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MY OWN SHALL COME.

Serene, I fold my hands and wait, Nor care for wind, nor tide, nor sea; I rave no more 'gainst time or fate, For lo! my own shall come to me.

I stay my haste, I make delays:
For what avails this eager pace?
I stand amid the eternal ways,
And what is mine shall know my face.

Asleep, awake, by night or day,
The friends I seek are seeking me;
No wind can drive my bark astray,
Nor change the tide of destiny.

What matter if I stand alone?
I wait with joy the coming years;
My heart shall reap where it has sown,
And garner up its fruit of tears.

The waters know their own and draw
The brook that springs in yonder heights,
So flow the good with equal law
Unto the soul of pure delights.

The stars come nightly to the sky,
The tidal wave unto the sea;
Nor time nor space, nor deep nor high,
Can keep my own away from me.
BURROUGHS.

-*BORDERLAND*-

Finds Buried Treasure.

There is a peculiar phase in the finding of the buried treasure of the late Captain Richard P. Thomas beneath the old log cabin which the aged capitalist built with his own hands just beyond La Loma, his suburban home in the Berkeley hills, Cal. John Downey, a workman employed by Mrs. Thomas, is authority for the story. It was Downey who discovered the corpse of the capitalist on the day of his death lying across the steps of the cabin. This is quite close to the log structure beneath which the treasure was buried.

According to Downey, ever since the death of the capitalist, a month ago, strange noises have been nightly heard in the vicinity of the spot where the gold and bonds were concealed. These noises were generally confined to the midnight hours, which is supposed to be the popular time for spirits to promenade. On several occasions Mr. Downey, on being awakened from his sleep by the noise, peered out into the night, but he never was able to catch a glimpse of the shade of his former employer.

The sounds, which emerged from under the log house, he says, were strange and uncanny. He is positive that he heard noises that were anything but earthly. He told a number of his fellow-workmen of his experience and admitted that he was afraid to leave his house

after dark.

It may be a coincidence, but many people regard it as marvelously strange that the gold and bonds were found where the shade of Captain Thomas is supposed to have lingered.

"No," said Downey, "I never



A Beautiful Scene in the Summer-Time.

saw his spirit, but I heard him. The noise which always accompanied his presence came from beneath the log cabin just where the gold and bonds were discovered. I found the corpse of the captain lying across the entrance to my cabin on the day of his death. I must confess that the sounds which came from under the log house scared me. I told some of the workmen about it, and they tried to make me think I was the

victim of imagination; but I wasn't."

In a large stone jar discovered under the log house by the searchers for the wealth of Captain Thomas, \$8,100 in 20-dollar gold pieces was found. In a niche of the chimney of this structure was \$100 in gold and seven empty purses. In addition to the cash, \$10,000 in government bonds was in the stone jar. The sum total of the find was \$18,200. Mrs. Thomas admitted this.—S. F. Examiner.

Control of Mind.

Perhaps the most dangerous, attribute developed will be the strength of will power, which will enable one to so direct the mind that its force will be enlarged to a stupendous degree. Thought is a force, a vibration, as are all forms of energy, and it sets in motion currents of ethereal matter of which the grosser senses have no ken.

A strongly-developed will can, even in ordinary persons, control the mind and will of another, and in the adepts the exertion of the will is so vastly improved upon that it is a force which can shatter material objects even at a distance. This power can be carried to such an extent that death can be brought by a simple act of the will, and the most dangerous knowledge becomes a weapon in the hands of the unscrupulous.

The depth to which the mind may descend, or the height to which it may climb in occult mysteries, is almost limitless.

It might be remarked just here that the science of telepathy, when better understood and when generally recognized as being a fact, as telegraphy now is, will help us to solve some other problems which have perplexed thoughtful persons in all ages of the world.—Ex.

Some Strange Powers.

