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#### A MENTAL VISION.

(Written while contemplating the article, "Spirit Illumination," by M. E. Taylor, in the "Relipio-Philosophical Journal" of May 31, 1900, all of which the writer hereof comprehends, appreciates and endorses.)

My sight is getting dim, This frame hath feeble grown; I soon shall pass within That land, by my insight known.

I see an angel band. Clad in robes of snowy white; And in their midst doth stand My mother—how grand the sight!

Sweet smiles are on her lips, Shines her face with loving glows; Now, with her finger-tips, A kiss to me she throws.

Patiently doth she wait, My longing soul to greet, And convey to its estate, When my earth-life I complete. Brookville, Kan. J. M. ARNOLD.

### Mrs. Josephine Ropp.

H. W. BOOZER.

Mrs. Ropp, of Indianapolis, is a remarkable medium, whose gift for demonstrating the facts of spirit existence and inter-communication between the two worlds is unlike any other. As in the early days of Spiritualism, while there were many mediums for physical phenomena, yet D. D. Home's mediumship gave more demonstration than these; so this lady in her work is able to lay low more skeptics than the average physical medium. It is not the profundity of wisdom, or the high degree of decarnate culture that is here required; but the conclusiveness of the evidence of the truth of Spiritualism, if from ever so humble or commonplace a spirit.

Mrs. Ropp is a plain, unassuming, middle-aged lady, whose attractions are found on acquaintance: being true, intentionally just in all her dealings and considerate of others. Enemies she has, and must have, while her gifts are so much coveted. Two methods are employed in her work: in public she gives her tests while unconscious, with "Bright Star," her spirit conductor and control, who appears a spirit of mature mind, with a strong suggestion of the nature of a child. In her sittings and seances, however, the medium is entirely conscious, mingles in the conversation and enjoys it all with the company at the hands of Bright Star, here always and ever a child, whose cheer, wit, intelligence and sympathy endears her to all in a way that words can convey but a faint idea of.

The mediumistic endurance of this medium, as to the amount of work done and time occupied, with

her readiness to recuperate from is one succession of tests, involvits effects, is something really wonderful. No time is lost in making conditions, but from start to finish, of from 30 minutes to two hours, it

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The above is a specimen page from the book written by Mrs. Sara A. Underwood, of Chicago, entitled "Automatic or Spirit Writing, with Other Psychic Experiences." The first of the writing shows that which comes through her hand when it is controlled by spirits. The second paragraph is the same sentence written by her in her normal condition.

It is an intensely interesting volume, giving answers to questions propounded by Mr. B. F. Underwood, the former editor of the Religio-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL. These answers were written very rapidly, and often were in distinct opposition to the views both of Mr. and Mrs. Underwood and detailed the experiences of spirits who had passed beyond the mortal state, showing their condition, employment and surroundings, in very clear and concise language.

The subjects embrace the whole range of the philosophy of Spiritualism, and give information which is alike interesting to the philosopher, scientist and ordinary searcher after truth.

The book contains 352 pages, is beautifully printed and nicely bound in cloth, and can be obtained at this office for \$1.00, postpaid; in paper covers, 50 cents. (For clubbing rates, see page 6.) Every reader who does not possess a copy should send for it at once.

nized from the relationships described; yet the surnames are often also given, with now and then an incident known only to the party addressed. Bright Star's knowledge and memory of the names of persons is something phenomenal.

In a perfecty dark room, filled with people seated in a circle, she will address by name each in rotation, often inquiring after absent ones of the person's family at home, giving their names, also, with never a mistake. This success in her readings of the individual, forces one to the conclusion that every person is like a photographer's sensative plate, receiving impressions of all the details connected with this life's action, and these Bright Star has only to read from the record thus made on each personality.

Mrs. Ropp's seances are an intermitting of the trumpet phase and the independent voice. The room is made perfectly dark, and hands joined, or not, as the circle desire. Like many other trumpet mediums, her seances are opened by repeating in unison, "The Lord's Prayer," followed with singing "Nearer, my God, to Thee." Then comes the trumpet voice of a male spirit with a few preparatory words, followed by the messages of affection from the loved ones. one after another, through the trumpet which moves about the circle toward the person addressed, identifying themselves by giving the name, sometimes an incident as a test, and always showing a deep interest in their return, with their affection ever expressed. These voices are generally faint, yet clear enough to be heard and understood by all in the room. Sometimes there is a tangle in making themselves known. In such a case the clear, piping voice of Bright Star breaks in and straightens it out.

For the superstitious novice still under the influence of the hobgoblin stories of infancy, the first word she utters is an occasion for the experience of some very creeping and shaking sensations—the character of that voice requires little reason or reflection to satisfy all that it belongs to no mortal in the room. The faintness of many of the voices induces a uniformity of sound; yet there are many exceptions, when their individualized characters are very clearly defined.

