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## A Word of Hope.

A dreamer dropped a random thought,  
'Twas old and yet 'twas new;  
A simple fancy of the brain,  
But strong in being true.

The thought was small, the issue great,  
A watch-fire on the hill;  
It sheds its radiance far adown,  
And cheers the valley still.

A nameless man, amid a crowd,  
That thronged the daily mart,  
Let fall a word of hope and love,  
Unstudied from the heart.

A whisper on the tumult thrown,  
A transitory breath;  
It raised a brother from the earth,  
It saved a man from death.

CHARLES MACKAY.

## BORDERLAND

### Strange Premonition.

In the early days of the United States Military Academy at West Point, a cadet from Virginia, by name James Carter, was killed at the academy. His grandfather, Major Giddons, of Richmond, had such an overwhelming premonition that something was wrong with James that it threw him into a fatal fever.

A strange thing about premonitions and warnings is that sometimes they are useful in actually preventing calamity.—*Psychic Research.*

### Peculiar Hypnotic Trance.

The following interesting circumstances were published recently in the Stockton, Cal., *Mail*:

For some time Dr. Foreman has been trying the effect of hypnotism upon Mrs. Briggs, who is of a nervous disposition. At first he was unable to get the lady under hypnotic control, but after three or four trials on different occasions, he succeeded fully. It was in the evening that the surprise came. Mrs. Briggs, who resides at the Gateway Building with her husband, Dr. D. D. Briggs, had been sleeping peacefully in a chair under hypnotic control, when suddenly she seemed to grow very nervous. Seeing this, the doctor was about to awaken her, when he was startled by hearing a voice with a slight Irish accent accost him. The conversation between the doctor and the alleged spirit that was speaking through Mrs. Briggs was taken down by both the doctor and Mr. Briggs in brief and was as follows:

"Good evening, Dr. Foreman."  
"Good evening. What is your name?"  
"Patrick Riordan."  
"Where are you from?"  
"I come now from the other side

of life, but when I was in the body San Francisco was my home."

"Have you any relatives living in San Francisco?"

"Yes, I have."  
"Tell us who they are and where they live"

"There is Bridget, who is my wife; a son, Patrick Thomas, and a married daughter, who is now Mrs. John Benjamin Carere, and



June, lovely June, is emblematically represented by a profusion of flowers, as shown above. Beautiful flowers now adorn every place where Nature can put them, to attract all animate creation, by their rich hues and sweet perfume—and this reminds us of the beautiful lines which read thus:

Bee-kissed flowers, blooming in every place,  
Through this beautiful world of ours,  
And dear as a smile on an old friend's face,  
Is the smile of the bright, bright flowers!

they live at No. 611 L street, south. My youngest daughter, Lizzie, died April 19, this year, and is here with me now. High mass was said over her remains, and she was buried at Calvary cemetery. My folks all belong to the Catholic church, and so did I. I want you to take a message to them for me, or write to them. I want you to tell them—and they won't believe it, but I



have an object in having you tell them—that there is nothing in the Catholic church, and to drop it.”

“How about the other churches?”  
 “There is nothing in any of the churches. The main thing in life is to do right, tell the truth, and live right, doing to others as you would be done by. Keep your thoughts good and pure and keep your mind clean. There is nothing in belonging to churches. If you will keep your thoughts right, everything will come out all right. Tell them that I am all right, and that Lizzie is all right and here with me.”

There was silence for a few seconds, and Dr. Foreman thought the owner of the voice had gone, and he remarked to Mr. Briggs:

“I guess he's gone. This is the most wonderful thing I ever heard of. I wonder if it's the truth.”

“No, I haven't gone,” spoke up the voice again, “and it is all true. I will never tell you a lie.”

That was the end of the interview, and Mrs. Briggs was awakened.

She was seen by a *Mail* reporter, and speaking of the phenomenon, she said: “When I was awakened by Dr. Foreman I knew nothing of what had transpired, and when they told me of it I was disposed to disbelieve them, thinking they were making up a little story. They had taken down the statements, however, and both seemed so sincere that I soon came to believe that they were telling me the truth. I have been in San Francisco but half an hour in my life, and do not know any of the streets, nor had I ever heard of Patrick Riordan and family. I am not a medium, and was never hypnotized by any one before Dr. Foreman met me. After coming out of control I was nervous for a few days. I cannot describe my feelings exactly, except to say that I was awed.”