A remarkable attribute of the psychologically-developed soul is the art of acquiring knowledge by what might be termed interior penetration; that is, the nature of the thing resolves itself into one's inner consciousness without any apparent effort of the mind. Thus a letter may be held unopened in the hand or laid on the breast and yet read with perfect clearness by the mental vision of an adept.

Even more strange is the art of transferring the body, yet it is asserted that those who have delved deeply into the secrets of nature can and do project their astral bodies to any point they wish. A person in Madrid wishing to communicate in New York can thus throw out not only mind, but his astral body, which can be seen as one would perceive a magnetic aura. This, it is said, is done by the adepts of the East at any time, and from the interior of Thibet—a land in which no white man has penetrated—there come wonderful stories of the science of the Mahatmas, or men learned in Brahr minical lore.—Sel.

Is it not Spirit?

R. C. MITCHELL.

Most persons believe there is something about man — usually called the spirit—which lives after that physical change called death. On the other hand, there are multitudes who deny this in toto and claim that "death ends all." Now, until it shall be absolutely demonstrated in some way that the spirits of the so-called dead are in existence to day in some shape or another, there is no disguising the fact that those who take the negative of this proposition have the better of the argument. In law, as well as in logic, it is the business of the affirmative to demonstrate its proposition—to prove its case—and the affirmative of the above proposition can only be absolutely demonstrated by the production of facts or evidence which appeals to some of our five senses, and it is worth while to remember that it is only by means of some of our five senses that we know anything.

Our theologians have been theorizing on this question for thousands of years, and it is still a debatable question. During this time they have invented many plausible arguments in support of their pleasing theory, but alas! they, one and all, have been compelled to stop one step short of an

actual demonstration of that which they sought to prove; and one fact proven is worth a multitude of theories. It is no absolute proof of a proposition to simply say that some book-no matter what that book may be—or some creed or some dogma affirms it. To accept a theory "on faith" is simply no proof at all, for it is a notorious fact that most of the theories which even the wisest men in all ages past have accepted "on faith" have been subsequently proven to be fallacies, and most of them fallacies of the very rankest kind.

Now, if occult science, so-called which is but another name for a knowledge of certain natural laws that our modern scientific textbooks know nothing about and tell us nothing about—can give us any light upon the above-mentioned, much-mooted question, it will certainly be doing mankind a most important service; and some of the ablest writers on this subject believe that when the natural law governing telepathy shall be better understood than it is at the present time, and when telepathy shall have been generally accepted as a demonstrated fact, we then, by following that fact to its legitimate conclusion, may more certainly prove the correctness of the theory of a future life than all the theologians have been able to do from the dawn of civilization to the present time.

If it be true, as most persons in so-called civilized countries believe, that man has a spirit and that his intelligence lives on, after it shuffles this mortal coil, no philosopher knows of any reason why that intelligence should not be as intelligent after getting rid of its physical body, as before; nor is there any good reason to suppose that a spirit out of the body would be at all unwilling to communicate with a spirit in the body.

If telepathy be true, there is nothing at all supernatural about it, but it is simply the putting into practical application of a certain natural law—a law which at the present time is but imperfectly understood, even by the most progressive and most advanced scientists, but which is now sufficiently understood by many investigators to satisfy them beyond all question that such a natural law exists; and if an intelligence in the body can communicate with one out of the body, there is nothing at all supernatural about that phenomena. Indeed, there is nothing supernatural in the whole universe, as the entire universe is, and always has been, governed by natural law.

The world is just beginning to understand that the most tremendous force in nature is the human mind. The power of mind over matter has long been conceded and partially understood, and its power over disease is now being faintly comprehended; and certain it is that more progress has been made along these lines than during the last half century than during all the preceding years of recorded time, and there is good reason to expect that the coming half century will make equally rapid strides in the same direction.

Newspapers as Educators.

Duluth, Minn.