After each one of the circle has thus communicated with the trumpeters, Bright Star addresses them individually, omitting none, giving tests of identity as she can, sometimes startlingly and convincingly to all, and sometimes not so well, yet always in the peculiar, clear, forceful voice and in a way that never once deviates from an expression of the child's individuality. After thus going the rounds she sings her child's angel song, "Draw me Nearer," a quaint melody reminding us of "Robin Adair."

The performance is a remarkable one, as showing the sustained power of her voice in making emphasis and expression with the sentiments of the song, and in the prolongation of full notes. That she is musically inclined is evidenced by the fact of her readily joining in the singing of the circle, when by chance they are sometimes requested by a spirit visitor to sing. While in much independent voice work only the vocal organs are materialized, or the same effect is otherwise produced in the trumpet, Bright Star has the power to instantly materialize and dematerialize the full form in the darkness. Her work is directed entirely to the sense of hearing and not that of sight. I have heard her close by my side, and noted her continuous talk while going from the medium to the farther part of the circle—her place in the room being thus clearly denoted.

One of the most noteworthy incidents connected with Mrs. Ropp's seance work is the fact that people of foreign nationality, no matter if French, German, Polish, Russian, Swede, Italian or any other, talk in their own language with their spirit friends in the trumpet phase. Ofttimes occur scenes of a very pathetic character in the surprises visitors thus often receive.

It is interesting to note how completely Bright Star will adapt herself to the company she chances to find thrown together. I remember attending a seance in which were some railroad people. To an engineer she spoke in detail of this and that smash-up and its victims, naming the engine; of hair-breadth escapes, giving names and incidents known only to the party addressed.

It is a noteworthy fact connected with this medium's sittings, which also take the same form of alternated trumpet and independent voice, that spirits who have never presented themselves to the sitter in many varied previous sittings with other mediums, here manifest. This peculiarity extends to distant relatives—ancestry so far back that only after inquiry can verify.

Mrs. Ropp's visit to Grand Rapids has been the means of converting many to the truth of Spiritualism, some of these being the most incorrigible skeptics. She has also done a great work in arousing an abiding interest in the minds of unbelievers who have been prevailed upon by friends to attend our meetings. Her last in this line was her crowning public work here, the occasion being our anniversary celebration, to a densely crowded house. After giving tests from the rostrum for a long time, the windows of the hall were hastily darkened, and Bright Star, with independent voice, talked to persons in the audience for over half an hour.

The impracticability of such a demonstration was here made plain by the importunity of those present who had not been in any of these seances; for the Babel-like clamor increased to such an extent that Bright Star was finally forced to retire.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

### Auntie's Dream.

The sign of death in a family well known in an Eastern city is that a certain aunt dreams she is carrying a child a long and weary dis-

tance up hill and down dale. Skeptical members of the family have said that the old lady is very likely to dream her dream when any member of it is seriously ill. They have not said this quite so much, however, since a certain repetition of a dream, which took place when everybody in the family was apparently in excellent health.

At that time they asked, half joking: "Why, who can be going to die now? Auntie's dream will fail this time, to be sure." A few days later an old gentleman in the family, while sitting at his desk, attending to business as usual, died instantly of heart disease.—Sel.

### Dr. Thomas a Spiritualist.

"I am a Spiritualist," says the Rev. Dr. W. H. Thomas. "I would have to give up the Bible if I denied the ministry of spirits." He was speaking before the joint convention of the National Spiritualists' Association and Illinois State Spiritualists' Association at Handel Hall. When Dr. Thomas, whose name is so well known in religious circles, was invited to make a brief address and announced that he was in hearty sympathy with the principles of Spiritualism because he considered it eminently Scriptural, the large audience gave way to tremendous applause.

"Thirty years ago, when I was so fortunate as to discover that Spiritualism meant a continuity of life," he continued, "I found that I was in sympathy with its teachings. We all have our beliefs. There is no church in the universe large enough to accommodate the beliefs of the human family, and therefore when a new theory is advanced, a new creed is born. I am a Spiritualist, also, because it deals with humanity, and we will hear more, before less, of this scientific faith."

Rev. R. A. White, pastor of the Universalist Church of Chicago, gave an address on "Spiritualism as Viewed from the Modern Pulpit," and said that the reason that the Christian clergy were antagonistic to the faith was because they were not familiar with its teachings—Chicago Times-Herald.

### God and Christianity.

JEPTHA G. DUNLAP.