Dr. Foreman states that on the day following the circumstance related in the foregoing, he dropped into the Wells-Fargo express office and hunted up the address given. He found that the names were as stated, but there was a mistake in the address. The so-called spirit had stated that it was 611 L street south, whereas the number in the Directory was 711. To learn whether it was a typographical error or such a mistake as any person might unwittingly make, Dr. Foreman wrote to a friend in San Francisco, acquainting him with the facts and asking him to call at the address, also calling his attention to the discrepancy in the number.

Friday, the day following the first communication, Dr. Foreman called upon Mrs. Briggs again, telling her that he desired to hypnotize her again, for the purpose of seeing whether a certain error would be corrected. He stated that he thought it would be a better test if he did not apprise her of the error. In a few minutes he had the lady under control again, and almost immediately the voice spoke up, as follows:

“I am here, doctor, and I know what the trouble is. You remember I told you I would never tell a lie. Well, I haven't. The number of the house is 611, as I told you. The mistake is in the Directory. I am here only for a moment, so I will say good-by.”

A few days later the doctor received a reply to the letter he had written his friend in San Francisco. It was stated in the letter that the writer had called upon the family and delivered the message, and he

stated further that all the statements of the alleged spirit were correct; that the house number was 611 instead of 711, as it appeared in the Directory. What reply the family made to the message was not stated in the letter.

### Spring Hill Phenomena.

E. J. SHELLHOUS.

There was recently published a work unique in character and replete with the most vital truths of the spiritual philosophy, given independently by men now in spirit-life who made themselves eminent while on earth, and whose identity is made clear and undoubted, and whose reputation for integrity is beyond question.

That same band is now employed in the production of another book, as a sequel, which will be still more interesting, as it will illustrate life in the spirit-world and the effect of what is done in earth-life on that of the life beyond. Personal narratives and experiences in all conditions of life will be given, with numerous portraits of the actors, of scenes in spirit-life and pictures of architectural beauty and magnificence.

I wish I could impress upon the reader's mind, the *reality* and *significance* of these phenomena, for they are as real as our daily experience, and even more impressive. The messages come direct from the lips of the spirits, uttered in full, clear-toned voices, within a few feet of the circle, and in full view of all present, and direct from the pen in the hands of materialized spirits, while in plain sight of all in the room. There is no theory or guess-work about it; the whole proceedings are as real and palpable as any proceedings in ordinary life.

One spirit recently, in the presence of the entire circle, wrote over 600 words, while at the same time delivered a discourse on an entirely different subject, at the ordinary rate of speaking, of a little less than 600 words. His voice was clear and strong and his manuscript correctly written, in good style and properly punctuated.

From 15 to 30 forms appear at a single seance—males and females about equal in number, the former usually dressed in dark clothing, but their white shirt fronts and faces are clearly in view, while the old men show their white beard and hair, their bodies being less clearly outlined in consequence of the deepened twilight of the room. The females, however, are clothed in pure, dazzling white, which makes them clearly visible. They move gracefully along with apparent ease, and show unmistakably to the circle and visitors the pleasure they experience in making themselves visible and being recognized. During all these seances, the medium has not a thread of white clothing on him.

This is no fancy picture; it is a conscious, veritable *reality*, and whoever can realize the difference between that which is, and that which is imagined, is prepared to appreciate the force of a conscious fact. We are so in the habit of regarding statements without considering their vanity, that they make but little impression on us. If accepted, it is a mere intellectual assent, which leaves but little or no impression. In this way, many truths of vital importance are lost to the world.

It is safe to say, without making any comparisons, that

there is no other institution of like character in the world. It was for a number of years in process of organization in the name of the “Star Circle.” The picture of a five-pointed star about eight inches in dimensions, with fifteen portraits encircling it (none of which are given elsewhere), was drawn by the artist. Each member of the circle was called up and required to lay a hand on the box containing drawing paper, the entire time occupying about 15 minutes. It was given to understand that this band originated and controls the work now going on.

The only mortal employed in this work is the medium, W. W. Aber, who sits entranced during the seances, he being the instrument connecting the forces of the dwellers in the two worlds.

The idea of fraud or imposture is absurd. Those behind it and controlling it are unknown to mortals; not one of their names is given, while those spirits performing the work are well known. This excludes all motives of fraud. Besides, the writer of this is personally acquainted with every mortal concerned in it. They are all old residents of Spring Hill and have the reputation of undoubted veracity and integrity. A number of former residents, well known to the citizens of this place, some of whom were church members, having died, have materialized in these seances, and been recognized by the members of the circle, and whose portraits, drawn by the spirit artist, have been recognized by their townsmen, but who “don't believe in Spiritualism.”