J. I. HOLLINGSWORTH.

But few persons think of the importance of newspapers as educators—in fact, there is nothing like a good weekly paper, especially if it is non-religious or po-

litical, for as soon as the readers note this, if not of their own religion or politics, they will throw it aside in disgust; but all persons will read scientific, agricultural or commercial papers, and owing to the cheapness of printers' ink and paper and government postage, they are the most economical mediums through which intelligence can be gotten to the people.

Millions upon millions of dollars have been spent in endowing colleges and various institutions of learning for the benefit of the favored few, while if those erormous sums had been spent in circulating good, instructive newspaper weeklies amongst the masses of the people, their intelligence would have been advanced fifty

For this reason it is the duty of all Spiritualists who take an interest of their fellow-men to see to it that this great lever is made use of in promulgating a knowledge of spiritual science amongst the people. Let every true Spiritualist see to it that a good Spiritualist paper is placed in every family in their locality—it matters not how poor—for at least three months, if not longer, that they may see and know something of the light of Spiritualism. This is a charity which will never fail.

Winchester, Va.

New Era Camp, Oregon.

W. C. BOWMAN.

On my way to Oregon I stopped over at San Jose for a few days and had the pleasure of meeting again with the good friends there, and the privilege of occupying the platform two Sundays in Sleeper Hall. Spiritualism in San Jose has a very bright possible future. The city itself is a little gem, and the valley in which it is set is a garden of beauty. Then the magnificent property, Sleeper Hall, with its splendid location and bountiful supply of rooms, both for use and rental value—what shall hinder the San Jose Spiritualists from becoming as a "city set on a hill that cannot be hid?" Then the society there is fortunate at present in having for its president the highlygifted and well-known medium and worker, Mrs, Eudora Marcen. Under her efficient management, aided by a number of earnest official co-workers, the society should certainly prosper. Incidentally, I will add that it was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marcen that I was very pleasantly entertained during my stay in the Garden City.

The Oregon Camp Meeting is just opened for the season. Notwithstanding the "damp" weather, the opening is quite encouraging. The national flag was run up the pole Saturday afternoon with a "Hip! hip! hurrah!" by those present. Sunday there was a good attendance—remarkably large for the opening, considering the weather. At 10:30 a. m. the writer lectured to an attentive audience, taking for his subject, "The Lights and Shadows of Mediumship."

At 2 p.m. Mr. Edward de Yongh of Portland conducted a half-hour silent soul-communion service which was quite impressive and manifestly profitable. In passing, I feel prompted to say that I regard this soul-communion movement, inaugurated through the World's Advance Thought—the excellent little monthly by Mrs. Mallory of Portland, Ore.—as one of the most beautiful and significant developments of Modern Spiritualism.

At 2:30, immediately following this service, Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, of Chicago, occupied the platform, delivering a beautiful lecture, continuing the theme of the forenoon lecture, and giving at the close an improvised poem of remarkable beauty and sweetness on subjects suggested by the audience. Mrs. Cooley certainly ranks with the most gifted mediums of the nation.

In the evening, Mrs. Sarah Hatch Brower of Boston entertained the audience with a very interesting recital of her own childhood experiences in mediumship, resulting in her father's conversion to Spiritualism and his withdrawal from the ministry of the Congregational Church. Her work at present is the organization and instruction of classes in spiritual development as influenced by planetary conditions.

The meeting closed with the reading of an instructive paper on the subject of mental healing by Mrs. Carrie E. Eves of California, whose special work is magnetic healing.

healing. The camp has started out well and is a delightful place to visit as well as to sojourn, not only on account of the well-conducted services under the prompt and judicious guidance of the presiding officer, Mrs. Kate Obrock, and the excellent music conducted by the organist, Mrs. Mary E. Campbell, but also on account of the efficient management and bountiful table supplies of the camp hotel under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Penman, assisted by Mrs. Porter and a coterie of delightful young ladies who grace the dining-room as "pretty waitresses." And let it be remembered that every service faithfully rendered in a good cause is equally noble and praiseworthy.

Honor and fame from no condition rise; Act well your part—there all the honor lies.

Notice from the N. S. A.