Do God and Christians work in consonance or in opposition to each other? Considering the claims made, these are important questions; let us, therefore, decide them. Christians claim that God is omnipotent, just and good; that he is anxious to save every soul; that they are doing his work, and that he is working with them and directing their efforts to convert the world. Now, it is self-evident that if God is omnipotent, just and good, he must desire that no soul shall be lost, and that he not only has the disposition, but all the power to accomplish this. If this is so, he will, as, of course, he can, refrain from creating a soul whom he foreknows would be lost, and he will delay not a moment to rectify the causes which lead to the destruction of souls.

But what are the facts? It is asserted that over 1,800 years ago Christ came to redeem the world. Since then Christians, aided by an omnipotent God, have been striving to save the human race. Just think of it—over 1,800 years of effort by God and man and the world far from redemption still. In the mean-

time, sin flourishes and innumerable souls are cruelly permitted to suffer eternally. Oh! justice where is thy throne? Dost thou reign within the bosom of a kind and loving father, or sway thy scepter within the heart of a friend?

It will not do, of course, for a Christian to admit that God is not omnipotent—though in his delusion he may deny the responsibility of omnipotence; for such an admission would knock the very foundation of his structure from under him. And yet it is strange how blind he is to the fact that he is in an equal dilemma when he assumes that his God is omnipotent, for omnipotence, meaning all responsibility as well as all power, involves the justice and goodness of God as well as his failures.

However, if we admit this idea of an omnipotent God, it becomes evident that it is no part of his plan to "hasten the time when all shall know him"—no part of his goodness to have saved the untold billions of souls created by him and omnipotently predestined to eternal torment since the advent of Christ —no part of his plan to save the inestimable multitude he is yet to create, knowing that, in creating, yet not in justice or goodness refraining from creating, their destiny is eternal damnation—no part of his plan to end now the sin and depravity, the pain and sorrow which prevails on every hand and will prevail until the dawn of that far-away millenium of which we are told.

It is plain that if God is omnipotent, he has planned all these things to be as they are—that he desires to have them so—that all manner of sin, all villainy, all corruption and all dens of vice exist only in accordance with his will; for if this omnipotent being willed to have it otherwise, all these evils would disappear as suddenly as a mist before the morning sun. How manifest it is that this great and good Creator has an inclination for sin and its consequences. How consistently he says in Isaiah 45 and 7: "I form the light and create darkness; I make peace and create evil; I, the Lord, do all these things."

We must, therefore, conclude that this God is working on different lines from those of the Christian who would not gladly render himself a victim to everlasting torment for the glory and honor of his God, or from him whose heart yearns for the safety of the wayward beings by whom he is surrounded, and who would, if he could, at one benign stroke end at once all sin and suffering. Such are not the purposes of this God, and instead of working in harmony with him, the Christian is exerting himself in opposition to him.

### Sleep = Dreams and Visions.

San Jose, Cal.

NELLIE M. JERAULD.

Homer called sleep "the brother of death," but it seems to me that M. Vaschide describes it more truthfully as "the brother of life." Our dreams prove this. What are dreams? Guildenstern said Hamlet's dreams were ambition, "for the very substance of the ambitious is merely the shadow of a dream," and Hamlet answers: "A dream itself is but a shadow," and in the dreams that seem to foretell events we can agree with Hamlet that they are but shadows, "as coming events cast their shadows before." We are all dreamers,

though many claim to sleep without dreams. They do not remember to have dreamed, and from experiments extending over several years I am convinced that the more profound the sleep the more true the dreams. Those dreams easily remembered are the dreams that come just when we fall asleep or at the moment of waking—"the chaos of dreams," as they have been well called—but it is during profound sleep that we dream truly. It is then that the soul is free from the cares and troubles that surround our material life, and can then see both the past and the future clearly.

Could we but thoroughly understand our state while sleeping, we could then throw a flood of light on what is called "dual personality," or "double consciousness." Scientists claim that memory depends on facilities of communication from brain cell to brain cell. That being true, then why is it that in one state of consciousness a person remembers nothing that occurred in his former state? And this so-called "dual state" is not an uncommon thing.

Some one has said 'there is no philosophy outside of that which is;" but in these days, when the superstition of the supernatural seems consecrated, and emancipated philosophy is seduced by the miraculous, it is important that we should be on our guard against all things chimerical.

Can we know what a dream is? Why certain dreams come to us, or, rather, why we dream at all? The simplest explanation is always best, and when we remember that all that is unknown may not be unknowable, and all that is unknown will some day be known, we can boldly investigate these socalled mystic realms. Believing that there is nothing supernatural —that there can be nothing above nature—and as we are the highest product of earthly nature, we can upon a natural basis investigate all things.

Even physicians of the old school have ceased to argue against the demonstrated fact of the existence of the separate consciousness or, as Drecher says, "two distinct individualities," (though there is a simpler and better term which I will give.) Before the phenomena of hypnotism had been scientifically investigated, they had been compelled by their own observations to that conclusion. I am not willing to accept that dicta.