While many are eagerly reading ghost stories and gleaning what evidence of immortality they can from them, or hunting for tests, let them come here, or send an accredited agent and take notes, to their entire satisfaction. No one, as yet, has ever gone away dissatisfied—no one can, if he seeks the truth.

The medium willingly submits to any test that will satisfy an intelligent person. I have seen the bottom of his pantaloons firmly sewed to the carpet, his coat collar tightly fastened around his neck, the cuffs of his coat sleeves stitched to the knees of his pantaloons, and his hands filled with rice or oatmeal; all done by a critical investigator just before the seance began, and when closed, he was found precisely in the same condition as when it began.

Spring Hill, Kansas.

### Universal Unity.

Under the head of the Law of Periodicity, we called attention to the fact that the human mind in its ultimate concepts had come around in a circle to the point which it occupied at the dawn of written history. The repetition of these concepts, whether they be true or false, all teach the same lesson, of Periodicity in the operations of the human mind that we find prevailing, so far as discovered, in all departments of the visible universe. But it is not the fallacies, but the self-evident truths which are of vital importance, in the solution of the great problem of the ages, which we propose to point out more especially in this article.

Man has been called the microcosm of the universe, because in him has been incarnated all the lower forms of life, which, according to the teachings of modern science, preceded his advent as the

head of organic nature. He is therefore the fruitage of countless ages of development, and, as he exists to-day, is the embodiment of living self-consciousness on this planet. This self-consciousness must have proceeded from the universal self-consciousness which was involved in the source from whence he came. Hence, as a self-conscious being, his individual self-consciousness, as far as it goes, must be co-existent with the source from whence it was derived, and therefore we not only have a future, but an unending existence.

All the signs of the times seem to indicate that we are at the end of one great cycle of human progress and at the beginning of another. All lines of honest investigation and philosophic thought seem to be converging at a Common Center. Materialistic philosophy teaches that Matter is the Source of all things—and we ask: What is Matter—from whence did it come and whither does it go? Herbert Spencer tells us that it proceeds from an Infinite Eternal Energy and that it is returning to the source from whence it came. Spiritual or religious philosophy teaches that all things come from Spirit, and we ask: What is Spirit? We are told that it is the invisible world of great potential forces—of Universal Spirit from whence all things come, and to which all things must return.

Now, what is the difference between the Infinite Eternal Energy of the materialist and the Infinite Eternal Spirit to which believers in a spiritual existence have been calling the attention of their followers in every age of the world, while both fill the same place and perform the same functions in the economy of the universe? Both of these lines of thought, carried out to their ultimate conclusions, are one and the same thing, performing the same functions at the same time, in the same manner and culminating at the same point. It follows, therefore, as a logical sequence, that the difference between these two concepts having been removed, that in this doctrine of the absolute unity of the universe of Matter, Mind and Spirit, we have found the Common Center at which all lines of honest investigation are converging.

A creed of any kind, held otherwise than as a mere hypothesis, to be changed just as soon as the discovery of additional facts and more correct modes of reasoning may warrant, may be regarded as merely a badge of slavery. Any creed that is held to be something that is sacred and unchangeable, naturally places a limit to human progress by establishing metes and bounds beyond which we dare not go. Such a creed is, in its essential character, a compact or agreement between those who accept it as an ultimatum, that they will never accept any truth that may be discovered that does not harmonize with their preconceived opinions which are crystallized in their tenets, forms and ceremonies. This is true, in reference to all man-made creeds, whether religious, political, scientific or relating to any other field of human thought and activity. It thus impedes all progress towards the Common Center of absolute unity which will secure the greatest good to all.

We thus learn that the creed itself, which is accepted as a finality, actually defeats the very object which it was intended to secure; and in order that we may continue to grow towards an intelligent



unification of human power and wisdom for the gratification of laudable human aspirations and the welfare of our common humanity, we must at frequent intervals either revise or abandon our creeds, in order to preserve a healthy growth towards a higher life.—*Equity.*

### In Spirit Realms.

DR. R. A. DAVIS.

It has long been my wish to see the different spheres in spiritual life, and one day my astral started and traveled very swiftly through the air upward until I could see the earth spread about below me like a vast panorama. Suddenly I stopped, then moved forward a few steps and found myself standing upon what appeared to be a vast undulating plane covered with verdure which resembled grass, but on close inspection I found the whole to consist of a magnetic nebulae of such a density as to actually resemble earth and grass. There were no trees or other foliage to be seen in this sphere.