TO THE EDITOR:

Allow me to state that as the Mayer Fund is still from \$1,500 to \$2,000 short of the required \$10,000, Mr. Mayer has kindly consented to extend the time for completing the same, till Oct. 1st. This will probably be the last extension, and we sincerely trust that the fund will be filled long before the 90 days expire.

If all who can afford to send a dollar or less, who have not contributed anything, will only see their duty in this respect, and will contribute what they can, we will have a grand finale of the effort to secure a National Home with a good working fund for Spiritualism.

Once more allow me to say that Mr. Mayer does not receive a dollar for the property; the money is to go into the N.S. A. treasury, and the Home will be given by him free. I make this explanation again, as I am still receiving letters speaking of the buying of the property from Mr. Mayer.

I am sorry to announce that the reason we are finding the fund as short as above quoted, is because several large pledges are being repudiated or ignored. Some societies were pledged for \$50 and other sums, last October, at the convention, and none of the officers of those societies knew anything of it. However, we have good prospects of compleling the fund this season, and of having the pleasure of announcing a National Headquarters for the Cause, owned by the Spiritualists.

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Belated Theologians.

It was the dictum of the late Prof. Asa Gray, the noted author, that no sensible person now believed what the most sensible persons formerly believed, and so far as the biblical accounts of creation cover the ground which natural science covers, the relations can be discussed and, on this ground, settled; scientific belief must needs control the religious. Such were the declarations of the Professor, himself a member of the Presbyterian Church, who thus repudiates the "infallible authority" dogma. The late Prof. Drummond, in one of his great addresses, when in this country, quoted from a distinguished author that the average scientific man worshipped a more awful and, as it were, a Greater Deity than the average Christian. "Evolution," said Drummond, "has given to the world what amounts to a new Bible."

It appears that many of the sotermed "orthodox" ministers are not abreast of the age, as they ignore the Deity and appeal to a noted Jewish prophet, who declared that only God was good. If they desire to invoke the favor of a greater prophet, they should appeal to Buddha. He not only taught substantially the same code of morals as the Jewish prophet the Son of Man—but was sound on the liquor question. Neither did he declare that he came "not to send peace, but a sword." As an illustration of the beneficent teachings of the "pagan" who lived nearly 3,000 years ago, the following from Whittier's "Disarmament" is in point:

Once on the errands of his mercy bent, Buddha, the holy and benevolent, Met a fell monster, huge and fierce of look, Whose awful voice the hills and forests shook. "Oh, son of peace!" the giant cried. "thy fate Is sealed at last, and love shall yield to hate." The unarmed Buddha looking, with no trace Of fear or anger in the monster's face, In pity said: "Poor friend, even thee I love." Lo: as he spake, the sky-tail terror sank To hand breadth size; the huge abhorrence

Into the form and fashion of a dove; And where the thunder of its rage was heard, Circling above him sweetly sang the bird: "Hate hath no harm for love," so ran the song "And peace unweaponed conquers every wrong!" QUAKER.

Message from Henry Stites.

BY ZERUAH.

From a spirit father to his son in

earth-life:

QUESTION—You say that in order to properly develop, man must keep up an interest in material things?

ANSWER-By all means. Heaven is not gained at a single bound. Life does not cease at the death of the body; therefore, we should look to our every action, both on earth and in the beyond, as the only way to reach our heaven.

Q.—What is the difference between happiness in the spirit-world and happiness on earth?

A.—Happiness is in its youth and needs to be coaxed along in earth-life. Here it develops full power and soon takes the lead. It requires all our time to keep pace and glean all the joys for ourselves and others as we go.

Q.—Do you bother about business there?

A.—No.

Q.—Then would it not be better

for us to be there?

A.—After you have taken your course in training; but you should never leave school until you have graduated.

Q.—What about those who pass over in infancy and youth?

A.—It is unfortunate, and we try

to surmount the difficulty by giving them as thorough an education in the material way as the spirit can receive; but they lack the vigor and elasticity that the toss and tumble of a material combat would give.