This seemingly "dual ego," or "two distinct personalities," are but different portions of the compound nature of our actual self-a part of the mental being active during the hours of sleep. That we have within our organization tendencies which are higher or lower than others within us. can not be disputed. That at one time the best has the ascendency, and then the lower, none will deny, putting aside the idea of a "dual personality," "sub-consciousness," and other befogging terms, as an explanation of certain visions and dreams, and keeping in mind the one fact that our ego is made up of many parts, a portion only of which is active at one time, another at another time, and the most of our difficulties concerning dreams and visions will have vanished. Of course, it will not explain all occult occurrences, but it will explain many of the sights and sounds that we have seen and heard.

That dreams are from disordered digestion doubtless is true—sometimes; but it is not always the case. That dreams are often but a

continuation of our waking thoughts is true, and my own dreams have more often than otherwise been of this character, though there have been notable exceptions.

I had worked over a mathematical problem for two days and could not solve it. Again and again I had reasoned it out; carefully I had written and rewritten it; I worked until after midnight, and then went to bed. I remained awake for some time. It was a matter of reputation, for I had a large school, and to let them know their teacher had failed—well, that never could be. "I will try it again in the morning, and if I fail I will see Prof. C. before schooltime." But before morning I had dreamed the solution; figure by figure I saw it put down, not on the slate which I had been using, but on a large blackboard, in beautiful white figures, and where I had made my mistake, was written in red chalk. I did not awaken early, for my mind being at rest, I slept undisturbed. Immediately upon awaking, I worked out the example as I saw it in my dream, and it was absolutely correct.

Another time I had finished a series of articles, with the exception of the last chapter. I studied and thought, but could not finish it to my satisfaction. The editor wrote: "Hurry copy." I spoiled paper and temper that afternoon, and went to sleep thinking of that unwritten chapter. That night saw it all in a dream, just what I needed — conversation and landscape; even the particular cottage I had wished to describe, and the flower garden was surely a part of Eden. But these dreams can be explained easily. A certain portion of the brain acted freely during sleep, not being harrassed by any material surroundings, and the thought was intelligent; the soul sense could see clearly. But all dreams can not be so explained.

My daughter said to me: "Do you believe in dreams?" If we call them night thoughts, we can give them the same credence that we give day thoughts. I replied: "I will tell you my dream last night. I may be foolish, but it worries me. I dreamed that E-(her brother, who was living in another State), was dead. I saw him in his coffin surrounded by flowers. He was in Mrs. — parlor, and as I was going in the room she met me and said: 'Get your mother; she can save him." "What could have caused such a dream? Were you thinking of E—before you went to sleep?" "No; but it seemed so real that I can not get rid of the impression it made."

That day at noon I received a letter from Mrs. B-, asking me to come and make her a visit, adding: "E— is not very well." Coming, as it did, immediately after the dream, I could not readily dismiss it. By return mail I sent a letter asking for particulars regarding E—'s condition, but said I could not at that time leave home. That night I dreamed of seeing a body of water, large, black and deep. As I stood on the shore, I saw E sinking. When he was almost submerged, I caught him and after a dreadful struggle drew him out. I awakened tired, covered with perspiration and gasping for breath.

Three nights I had the same dream; it did not vary in scene or action one iota. The fourth night I saw him take some medicine, noted the label on the bottle and said to him: "It is suicide to take that medicine, as it in no way removes the cause." That day came

a letter that removed all doubt, and I went to him as rapidly as cars could take me. I had noted the dates of the dreams, and found upon inquiry that the night my daughter had dreamed of her brother's death, that Mrs. B- had said: "We must get his mother here; she will know what to do." The times I had seen him sinking in the water had been when he was unconscious and those around him had thought him past help. The medicine he was taking proved to be just as I had seen in my dream an opiate that only lulled the pain and in no way removed the cause. I do not see how morbid fancy or a disturbance of organic function could have produced those dreams.

We were not aware at the time of G-'s dream that her brother was ill. I had a clear understanding of his sickness, and my presence was absolutely necessary to start him on the road to recovery. As in dreams, time and space are annihilated, both time past and future, and all that is heard and seen is in the present tense only. Can we not reason from this fact that the soul sees the picture on the ether, and what has happened or is going to happen is there seen, and that it is shown by such symbols as are most easily understood.

Some years ago, while in Northern Michigan, I was corresponding with a physician in an Illinois city. She was a noted Theosophist, a very learned and cultured lady, one who was deeply interested in occult matters. I had never seen her and had no idea of her appearance, as we wrote only on subjects of an occult nature, leaving out all personalities.