I saw when I first arrived countless thousands of spirits standing about being instructed by teachers from the higher spheres. There was a spirit of a high order that seemed to be the superintendent, and which spoke to me, saying: "We were expecting you." Seeing my keen interest and that I understood what was going on around me, he answered my thoughts aloud. I noticed that all these spirits seemed to be governed by what is termed hypnotic power; and as I stood looking on this vast concourse, I heard a rushing as of wind, and turning, I saw spirits rapidly descending from above, to their loved ones on earth that urgently needed them.

I now looked upward, and saw what appeared to be a dark cloud. I thought to myself, another sphere, and the spirit that first welcomed me said: "Yes." He now said to me: "You can go on at your desire and explore the different spheres." I soon took my departure upward, exploring the different spheres as I went along, and found that from the barren first sphere the foliage and flowers kept increasing, until I reached the seventh, when I beheld a wondrous sight of flowers, trees and verdure surpassing tropical growth in beauty, and I found that I could pass my hand through a tree as easily as I could the air. In fact, all things were composed of this magnetic nebula, without any material or earthly substance about it.

I saw Moses and some of the other historical characters here, and they were all busy studying and teaching from books that were composed of this magnetic nebula, and these things were all brought about, or into existence, as a cloud is formed in the sky. In the seventh sphere I found a loved one that left the material body several years ago. She was engaged in needle-work of a fine texture. This sphere was a veritable garden of Eden. There is no sowing or reaping, or working at the different trades or professions, as some teach; neither are there any printing presses or papers published there.

I saw books formed while there, in the same manner that a spirit produces a mantle in materializing seances. The spirits study all things pertaining to earth-life to enable those in earth-life to progress, if they will, by impressions,

or spiritual guidance, but they do not actually practice them. When the spirit leaves the material body it has no solid substance to keep alive.

Maitland, Mo.

### From the N. S. A. Office.

TO THE EDITOR:

The N. S. A. is planning for future benefits—through its instrumentality—to the glorious cause of Spiritualism. The Mayer Fund is slowly increasing, and we trust that it will soon be filled; that the Association may not only have this Home, but also a treasury from which to draw for the furtherance of the work of reform and progress. A recent suggestion from Brother Cole of Michigan, that the working people of the United States who are Spiritualists who cannot afford to give more, create a "Labor fund" for the N. S. A. Home, and each send 20 cents to this office for that fund, is meeting with good response; we are daily receiving contributions to this fund. We are grateful for dimes or dollars, and all help to swell the fund, and to bring the Home nearer the N. S. A.

We are in receipt of a pretty donation to the Home Fund, that we ask our friends to help us to dispose of for the benefit of the Home. It is a contribution of several hundred copies of a pretty booklet—daintily gotten up, and entitled "Violets"—of poems, of much sweetness and merit.

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Our fraternal greetings go to all the friends.

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[We hope that every one of the readers of this notice will send at once at least 20 cents, as suggested above, to the Secretary, Mrs. Longley, and thus complete the amount necessary to secure this Home for the N. S. A.—ED.]

### The Garden of Eden.

W. P. PHELON, M. D.

We are at a loss to know what is meant by the "Garden of Eden." That wonderful garden which contained everything that man could need or desire, and in which he was shut up. There is no mention made of there being any way of escape from it. Man (Adam) was placed there to take care of it. What does it mean?

Looking at it from my standpoint, it is a mystical symbol. It is something else than a veritable garden. The whole symbology is intended as something to which man may attain through unfolding.

The whole book of Genesis (the beginning) is a curious one. It begins nowhere, and without time. Its opening sentence might have meant untold millions of years, before the writing of that wonderful phrase, "In the Beginning." It was evident man should have some hint of his past, but only through symbols, simply because the Ancients had bound themselves, be-

fore the records were written, to hide their knowledge. I am not making an attack on the records. There is nothing, at present known, that can be put in the place of the records. I am attacking the interpreters, the Scribes and Pharisees. I take it there was really a long lapse of time between the first two centuries. They hold wonderful stories of wisdom for our finding and unfolding.

In the statement: "God saw all was good that he had made," why was it necessary to see if everything was good? God being omnipotent and perfect, how could anything he had made be otherwise than perfect? He makes a garden in Eden, and puts man therein, with everything for his use and comfort. Instead of pleasure, man's trouble commences at once. All that should have been for the perfecting of man, went wrong, turning to bad, instead of good. A cypher in the key must have dropped out in that portion of the record, and it fails of proper interpretation.

