasks are done, and the tears are shed.

Yesterday's errors let yesterday cover;  
Yesterday's wounds, which smarted  
and bled,  
Are healed with the healing which  
night has shed.

Let them go, since we can not relieve  
them;

Can not undo, and can not atone.  
God in His mercy receive, forgive them;  
Only the new days are our own.  
To-day is ours, and to-day alone.

Here are the skies all burnished brightly;  
Here is the spent earth all reborn;  
Here are the tired limbs springing  
lightly,

To face the sun and to share the morn,  
In a chrism of dew and the cool of a  
dawn.

Every day is a fresh beginning;  
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain,  
And, spite of old sorrow and older sin-  
ning,  
And puzzles forecasted and possible  
pain,  
Take heart with the day, and begin  
again. RALPH WALDO TRINE.

### "Words That Burn."

LIDA B. BROWNE.

It may be of interest to your readers to learn that a psychic novel from my pen is now being published and will soon be on sale at all Liberal book-stores. It can also be ordered through the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL or direct from me.

I have been assisted, in its production by invisible intelligences, who seek to give psychic truths to the masses in novel form, and in object lessons that will be more readily understood by the young than in long treatises or in lectures. I feel no hesitancy in saying that it is a book anyone can recommend to their neighbor after perusing, place in the hands of the young or ask skeptics to read. It is thoroughly constructive and antagonizes no system of religion, but points out the higher thoughts on life both here and in the spirit realms.

The title is "Words That Burn," and the book shows the effect in spirit-life of angry words and wrong deeds done in earth-life. It gives lofty ideals; sets high standards of living; upholds many reforms of the day; shows the effect of mind over the body, and how true love triumphs over all obstacles. The happy home and the presence therein of joyous, healthy children are features which, coupled with the romances of both young and old, make interesting reading for all, no matter of what age.

The scenes are laid in the south of France, in London and at the country home of the Percivals in Somersetshire, England. There are also ocean voyages and scenes in New York City, on the Hudson, in Chicago and Denver. The reader is also taken in the story to the top of Pike's Peak, and down in a mine. The description of the country, as well as the psychic experiences, are vividly told, and the characters appear to the reader as living, breathing people.

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### New York State Convention.

The third annual Convention of the New York State Association of Spiritualists was held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 11, 12 and 13, in Syracuse, New York, and was a complete success in every sense of the word. The election of officers which took place at this time resulted in the unanimous re-election of the whole board, and is as follows:

Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, president, Westfield, N. Y.; W. Wines Sargent, vice-president, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, second vice-president, Troy, N. Y.; Herbert L. Whitney, secretary, 953 Madison St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. W. Richardson, treasurer, East Aurora, N. Y.; Dr. E. F. Butterfield, Syracuse, N. Y.; Mrs. Sarah Comstock-Ellis, Auburn, New York; E. G. Reilly, Syracuse, N. Y.; Mrs. Laura A. Holt, West Potsdam, N. Y.

We were favored with the services of the Sunshine Quartette, who sang the spiritual songs of J. P. Longley. Our list of speakers was as follows:

Hon. James Townsend of Columbus, Ohio; Willard J. Hull of Columbus, Ohio, editor of the *Light of Truth*; Prof. Harrison D. Barrett of Boston, Mass., editor of *Banner of Light*; Rev. Moses Hull of Buffalo, N. Y.; D. P. Dewey, president of the Michigan State Spiritualist Association; Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Westfield, N. Y.; Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, Troy, N. Y.; W. Wines Sargent, Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. W. Richardson, East Aurora, N. Y.; Mrs. Elizabeth Brewer, Belmont, New York; Mrs. S. Comstock-Ellis, Auburn, N. Y.; Dr. E. F. Butterfield, Syracuse, N. Y.; H. L. Whitney, Brooklyn, N. Y.

One of the most impressive and interesting services that took place was the ordination of our State missionary, Mrs. Elizabeth Brewer, as a minister of the gospel of Spiritualism.

Spirit messages were given by Mrs. Maggie Waite of San Francisco, Cal., and Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds.