One night I dreamed (?) that some one called, "Come," and in a very short time I entered a room furnished in a peculiar style—a mixture of the Orient and the Occident. A valuable East Indian rug was on the floor, a large, soft fur robe covered the arm-chair, a quaint cabinet in the corner, upon which was a photograph of a man in a Hindoo dress; on the walls a picture of Annie Besant; also one of Blavatsky. A modern couch piled high with satin and silk pillows, a dainty work-basket with some silk scraps in it, gave evidence of the presence of a modern young lady.

No one was in the room and I drew aside a curtain and went into the next room. At a glance I saw the room was furnished in white and gold. One engraving in a white frame hung on the wall near the bed, on which lay a tall, dark woman who seemed to be suffering greatly. Over her bent a blueeyed, yellow-haired, dainty creature. The elder woman said: "I shall die if I do not get relief soon." I stepped to the bed, placed my hand on her throat and gently followed the nerves leading to the stomach. A few strokes and then she sighed and said: "What a blessed relief!" I noted the time by the little clock on the dresser as 1 a.m., and when I awakened it was

I wrote to Dr. — and told her of my dream, only describing the two women, and to my surprise she wrote back, saying: "You have described my daughter and myself accurately," and at the time mentioned that she had been suffering terribly with an attack of indigestion and rheumatic gout and had used the words I had heard; that it was 1 a.m. when she had obtained relief. My astonishment increased when some months later I visited her and was ushered into

the room furnished as I saw in my dream. The curtain was down between the two rooms and I said: "Doctor, let me describe your room," and then told her how it was furnished, and then, drawing back the curtain, she said: "You could not have described it more accurately if you had been looking at it as you gave the description."

There have been other times when I have seen strange people and places new to me, and, whenever possible, I have verified the dream, but have not always been able to do so, though often enough to prove that there is a philosophy in dreams.

Some days ago two business men had a discussion. One of them made an assertion that the other did not believe, but could not prove it false, and saw no way of doing so. One night he dreamed that at a certain spot he met a man and said to him: "Are you watching Mr. M—'s lumber?" "No; I have nothing to do with it." That day he met the man on the spot where he had seen him in his dream, and asked him the question and received that answer, proving that the idea he had regarding the truth of the assertion was correct.

Instances could be multiplied indefinitely proving the correctness of dreams with actual facts, though, like many people's waking thoughts, there are dreams that are too incoherent to prove any theory except that of vapid uncertainty.

South Calera, Alabama.

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#### The Plague.

Governor Gage, in his report to Secretary of State Hay, declares that there is not now, nor ever has been, a case of bubonic plague in San Francisco. This is no "news" to most of us who have suffered from the plague of quarantine and the plague of ignorant political doctors. The local Board of Health, appointed by the Mayor as a reward for political services rendered, have succeeded in nearly ruining the business of this city, and putting a blight of suspicion upon it which will require months, if not years, to eradicate.

The quarantine was raised last Friday afternoon at 2, and now these eminent medical gentlemen will have time to devote to the persecution of magnetic and mental healers; for it is men of their calibre who are always foremost in this kind of warfare upon every movement which promises to upset old ideas and inaugurate new methods. Modern politics are the curse of the age. "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

Spiritualism for the People. —The Two Worlds of Manchester, England, is championing a movement, inaugurated by the "Onward Spiritualist Society," whose slogan is "the conversion of England to Spiritualism." The particular scheme for the accomplishment of this desirable object is the distribution of spiritual literature among the people. From the enthusiasm manifested by those having the work in charge, there seems to be no doubt of its success. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty—and success.

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#### Mental Science Convention.

An event of considerable importance to students of the metaphysical is to take place in our neighboring city in a few days. The *True Word* of Seattle publishes the following, which sounds like business:

The Chamber of Commerce of the city of Seattle on May 23 received the communication and the announcement of the Mental Science convention to be held here on July 1. The communication was referred to the Committee on Printing and Advertising, from which the Post-Intelligencer, Seattle Times and Star, all daily papers of this city, gave liberal notices of the holding of the Mental Science convention.

### The Phantom Commander.

A war correspondent—Edna M. Metzler — writing from Pretoria, once the capital of the Transvaal republic in South Africa, tells the following story. These are the words of Mrs. Kruger, wife of the Boer President:

After a recent battle two of our officers riding across the field came upon a dying English soldier. He asked for water, and after drinking said:

"Tell me, who is the Boer commander, all dressed in white, who rides a white horse, and at whom every one of us has shot, but whom no one has ever hit?"

"There is no commander dressed in white," they said.

"But we have all seen him—all of us. In every battle he is in the advance. He leads the men, speaks to them and directs their movements. You say there is no such commander? Then it must be an angel," and he died.