Q.—Then would it not be better for all to live to be old?

A.—The old are blessed. Q.—All who live to be old do not

receive the same benefit from life, do they?

A.—All receive an experience which gives strength of spirit. Some acquire wisdom that exalts their souls beyond their companions. All have developed reasoning power, that will help them to advance more rapidly than the infant.

Q.—In what does spiritual development consist?

A.—Fill the mind with God, or good; allow no evil to ever enter. Then you have developed the spirit within and paved the way for visitors from the other side who will gladly take advantage of the opportunity.

Q.—Are you in a position to know if the spirit is ever reincarnated?

A.—I have yet met no instance of the kind, although there are many in this sphere who believe it is a fact. They think the reincarnated souls come from higher spheres.

Q.—Have you ever seen a soul, or do all souls have spiritual bodies?

A. — Your sight can perceive material only; our sight can catch as faint visions of soul as yours of spirit. We communicate with them in a like vague way. We are born again many times, but the change is not a complete throwing off, but a refining of the elements. The change is simpler than the mortal death, and takes place during perfect consciousness. There is no sickness. The advancement must be earned the same as our mental development on earth?

Q.—Do you measure time in your

A.—No, only as we enter your plane. Now I feel that I must bring to a close a most enjoyable evening, with a prayer for your grandest effort towards thorough spiritual development. I bid you good-night.

The Uprising in China.

HO YOW, Chinese Consul.

The present uprising in the Chinese empire had its primary cause in the clashing of the new religion with the old. It is dangerous to interfere with the religion of a people, especially if that religion has existed for thousands of years. The recent occurrences in China have been foreseen by all who understand the history of the world, and especially the history of the world's oldest nation.

We know from the annals of the ages that revolutions, and even anarchy, have resulted in France and other countries of Europe by reason of religious interference. Similar results may proceed from similar causes, even in China.

It is folly to attempt to force a religion upon a people against their will, as a fanatical war is invariably the outcome. An illustration of the fact may be found in the forcible endeavor of the French Catholics to convert the Hugue-

nots. To aggravate the situation, the Powers have taken the best of our territory and have forced the Chinese government into concessions

against the will and consent of the people. Among the masses, for instance, the opening up of railroads is regarded as a desecration of their ancestral tombs and sacred sceneries. They imagine that it all bodes ill to them. The cutting of the hills and the sinking of the mines make striking changes in the country, and the lower classes are prone to consider these modern innovations as instruments of evil. These things, simple as they may seem, have added fuel to the flames kindled in the religious atmos-

When such a people rise en masse, an army cannot control them. When millions are up in arms, millions are required to master them.

On the question of religion, I endeavor to be fair to all in my statements. I have no religion myself except that of doing good. Any religion will teach a man good principles, whether the belief be Catholic or Protestant or Budd-

Now, it is contended by the Oriental organization called in this country "the Boxers," that it is absolutely necessary for them to uphold their dignity, their nationality—to uphold, as it were, the image of Confucius as emblematic of that race dignity and national character. They resist a Christian invasion, because they know that the Christians aim to drive out their religion, and because they believe (not without reason) that the Christian missionaries are but forerunners of the troops of foreign Christian governments, which. in turn, would drive them out of their homes.

The Chinese nature is peaceful; but when once that nature is aroused, grave trouble may be feared. In my opinion, it is best to talk reason to a Chinaman. He will, then, if you demonstrate the correctness of your position, follow your reasoning and remain true to it. When, however, you use force instead of reason, the Chinese will rebel as quickly as the European.

The Chinese government of today is a progressive one, and willing to move with the procession of nations; but it has been compelled to go ahead more rapidly than the education of its people warranted.