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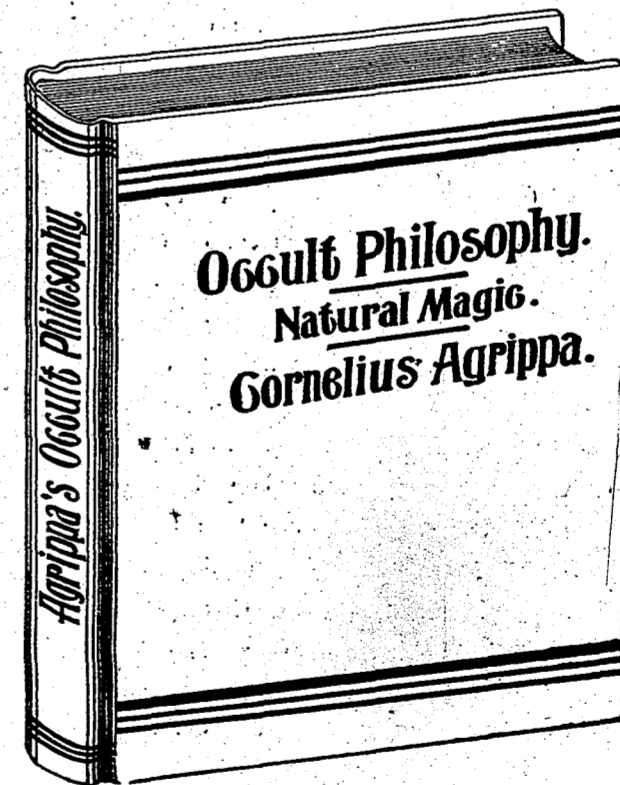
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Herbert Spencer tells us that the force which is manifested in the universe around us is the same force as that which wells up in ourselves under the form of consciousness. Identity, then, exists between our inner life—ourselves—and the inner life—the unisual force of the universe around us.

**Will Force.**—Alfred Russell Wallace, in his "Limits of Natural Selection as Applied to Man," says:

All force is probably will-force. If, therefore, we have traced one force, however minute, to its origin in our own will, while we have no knowledge of any other primary cause of force, it does not seem an improbable conclusion that all force may be will-force.

**A Reformation Promised.**—Rev. E. E. Patton, a prominent young Christian minister of Toledo, Ohio, made a terrible onslaught upon ministers and churches generally, in an address delivered at Burts Opera House recently. He condemns the practice of the churches more than he does that of the outside world, and advises the people to have no faith at all in them. "Mark my words," he said, "there will be a reformation that will shake the religious world to its foundations. Isms and schisms will be parts of a broken parachute."

**Anniversary.**—Dr. J. M. Peebles and Mrs. A. E. Sheets are engaged to officiate at the 43rd anniversary of the Harmonial Society of Spiritualists, which occurs Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17, at Sturgis, Mich.

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### Self-Reliance.

Mrs. L. E. Rader, in Lucy A. Mallory's monthly gem of "New Thought," offers a suggestion which is worthy of consideration by those who are seeking a solution of social and economic problems:

Instead of wasting time in politics and political reforms, which is like attempting to stay a mighty tide, let us teach humanity to be self-respecting. Let us begin with the little ones, by teaching self-reliance. Let us inculcate the idea that life is not a struggle, with all the odds against them, but, rather, that within each brain lies coiled a magnetic spring which can respond to every heart throb, every desire and every hope. Teach them that thought is the great battery which connects the outer and the inner life; which converts the ideal into the real; which gives us the strength to do and to be.

### The New War.

Now that the best intellect of the age has condemned war as we have known it, there has been inaugurated a war in higher realms. The best thought on this subject has been expressed as follows:

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### The Right Ring.

We have maintained that no reform has ever been accomplished by statutory law. The *American Advocate* of Minneapolis, Minn., expresses our sentiments in a short editorial:

Some good people think that the fraternal system will be ushered in by law. In this they are wrong if they refer to man-made law; right if they mean the natural law of growth and development. The fraternal system will begin whenever two or three get together and live a brotherly life. If they are faithful, others will join them. The group will become a dozen, then a score, then three score, then a hundred, then five hundred, then it will become contagious like the small-pox and whole towns and cities will be "down with it" at once. But they will never recover from it. The state will finally succumb, and it will then be discovered that it is—heaven on earth.

### Destiny is Supreme.

The best thought of our day is expressed in these words. One of the very best of our spiritual exchanges gives expression to the following, which we heartily endorse:

We are guided by spiritual undercurrents in all our activities. And yet we are not automatons. It is

man's privilege to co-operate with, and actually direct the forces of nature, for man is the ever-destined ruler of all creation; he is God incarnate, the Life-principle individualized. We have nothing to fear. All experiences are valuable. And yet if we are wise we will endeavor to reach the goal of conscious oneness, for nothing else can satisfy the surging desires and love-currents of our being; oneness with all, universal consciousness; and the day of our deliverance from the long dream of separateness may be hastened by our faithful endeavor. The days go on; we are carried by the tide of destiny. The desires of man, like so many electric currents, carry him into the channels of experience which build him up. Oh, long march of existence!

### The Question Answered.

We admire frankness, and will acknowledge that this editor of a "new thought" journal called the *Healer* has given expression to the real mental condition of the multitude of writers on occult subjects who have grasped one idea, and think they have a mental mortgage upon the universe.