### Proper Mental Attitude.

The thought that man is a mental being is being more forcibly projected every day. If it be true, then the proper mental attitude is of vast importance. A suggestion from Mr. A. Z. Mahorney on this subject may be helpful:

Let us resolve to decree, with all the fervency of which we are capable, that we will spare no effort

in our determination to grow into a position of absolute mastery. Let us hold for a realization of the supremacy of mind. Let us declare unalterably for the highest and best. Then will we have the consciousness of having done all that could be done, and whatever comes will be good.

#### Our Only Hope.

Geo. W. Hanselmann, secretary of the Spiritualist Society in Galveston, Texas, in a communication to the Sunflower expresses the sentiment of the societies all over the country. This accounts for the rapid growth of Spiritualism despite misrepresentation and calumny:

For years the Spiritualist Society of Galveston has upheld the banner of immortality a scientific fact and asked for lives of honesty and justice. We have, during this time, presented the philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism, and in every instance defended purity and right; and as persistently condemned and denounced counterfeit and injustice.

#### For Fits.

"Lest we forget" that our point of view makes life what it is, we print the following prescriptions:

For a fit of passion: Walk out in the open air. You may speak your mind to the winds without proclaiming yourself to be a simpleton. For a fit of idleness: Count the tickings of a clock. Do this for one hour, and you will be glad to pull off your coat the next and

work like a man.

For a fit of extravagance and folly: Go to the workhouse, or speak with the ragged and wretched

inmates of a jail, and you will be convinced that,

Who makes his bed of briar and thorn Must be content to lie forlorn.

For a fit of repining: Look about for the halt and the blind, and visit the bed-ridden, the afflicted, and the deranged; they will make you ashamed of complaining in your light afflictions.

For a fit of envy: Go and see how many keeping their carriages are afflicted with rheumatism, gout, and dropsy.

A New Sect has been discovered in Russia, whose members honor Judas. They say that Judas was the first real disciple of Christ, for he repented of his sin and "went and hanged himself." The same manner of death is recommended to persons who wish to part from this sinful life. The sect repudiates all secular or ecclesiastical authority, and declares that the powers that be are ordained of the devil. On complaint of the Holy Synod, the leader of the heresy has been arrested.

Thought Gems has suspended publication, through the holiday months. It is one of the best Lyceum papers published in this country, and the friends of the children should rally to the support of Brother Bach and Mrs. Mattie Hull and see to it that the publication is resumed promptly in October. We cannot afford to lose any of the helps to Lyceum work.

### 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.

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Mrs. Britten is the author of History of Modern American Spiritualism; Nineteenth Century Miracles; Wildfire Club; Faiths, Facts and Frauds of Religious History; The Electric Physician; On the Road, or A Manual for Spiritual Investigators; The Western Star Magazine; The Unseen Universe Magazine, and numerous lectures on Religion, Theology, Social Science and Reform.

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Dr. Peebles is reading the revised proofs of another new book, to be entitled "Vaccination a Curse, or a Menace to Public Liberty." The Doctor has been gathering the materials for such a work for several years, and doubtless the battle between the vaccinationists and the anti-vaccinationists, which was waged so strenuously a year or two ago in San Diego, Cal., has given an impetus to the publication of this book. Though there is a Compulsory Law in California, in San Diego all children, whether vaccinated or not, attend the public schools. In most of the States this law is a dead letter, except when brought to the surface by a smallpox scare or by a purpose to increase the revenue of doctors.

Humanitarian for June contains, among other interesting articles, one on Mesmerism and Hypnotism, by Arthur Hallam, and another on Ancient Cures and Charms, by Nora Hopper. Price, 10 cents.

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cussion arising from the contents of this book, the facts of which have been marshalled together with considerable skill and cleverness.

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The eyes are bright, a smile just plays About her lips, while she Tries hard to read the future. May she this picture see.

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A home; oh, deep the meaning In that word so wide expressed. 'Tis thus in all its fullness, Peace and perfect rest.

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From the morning until evening,

Then we turn with gladsome thought To that home, that perfect haven, With its peaceful beauties frought.

Read the picture as it's painted, And, my darling, you will find It's painted from reality, And not just in the mind.



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### Recollections of a Garden Party.

TO THE EDITOR:

Everybody was delighted when the president of the Psychic Society of Oakland announced that a garden party would be held, the proceeds of which should form the nucleus of a building fund, that sometime we may own a Spiritual Temple.

At the appointed time the people gathered at the home of our president (the Missioner of this society), where the surrounding grounds proved to be an ideal place for such a gathering. People came from far and near, and under a tent erected for the purpose, were heard the speeches of the day, not only from the veteran seers and sages of our ranks, but from the boy orator, whose inspired utterances are always listened to with

Many were grieved that our teacher, from Sunday to Sunday, could not be with us on this pleasant occasion; but she called her faithful husband and said: "Go across the Bay to my people who are gathered at the garden party, and say to them that I would gladly be with them, but the hand of sickness is laid heavily upon me. I will, however, be with them in spirit.