I can make no prediction as to the outcome. We know that in the time of George III, England had a splendid army, perfectly equipped in the accoutrements of that period; yet we know that Washington's irregular continentals defeated that army. From this we may judge how terrible and effective in war is a people thoroughly worked up. The regular troops of the Chinese Empire have been unable to suppress the uprising, because the great populace has become exasperated. Nevertheless, you may rest assured that our government will do everything in its power to protect the lives and property of foreigners within the Empire, notwithstanding the present temper of the people.

Nations, like individuals, are judged by former acts, and it is not improbable that the Chinese masses may incline to the belief that this European interference is only the prologue of a land-grabbing operation. This would serve to augment the embroilment.

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Hereafter, the Journal will bear the date of Saturday instead of Thursday, on account of its being more convenient for getting news of the meetings occurring on the Sunday previous. It will be one day later than usual, therefore, in reaching its readers.

Spiritualist Camp Meetings to the number of twenty-nine are being, or will be, held in this country during the next four weeks. This does not look much like "a tottering, decaying household."

of July 7, the *Progressive Thinker* announces, editorially, that the Doctor has withdrawn temporarily, and perhaps permanently, from his position in that office. He is spoken of in the kindest terms, and the best wishes of the *Thinker* goes with him. He will continue as a contributor to that paper in both poetry and prose.

Dr. Wise. — The American Israelite is now publishing the Reminiscences of the late Dr. I. M. Wise, translated from the German by Rabbi Philipson. They make most excellent and highly interesting reading, inasmuch as they combine the two extremes of Judaism in this country.

Has not Lived in Vain.— Count Tolstoi has finally come to his excommunication at the hands of the orthodox Russian church. All priests are forbidden to absolve him or give him communion, and when dead he is not to be buried in consecrated ground. The Count is certainly a subject for congratulation, for he who has outgrown the tenets of a church which still indulges in the barbarous custom of excommunication, certainly has not lived in vain. The great church of humanity bids him welcome to its fold.

A Rare Opportunity.

"What would Jesus do?" if he stood upon the shore of Galilee to-day and heard of the famine in India. Would he write a book and have it translated into seven different languages? We are told what he did when the multitude followed him into the wilderness, and were hungry. He said that "those that believe shall do the things that I do, and greater things shall they do."

And the Mahatmas! Where, oh, where, are they? and he who claims that the atmosphere is filled with food and raiment. Now is his opportunity to demonstrate; this is the time for action.

The Trouble in China.

The Flaming Sword usually has a very intelligent grasp of the causes which underlie the current events of the day. Its conceptions of the true cause of the difficulty in China are no exceptions to the rule, and we give them for the benefit of our readers.

Religion is the actuating power of the uprising in China; it is the impulse of one false religion against another equally false. The present religion of opposition to modern Christianity in China, is the declension of what was once as genuine a system as that from which the present Christianity has degenerated. True religion is the union of the germ and sperm of the progressive evolution of any given age from the preceding one.

Age of Speculation.

There are numerous strange and ofttimes wild and fantastic theories advanced as a solution of some of the vital problems of life. One communication comes from New York, on "The Origin of Being;" another from one of the southern States treating of "The Strange Mysteries of the Human Brain."

A new cult, with headquarters in Chicago, has discovered that the garden of Eden spoken of in Scripture, is located in the human heart, and never had any external existence. Upon this theory a new religion has been founded which affirms immortality, denies reincarnation, and its followers devoutly believe in the ministry of spirits.

Another "scientific" religion has been founded on Ontology, Psychology and Therapeutics, and the end is not yet in sight. If the sum of human knowledge is thereby increased, 'tis well. They are probably all right, but see truth from different standpoints. There is, however, a humorous side to the situation.

Camp.—Circulars are out for the Spiritualist meeting at Franklin, Neb. It commences July 20 and continues until Aug. 6. There will be several good speakers in attendance; a lecture will be given each evening and three lectures each Sunday. Some of the best mediums in the United States will be present during the entire meeting.

A Point Well Taken.