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### Mrs. Mary E. Whittemore.

From the *Banner of Light* we quote the following tribute to the memory of one who has been connected with the camp-meeting work of the East for many years, and who passed to spirit-life on May 10:

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### Magnetists Organize.

The necessity for organization becomes more apparent every day. "United we stand, divided we fall," has been emblazoned upon our national escutcheon for more than

a century, and it would seem that it was about time for "liberals" to take the hint, as the Healers of Ohio have done, as related in the *Light of Truth*:

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### The Reviewer.

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The *American Monthly Review of Reviews* for June is a well-illustrated number. The important news topics of the month are editorially treated in "The Progress of the World," the opening department. Dr. Albert Shaw, the editor, writes from full knowledge on "Paris and the Exposition of 1900." Mr. Cleveland Moffett writes on "Automobiles for the Average Man." There are also illustrated articles on Summer camps for boys, the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and the new fiction for Summer reading.

The *Arena* for June is received. Among its articles, the following are worthy of mention: "Christianity and Imperialism," Freeman Stewart; "England as an Ally," Prof. Edward Alsworth Ross; "Congress or Parliament?" Ewing Cockrell; "Evils of Trusts and Foolish Remedies," Joseph Dana Miller; "Puerto Ricans and the Constitution," George H. Smith. 25 cents. The *Arena* Company, "Life" Building, New York.

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**Ladies' Aid Social.**—This popular society, of which Mrs. B. F. Small is president, held its regular monthly social dance in Occidental Hall, on Tuesday evening, May 29. There were a few vocal musical selections and literary productions, with the social dance and usual refreshments. These are popular parties and should not be missed by the Spiritualists of this vicinity.

**New Aid Society.**—On May 27, at 909 Market St., a society was organized, to be known as the First Spiritual Aid Society of San Francisco. The following officers were elected and installed: C. G. Collins, Pres.; W. T. Phelps, Sec.; Dr. C. H. RinEs, Treas.; Mrs. M. M. Maxwell, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. J. F. Green, Cor. Sec. The object of this society is to give aid to all mediums and members in sickness or distress.

**The Mission Lyceum** entertainment on Wednesday evening last was well attended, notwithstanding the fact of its being a national holiday. Every number on the printed program was artistically rendered and enthusiastically encored. Mrs. Susie A. Pracey furnished music for dancing. At 11:30 o'clock all went to their homes happy, having had an enjoyable evening. The next entertainment will be June 30. W. T. JONES.

**C. F. Burgman** of Seabreeze, Florida, has announced that he will be in San Francisco and Oakland from Aug. 8 to 10, and will deliver a series of lectures on Mental Science. Mr. Burgman is the secretary of the International Mental Science Association, and a speaker of rare ability. He was for many years Chief Keeper of Records for the Independent Order of Red Men, and is well known on this Coast.

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The committee having charge of the Home Culture Club's movement reported a favorable outlook, which promises success and good results.

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The secretary reported having received notice of a new society recently organized at Soldiers' Home, in Southern California, which would soon apply for a charter and become an auxiliary member of the State Association.

The committee appointed to confer with the Board of Supervisors, in reference to the license tax as applied to mediums, made a partial report, and, on motion, the committee was continued and further time given to prosecute their work.

On motion, the Board adjourned, to convene on Saturday evening, June 16, at 3822 17th St. W. T. JONES, Sec.

**The Children's Progressive Lyceum** held its annual picnic on Wednesday, May 30, at Sausalito. The grove from the city south to the forts was lined with picnickers, and the day was perfect. They had swings for the little ones, plenty of excellent lunch for all, music on the violin and guitar by Mr. and Mrs. Corse, and no accidents or poison oak, so far as heard from. A wagon ride is now being talked of for the near future.

Our Lyceum session last Sunday was unusually interesting, our subject being "Home." Mr. Bowers of Massachusetts told the children of the "Old Oaken Bucket" and the well and the "mill that was near it," all being on the farm where he passed his childhood. We hope he will visit us often. C. H. WADSWORTH.

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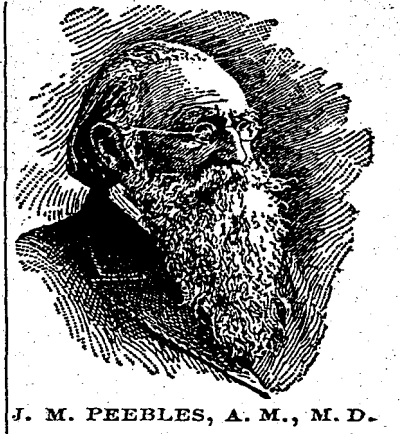
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