When those assembled heard this, they were comforted, for the shepard of this flock, in whom we behold the graces of the rose and the lily so sweetly blended, is very dear to the hearts of her

With speeches, songs and social converse, the hours sped by. True, our secretary was not present, but we had little need of books, bills, receipts, and the like, on an occasion like this.

Some of the elderly boys and girls joined merrily with the young people in the game of ball. A tiny tent in one corner of the grounds proved very attractive to both young and old, and many waited impatiently for an opportunity to consult the dark-eyed gypsy maid, who so truthfully predicted the coming events of their lives.

Amusing incidents were constantly occurring to provoke mirth and laughter. Some one was heard to exclaim: "I scream!" and turning to see what they were screaming about, we beheld a daintily-arranged table, and several charming young ladies ready to supply the waiting ones with delicious cake and ice cream.

Horses could not be admitted to the grounds, but a Rider of tall and commanding presence appeared among us, uttering words of wisdom and timely advice. But though horses were tabooed, no one seemed surprised to see a Lion

walking to and fro, and not a protest was uttered when heaps of the good things prepared for the table rapidly disappeared before that ravenously hungry native of New Hampshire's wilds.

A pleasant and motherly-appearing lady was introduced, who has the name of being Small; but the cordial greetings extended to her on every hand proved that she was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

One veteran brother declared that if the girls persisted in soliciting nickels and dimes for the grab-box and for prizes, he should certainly go and Hyde.

In such an assembly of Progressive

Spiritualists it might be supposed that the new woman would be very much in evidence, but such was not the case, though the New-man was present in all his quiet dignity.

But greatest of all the attractions was the dining-room with its heavily-laden tables, and whoever tasted those genuine Boston baked beans were sure to call for

Occasionally one of the faithful ones who had volunteered to serve as waiter at the table, would glide out to enjoy for a moment the outside scenes; but she seemed to know intuitively when her presence was required by some new arrivals, and would quickly return to the kitchen, and Don-a.gan the waiter's apron, patiently catering to the wants of the seemingly famished ones.

We have more than one Coleman within our ranks, and all through the day we looked in vain for their coming, but when they appeared, late in the evening, they were gladly welcomed, for the small quantity of *Wood* provided for the occasion had been in constant demand

all day, and was well nigh exhausted.
When the shadows of evening fell around us, the grounds were lighted by Chinese lanterns, presenting a beautiful appearance; but the chilling night air proved too uncomfortable, so the party repaired to the spacious parlors, and again enjoyed a feast of music and flow

As the hours of midnight approached, one after another reluctantly departed, all declaring that they had enjoyed a most delightful day, and wishing for many similar occasions.

When in the future our Spiritual Temple shall materialize, and, like Jacob's ladder, be a place where angels come and go, we shall look back with pleasure and remember with satisfaction that it was at the garden party of May 26, 1900, that the first round of that ladder was placed in position.

Mrs. Lyon.

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The Program for the testimonial benefit to be tendered to Mrs. R. S. Lillie on Friday evening, June 22, will be as follows: Ladies' Quartet—1st soprano, Mrs. W. Ross; 2nd soprano, Pauline C. Jenkins; 1st alto, Mrs. Theo. Richardson; 2nd alto, Miss Alice E. Severence. Instrumental music, Prof. and Madam Young; recitation, Mr. Chas. Anderson; piano solo, Miss Lena Clark: monologue, without words, Jennie Ward Hays; vocal solo, Miss Ophelia Davidson; recitation, Mrs. Clara Foltz; fancy dance, Miss Myrle Colby; Prof. Hoover's The Program for the testimonial dance. Miss Myrie Coloy; Prof. Hoover's class from Hoover's College of Physical Culture. Dancing. Tickets for sale at this office.

Passed to Spirit Life.—Mrs. Estella Collins, sister of Mrs. H. A. Griffin, Mrs. G. W. Shriner and Chas. Rogers of San Francisco, and Mrs. Fisk of North Yakama, Washington. The deceased was a resident of Klickitat Co., Washington, and leaves a husband and four children. The transition occurred on June 9, 1900.

H. H. Brown will occupy the platform of the First Spiritual Union at San Jose on Sunday, June 24.

Dr. Carey is teaching a class in biochemistry at School of Science of Being and Chemistry of Life, 204 McAllister St., S.F. The Friday eve. meetings have been discontinued. Free lecture every Wednesday evening on the vital questions of the day. Subject for Wednesday evening, June 20: "The Fallacy of the Germ Theory of Disease: the Horrors of Inoculation, and the Tyranny of Quarantine." Seats free. Collection.