The Chicago Israelite, commenting upon Henry Weinstock's work on the public platform of San Francisco and vicinity, makes the following pertinent remarks, which are humbly commended to the consideration of this liberal Jew:

Mr. Weinstock's desire to have Jewish Sabbath-school children taught all about Jesus Christ calls from Rabbi Samfield the very proper suggestion that an authentic history would not be out of order. The New Testament is about as apocryphal as non-canonical books which purport to tell the story of Christ's life. Just as the Christian world is beginning to discover that its religion is based upon a lot of fairy tales, here comes a man who wants to stuff Jewish children with the discarded and discredited legends.

One Book.—That was the "suggestion" made in the JOURNAL of June 28, for every subscriber to send to this office during July an order for at least one book. These small sums would aggregate enough to wonderfully help the JOURNAL in the dull Summer months. We thank those who have acted on that suggestion, and cordially invite all others to do the same.

Premature Moralizing.—
The liberal press of this country moralizes over the death-bed confession of Rev. Geo. Gibson of San Francisco, who, they say, was guilty of the murder of the two girls in Emmanuel Church of this city, for which crimes Theodore Durrant was hanged. Save your energy and your ink, friends. Mr. Gibson is alive and well, and is still the respected pastor of the Bartlett St. church, where the crimes were committed. "Be sure you're right; then go ahead."

Information Wanted.—Harbinger of Lahore, India, is in search of information, as the following extract from its editorial columns would indicate;

The Theosophical papers of India no longer talk of their miracles and Mahatmas of old. They are generally full of long accounts of hard cash. Does anybody know the addresses of Morya and Koot Homli Lal Singh, who made a great fuss when Madame Blavatsky lived?

Mr. Walter P. Williams, fermerly of Oregon, writes from Washington, D. C., and sends an article for publication, which arrived too late for insertion in this number. Many important interviews with mediums in the eastern States; and his conception of the status of our cause, will appear in the next issue of the JOURNAL. Mrs. Loe F. Prior is one of the well-known mediums he has visited.

W. J. Colville continues to send encouraging reports of his work in Australia. During the month of June he labored with great success in Adelaide and Sydney. He proposes to spend many weeks yet in the colonies.

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.

THE UNKNOWN, by Camille Flammarion. 488 pp. Price, \$2.00. New York: Harper & Brothers, publishers. For sale at this office.

The character and reputation of the author will secure for this book the attention of men of renown throughout the world. Its publication in France (the home of this noted astronomer and general scientist) created quite a sensation, and it will certainly arouse the greatest interest among every people into whose language it is translated.

It details the experiences of an eminent scientist while studying the phenomena of the spirit-world, and cites many absolutely authenticated psychical manifestations. The chapters of the book are as fascinating as a novel, but are of far greater moment to thinking men the world over. It is the most important work of the present century.

The noted author states that the world has reached the period when hypnotism, telepathy, clair voyance, disembodied apparitions, alleged spirit voices and other manifestations indicative of the survival of human life beyond the grave, can no longer be ignored by science; that they should be examined "quietly and scientifically, without connecting them with the mysterious, without excitement and without mysticism, as if we were investigating problems in astronomy, physics or physiology. Everything is to be found in nature, the known and the unknown, and there is no such thing as the supernatural." There are laws to account for everything, and to develcp what they are is the legitimate province of science. duty is all the more obligatory upon science to-day, since "it is manifest that the religion of the future will be scientific and founded on a knowledge of approved psychical facts."

In the introduction, the author says: "This work is an attempt to analyze scientifically, subjects commonly held to have no connection with science, which are even accounted uncertain, fabulous, and more or less imaginary. I am about to demonstrate that such facts exist. I am about to attempt to apply the same scientific methods employed in other sciences, to the observation, verification and analysis of phenomena commonly thrown aside as belonging to the land of dreams—the domain of the marvelous or the supernatural and to establish that they are produced by forces still unknown to us, which belong to an invisible and natural world, different from the one we know through our own senses."