It speaks, in peculiar phrasing, of a river that flowed through the garden. It was parted, and became into four heads. It does not say four branches, or that it flowed out of the garden, but out of Eden. It encompasses different parts. Eden, cabalistically considered, means two—separation; the garden was intended for separating, or cutting apart. Man was placed in it. Man was that part of manifestation which came down, to know weakness. How could he know weakness, unless by touching matter?

We have mistaken the fantastic imaginings of these wise old mystics. Instead of being a garden, it was man's material body. The I AM in the body is that beautiful garden which came from God's hands perfect. There could be nothing more beautiful. There are four currents dealing with us constantly—magnetic, electric, etheric and auric. The Garden of Eden is the perfected life.

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**Wireless Telegraphy.**—In the June number of *Harmony*, a semi-monthly published at Ponca City, Okla., will be printed the first message, transmitted in the Morse alphabet over a distance of 1,500 miles, on Pearson's new system of Universal Wireless Telegraphy.

**The Human Will.**—The last and highest word of science is that this one force which is manifested in the universe is will-force, like our own, and exercised by a power identical with that which is manifested in us under the form of consciousness. Now this goes a pretty long way toward establishing—on the foundation of rational knowledge—the affirmation of the spiritual philosophy, that our inner life is the same substance and idea as the life of the Cosmos.

**The Famine in India.**—Mr. Geo. E. Buell, a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Rochester, N. Y., has written a pamphlet entitled "A Study of the Cause and True Remedy of the Yearly Famines in India." He lays all the trouble to British misrule, and shows that the agricultural resources of the country are adequate to supply all the wants of the people. He gives statistics and figures, which, if true, should be heeded.

**State Conventions.**—The spiritual press of this country is full of news of State Conventions and camp-meetings. This is a good sign and shows the steady growth of the Cause. Already California Spiritualists are beginning to plan for the coming convention in San Jose, which is expected to be the largest and best in the history of the State.

Don't forget the Mayer Fund.

### A Forward Step.

Our esteemed contemporaries, the *Progressive Thinker* and *Light of Truth*, have ceased to throw intellectual stones, and have clasped hands for constructive work. The RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL joins with all Spiritualists in expressions of gratification at the good feeling existing among the spiritual editors, and in an endorsement of the following sentiment from the *Light of Truth*:

It is one of the evidences of a growing mind that it changes spheres of thought. There is happily no longer a need or a place for the iconoclast in the spiritualistic field. The rubbish of effete orthodoxy has been removed, and the constructive period is upon us all.

### Methodist Changes.

In the early days of Methodism, the time limit of pastorates was considered to be one of the principal bulwarks of the system of government. The time has been gradually extended, and one conference has abolished it altogether, as will be seen from the following from one of our Eastern exchanges:

By a vote of 433 to 239, the Methodist general conference at Chicago abolished the time limit of pastorates. Hereafter preachers will be appointed annually by the bishops, with no limit on the number of years a pastor may serve one congregation, except the limit imposed by his own ability and popularity.

### His Better Half.

The readers of the JOURNAL will remember the portrait of Dr. Hillis and his eloquent article published recently. The following item from an Eastern paper will be of interest in this connection:

We have it on good authority that the genial and talented wife of Rev. Dr. Dwight N. Hillis of Plymouth church, is a medium. This being so, it is not hard to account for Dr. Hillis' expansion in thought and bravery of utterance anent the soulless creeds he has grown away from.

### A Psychological Study.

The *Cassadagan* makes a good suggestion, and perhaps a careful analysis of the subject would reveal causes which have never been suggested. We quote as follows:

The Mayer Home Fund is yet a problem; and the indifference of the majority of Spiritualists is one of the most suggestive puzzles in Psychology. That one man should manifest more interest and liberality than the combined millions claimed to be Spiritualists, is an object lesson worth studying.

### New Era Camp, Oregon.

Its next annual gathering will be held beginning June 23 and ending July 16, thus including four Sundays. Full particulars may be had by addressing E. W. Penman, secretary, Canby, Oregon, or Mrs. Kate Obrock, vice-president, 309 Shaver street, Portland, Oregon.