Mission Lyccum.—The attendance on Sunday was unusually large. Sixty bright and happy children were in the line of march. Nearly everyone had a word of wisdom. The new calisthenics, led by Mrs. Coons, are both interesting and beneficial. The rostrum exercises are as good as many a play that you pay 25c or 50c to witness. This Lyceum is in the keeping of the angel world, and its future success is assured, if mortals are true to their vows. W. T. JONES, Conductor.

Los Angeles.—The meeting of the Harmonial Society Sunday was very interesting. Mrs. Gillespie's subject in the afternoon, "Pilate's Query;" the evening, "Mediumship," brought out large and interested audiences. The Lyceum each Sunday shows a marked increase in numbers. The usual Wednesday night social brings out a large crowd. Mr. Allen Brown of Texas is with us at present. He will work in the interest of the Southern California Spiritualist Camp Association.

The Spiritual Union Society of Oakland met Wednesday eve., June 13, at 856½ Isabella St. Mrs. Palinbaum read a poem by Dr. J. L. York, entitled "Compensation." Dr. Palinbaum gave a short address and tests, followed by Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Amanda Smith. Last, but not least, were the convincing tests of the old-time medium, Mrs. Jeffreys-Myers, who is now on a visit to this Coast. The audience was very much pleased with her singing of "Highland Mary" by her guides, in the old Scotch

Miss Meda Hoskins, the well-known medium, who has been a resident of San Francisco for the past four years, left for Los Angeles on June 11, to join her mother, Mrs. Kate Hoskins, who is a prominent medium and speaker in the City of Angels. Her present address is 423½ South Spring street, Los Angeles,

Passed to Higher Life, June 13, 1900, Mrs. Annie Gibson, aged 44 years. Beloved wife of R. Gibson. Interment Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland. Mrs. R. S. Cowell officiated. Mrs. Gibdren to mourn her loss.

C. F. VAN LUVEN. son leaves a husband and five little chil-

Hermetic Brotherhood.—The regular open meeting was held at the headquarters, 509 Van Ness Ave., on Thursday, June 14. Dr. Phelon made some telling points in his talk on "Wait a Little While," in suggesting when waiting would be advantageous, and when it would be anything but for one's best good. Music was rendered finely by Mrs. Weld and Mrs. Rogers. Dr. Phelon's subject for next Thursday evening will be: "Who are Reformers." All are welcome, to a Sunday morning meeting, now held at 11 o'clock.

Universal Spiritual Association.— The subject for discussion last Sunday afternoon at 20 Eddy St. was "Determination." The sub-questions were: Decision, Destination, The Object in View and Motive. Miss Lee sang "A Bird in a Gilded Cage." Dr. Walter Scott Hall presided.

Mrs. Laura Blake is now sojourning at the Hotel Bradbury, corner Polk and California Sts., where her friends will find her in future.

Mrs. Henderson, who for so many years held successful spiritual meetings on Sixth St. in this city, is seriously ill at the home of her mother in Vallejo. The kindly thought, for healing and restoration to active work, by all Spiritualists is solicited. This is a case where we may all help.

B. Fay Mills spoke in Metropolitan Temple last Sunday evening on "The Mystery and Ministry of Music." Mrs. Alice Eckman-Cramer and Mrs. H. L. Stevens sang solos, and Mr. A. O. Eckman exploited the grand organ. Next Sunday the subject will be, "A New Definition of Religion.

Mme. Young's Meeting. — Mrs. Sarah Seal opened the meeting last Sunday evening with a good lecture on "Psychometry." Prof. Young and Prof. Bothwell, with the assistance of Mme. Young, rendered some excellent music, The platform work by Mme. Young was fully up to the high standard so long maintained in Oriental Hall, 605 Mc-Allister St.

Mrs. Wrenn's Meeting at 117 Larkin St. was entertained by Mrs. Wrenn, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Cotter and Mrs. Maxwell. The music was furnished by Mrs. Dunkel.

Remember the testimonial benefit social, in honor of Mrs. R. S. Lillie, next Friday evening in Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St. There will be good music and dancing, with a literary program. You can get tickets at this office.

State Board Meeting. - An adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Spiritualists' Association was held at headquarters on Saturday evening, June 16. A Committee of Arrangements was appointed for the coming convention, and other important business transacted. A full report, with names of committee, will be published next week.

The Children's Lyceum, whose sessions are held at 909 Market St. every Sunday morning, will hold a social dance at Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St. on Friday evening, July 6. Friends of the children will be glad of this opportunity to manifest their regard for the work being done by Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth and others in maintaining a Lyceum every Sunday morning for so many years.

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