**No More Engagements!** says Dr. Peebles in the *Temple of Health*. No wonder, when we consider the advanced age of the writer, and the following list of appointments. He says:

Engagements! No more of them for the camp-meetings. We are engaged to four here in Michigan, to the one at Freeville, between Cortland and Ithaca; and to the Maple Dell camp, Mantua, Ohio. We have been urged to attend the Sunapee camp, N. H., and four others. It is impossible! The older I grow in years the more calls I have to lecture to Spiritualist societies and camps. I attended the Ohio State Convention of Spiritualists on May 23 and 24 in Columbus, and on June 16 and 17 I am engaged to the annual meeting in Sturgis, Mich.

**Dr. Dean Clarke**, delegate to the Congress of Religions to be held in Paris during the great Exposition, has prepared an eloquent address, which was printed in the *Banner of Light* of June 2. We make the following extract:

To know the phenomena, science and philosophy of Modern Spiritualism is to be acquainted with the most valuable and important discovery man has ever made, or that divine revelation has ever made known. It is to possess the key of all occult science, the *open sesame* to all spiritual treasures, to hold the magic wand of all mysticism, and to have spiritual knowledge that solves and settles the greatest problems of human thought!

**Dr. C. W. Hidden** of Newburyport, Mass., was the orator at Portsmouth, N. H., on Memorial Day, and this is what the *Times* of that city says about it:

The oration by Dr. C. W. Hidden, who for the fourth consecutive year addressed the veterans and friends, was a masterpiece of eloquence, and listened to with closest attention. His personal tributes to those who had died during the year were especially appropriate and in harmony with the day. Dr. Hidden is a speaker who wins the approval of his audience, holds their attention, and to whom it is a rare pleasure to listen. He is heart and soul interested in the work and welfare of the G. A. R. and U. V. U., and as a speaker can rarely be excelled.

**W. J. Colville**, writing from Australia to an exchange, speaks very encouragingly of the ongoing of the spiritual cause in the colonies, and adds:

I am sure many of your readers will be glad to know that my lecture on "Anniversary of the Hydesville Phenomena," delivered to a large and enthusiastic audience on Saturday evening, March 31, received a fine notice in the *Adelaide Advertiser* of Monday, April 2. Spiritualism is being investigated freely by the most intelligent elements in Australian society. Lilian Whiting's books are well known here and are very popular. The two Melbourne monthlies, the venerable *Harbinger of Light*, edited by W. H. Terry, and the *Messenger*, edited by Mrs. M. A. Redfern, are constantly finding their way into the highest places of influence.

### 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.

SEVEN ESSAYS on the attainment of Happiness, by Kate Atkinson Boehme, Washington, D. C. Price, 25 cents. The seven for \$1.50. For sale at this office.

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TRUTH AND DESTINY, by Uriel Buchanan. 53 pp.; price, 25 cents. Chicago: Universal Truth Pub. Co., 87 Washington St.

This work deals with the hidden forces of mind and the influence of environment upon human life. Contains suggestive thoughts which will be of great interest and value to humanity in its earnest search for truth. It encourages one to awaken the dormant powers of the soul, to attain the higher states of consciousness, and to follow the divine promptings which lead to the realization of noble ideals.

MORMONISM REFUTED in the light of Scripture and History—a testimony to the historical church. By John Larsen. Protestant Publishing House, 31 Ivy Ave., San Francisco. Price, 25 cents.

The author has evidently made a close and careful study of Mormonism in the abstract, and the student of religious history would do well to read this book. He says: "Mormonism claims that God has emerged from the common world-material, and has become a God by development."

A PLEA IN BEHALF OF PEACE is issued under authority of the yearly meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, for Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, by a meeting of its representatives held in Philadelphia, May 11, 1900. Friends' Book Store, 304 Arch St., Philadelphia.

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The Delineator for July contains an article on "Amusements for Sick Children," by Miss Lina Beard. Miss Laughlin's contribution to the "Stories of Authors' Loves" is an article which treats of Carlyle and the high-strung Jane. She gives a pathos to the subject lacking with some of the harsher pens that have treated it. 7 West 13th St., New York.

The Saturday Evening Post. The oldest paper in America, published in Philadelphia, begins in the issue of June 16 the initial installment of a vigorous story of Western life, entitled "The Eagle's Heart," superbly illustrated, which will run through the Summer numbers of this magazine.

OUR BIBLE: Who Wrote it? When—Where—How? Is it Infallible? A voice from the Higher Criticism; by Moses Hull. 420 pp. Price, \$1.00. For sale at this office.

PRACTICAL HAND-READING, by Larsen, the Palmist. 150 pages. Price, \$1.00. For sale at this office. Postage, 7 cents.

Los Angeles Notes.—The Harmonial Society of Los Angeles is in a prosperous condition, and much interest is being shown in the lectures of Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, who is now serving the Society. The attendance is large. The Lyceum is steadily increasing and is one of the pleasant features of Mrs. Gillespie's work. The socials are well attended, the reception tendered the speaker Tuesday evening being the largest one yet given. The regular social given each Wednesday evening is in every way a success.

The coming camp to be held here is drawing much attention, and the managers and trustees of same are doing all in their power to insure success. You will hear more of this very soon. XX.

Soldiers' Home.—For the first time, the Spiritualist veterans of the Soldiers' Home, Cal., held memorial services. They have a prosperous society there under the care of that earnest worker, Mrs. Armstrong, who is doing a splendid work among them. Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie gave the memorial address. It was one never to be forgotten by those who heard it. Assembly Hall was filled to the doors with earnest listeners, who demonstrated their appreciation in a most cordial manner. At the close of the lecture Mrs. Armstrong presented Mrs. Gillespie, in behalf of the soldiers, with a beautiful bouquet. Arrangements were made also for further lectures by the same speaker in the near future. Of all the earnest workers I know of none more so than our "Boys in Blue" at the Soldiers' Home. XX.

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Fairview, Christian Co., N. Y., Feb. 2, 1900.

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Yours truly,  
LEWIS BOSTON.  
Flanagan, Livingston Co., Ills., Feb. 6, 1900.

Dear Mrs. Dr. Dobson-Barker:  
I am getting along fine; the growth on my back is going away fast. I am trying to send everyone to you, as you have helped me so much that I want everyone else to try you. Mrs. S. A. BAKER.  
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What you stated regarding my marital life is nothing but the plain truth, about which I feel proud and happy. I cannot say otherwise than, had an intimate friend of mine, who was acquainted with all the circumstances of my life, given an account of it, he could not have furnished a better one than you have done.

Thanking you for your communication and sincerely trusting you may be as successful in your delineations with others as you have been in my case, I remain,  
Yours sincerely,  
J. D. HUGO.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 8, 1900.

DR. MUEHLENBRUCH—  
Kind Sir: I wish to thank you for the very excellent reading you sent me. It is remarkably correct in its details.

Mr. Clifford is as well pleased as myself and will give you an editorial notice in the June issue of the *Lyceum*. I shall recommend you to my friends.  
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I am sure you will hear from others through me. Indeed, it is a pleasure to recommend you to their notice, and I will do all I can for you in my small way.  
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INA A. WELLS.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 8, 1900.

DEAR DOCTOR:  
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G. HORATIO BIBBINGS,  
Elective Executive Officer of the Spiritualist National Federation,  
26 Paternoster Square, E. C. London, England.

### Letter from Springfield, Mo.

TO THE EDITOR:

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LYCEUM WORKER.

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## Local News Summary.

**Our Telephone.**—Those who may wish to telephone to this office will please call up "Jessie 1769."

**Testimonial Benefit.**—The Spiritualists and friends of Mrs. R. S. Lillie in San Francisco and vicinity will join in a grand benefit social in her honor in Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St., on Friday evening, June 22. It will be a musical and literary entertainment, followed by dancing. The program will be published next week. Mrs. Lillie's many friends will be glad of this opportunity to manifest the high regard in which she is held in San Francisco.

**B. F. Small,** treasurer of the State Association, is seriously ill at his home, 3750 22nd St., San Francisco. His many friends will send thoughts of sympathy and healing to him and his family.

**Ladies' Aid.**—On account of the regular meeting coming on Decoration Day, that session was omitted, but on last Wednesday, June 6, there was a good attendance and an interesting meeting. After the routine business, those present were entertained by speeches on the work before this benevolent society.

**The Union Spiritual Society** of Oakland met, as usual, at 856½ Isabella St. on Wednesday, May 30. A large attendance greeted Dr. and Mrs. Palmbaum, among them a number of strangers from other towns. Mrs. Palmbaum read a poem by Andrew Jackson Davis, and the doctor gave tests and advice to many in the audience. Mrs. Stewart followed, giving tests to a number of people and describing spirits who were present to greet their friends. Sec.

**Dr. Wm. Penn Haworth** has organized what is known as "The Golden Rule Health Circle," composed of some of the best mental and magnetic healers, and is now located at the Palmer House in Oakland, where they treat all manner of diseases and give psychic readings daily. This kind of combination is a move in the right direction and will result in great success.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Sloper,** 449 Jersey St., San Francisco, has again resumed her work as a public medium. This her former friends and patrons will be glad to know. She has been before the public for many years, and is well known, not only in San Francisco, but elsewhere, as a reliable medium and eloquent lecturer.

**Mrs. Wrenn's Meeting** at 117 Larkin St. was addressed by Mrs. Cotter, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Wrenn. Music by Mrs. Dunkel.

**Mr. J. T. Roberts,** secretary of the Mediums' Protective Association, has gone to Grangerville, Kings county, on a business trip.

### Memorial at Sunny Brae.

On Sunday morning, June 3, in company with several friends, I left San Jose for a ride to Sunny Brae, the residence of Mrs. E. L. Watson, who was to deliver her annual address under "Temple Oak," a giant tree adjoining her home, and forming part of her beautiful grounds.

As the day advanced, the air was warm, and so softly serene that the whole atmosphere became idealistically a paradise. As we journeyed through this pretty orchard district, where so much that is beautiful and useful exists, many were the expressions of admiration on what we beheld. We met many of the country people, making their way to their various places of worship.

We reached our destination, Sunny Brae, at 10:45 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. some 300 or more people had assembled under the branches of "Temple Oak," anxious to listen to their truly eloquent and much-loved neighbor, Mrs. Watson. The sun was shining softly through the branches of the great oak, where many a little songster of the forest was chirruping love to its mate, inspiring, as it were, the audience to do likewise.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Watson's son-in-law, who read a short address of welcome, making all feel at home. Then Mrs. Taylor read, with much grace, a beautiful discourse as a part of the service. Like mother, like daughter, whom we all trust will grow in great power, of which she gives so much promise.

A sweet hymn of praise was then sung by the congregation. When Mrs. Watson stepped upon the platform, she gazed into the heavens with a face full of adoration and desire, invoking all that was holy to descend upon her friends and neighbors.

In a clear, calm, reverent voice the speaker said: "I will speak to you today on the Kingdom of Heaven. And then emphasizing with deep, but joyous solemnity, 'the Kingdom of Heaven is within you,' she proceeded with her discourse for one and a quarter hours with such eloquence as but very few mortals dare hope to express, or ever listen to. Man's relation to his Creator, to his neighbor, his possibilities of enjoyment and power, were set forth with sentences that burned to the soul and electrified the heart. Her many flights of eloquence were charming, and with the loving features of the speaker, the deep significance of her subject, and the sweet, still solitude of this peaceful day, I was completely lost in my idealistic contemplation.

The speaker closed her discourse by an invocation for showers of peace, goodwill and brotherly love upon man. Then followed many loving congratulations from her friends and acquaintances, to whom this well-spent day will be always remembered as a heavenly benediction. J. G. WRIGHT.

**Hermetic Brotherhood.**—At the open meeting held at 509 Van Ness Ave. on Thursday evening, June 7, Prof. Robert R. Hall gave a synopsis of 12 illustrated lectures on Astrology, largely from a spiritual standpoint. It was a brilliant effort, both instructive and entertaining. Music by Mrs. Weld. Next Thursday evening Dr. Phelon will speak, taking for his subject, "Wait a Little While." A Sunday morning meeting has been opened at 11 o'clock. All welcome.

**Mrs. Griffin's Meeting** in Occidental Hall on Wednesday evening, June 6, was a good one, though not largely attended. The music was far above the average, and Mrs. Griffin was at her best in her platform test work.

**Mme. Young's Meeting.**—Last Sunday evening Mrs. Seal spoke of the "Spiritual Aspect of Astrology." Prof. Young played his latest composition on the violin, entitled "The Last Message." The spirit messages were given by Mme. Young. The family will shortly remove to their new Alameda home; but the meetings and business hours will still be maintained at 605 McAllister St., as usual.

**Universal Spiritual Association.**—The subject for discussion at 20 Eddy St. last Sunday was "Personality." Music by Miss Lee.

**B. Fay Mills** spoke in Metropolitan Temple last Sunday evening to a large audience. He took for his subject, "Lifting the Lowest." Next Sunday the subject will be, "The Mystery and Ministry of Music."

**Mrs. Gillingham** held her usual Sunday evening meeting last Sunday at 909 Market St. The platform was occupied by Mrs. Gillingham, and the music was furnished by Miss Alice Sevrance.

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**The Flying Roll.**—Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell of London, England, are in this city in the interest of this peculiar religious sect. They spoke to a good audience in Golden Gate Hall last Sunday evening. They believe in immortality in the flesh.

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