The author's conclusions are as follows: "Positive observation proves the existence of a psychic world, as real as the world known to our physical senses;" that "there really are manifestations from the dying, psychic action from a distance, mental communications, and a knowledge of things by the mind without the intervention of the senses;" that one "may see without eyes and hear without ears, not by unnatural excitement of our sense of vision or of hearing, for these accounts prove the contrary, but by some interior sense, psychic

and mental;" that "the soul, by its interior vision, may see not only what is passing at a great distance. but may also know in advance what is to happen in the future, for the future exists potentially, determined by causes which bring to pass successive events;" and that "because the soul acts at a distance by some power that belongs to it, are we not authorized to conclude that it exists as something real, and that it is not the result of functions of the brain?"

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ARCANA OF SPIRITUALISM, manual of Spiritual Science and Philosophy; by Hudson Tuttle, author of "The Arcana of Nature" and many other philosophical works. 320 pp., cloth, gilt. Manchester, England: The Two Worlds Publishing Co., 18 Corporation St. Price, \$1.25. For sale at this office.

The preface of this book is devoted to the narration of fragments of the writer's psychic experiences, and is itself worth the price of the book. The introduction answers the question: "What is Spiritualism?" in a way that ought to set at rest the much-mooted question. It is an exhaustive treatise of the subject, from the tiny rap to the most exalted mental manifestation, in this and many other countries. The author's research has not been confined to man, but has extended also into the animal kingdom.

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The Coming Age for July presents an interesting table of contents, among which will be found "Applied Psychology; or Hypno-Suggestive Therapeutics," by Henrik G. Peterson, M. D., together with some accounts of Dreams and Visions, by Mrs. Reifsnider, in addition to editorial matter by its noted editor, Mr. B.O. Flower 20c.

Mind for July has an article on "The New Thought of the Christ," by Rev. R. Heber Newton; "Mental and Spiritual Healing," by Rev. Helen Van Anderson, and "The Way to Freedom," by Nannie S. Band. The Alliance Publishing Co., 19 West 31st St., New York.

The Arena.—The July number has for its leading features: "Will the Chinese Migrate?" by J. M. Scandland; "Turkey and the United States," by Justin S. Kirreh, and "Railroad Control in Japan," by Keikichi Abe. 25 cents. Life Building, New York.

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"We drew you here to taste the joy, That to the good has no alloy. It is not fairy-land, but this, A land to taste of perfect bliss. Go back. Thy school-term is not o'er; You are not ripened for this shore. Take home this thought, its text fulfill: Pure love is better far than will. The panorama passed away; It faded with the dying day.

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Local News Summary.

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Mission Lyceum. — An increased number was in attendance at the session last Sunday. The exercises were all well rendered and highly enjoyed, as indicated by the happy and cheerful expression manifested by all present. Mrs. I. W. Denison, assistant superintendent of the American Home-Finding Association of the Pacific Coast, gave us a brief account of her present work in finding homes for the orphans and the homeless children. This association is now denominational, which, coupled with the worthiness of the cause she represents, bespeaks for her the co-operation of all charitably-minded people. Such faithful workers in behalf of the welfare of children are much needed, and are always welcome to the ranks of Lyceum workers. Our next entertainment (a Bon-bon Party) will be held on Saturday evening, July 28, at Mission Opera Hall. All are welcome. W. T. Jones, Conductor.

Mme. Young's Meeting on last Sunday evening in Oriental Hall was addressed by Mrs. Sarah Seal, who spoke of the "different conditions in spiritlife." The tests by Mme. Young were of an unusually convincing character, and the music by Prof. Young and Prof. Bothwell was one of the principal features of the evening's exercises. These meetings are held every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 605 McAllister St. The developing circle on Wednesday evening will be continued at her home, 760 Central Ave., Alameda; Webster St. station.

Mrs. Wrenn's Meeting at 117 Larkin St. was addressed by Mrs. Vigars, Mrs. Seeley, Mrs. Maxwell, Mr. Hansen and Mrs. Wrenn. This is strictly a test meeting. The music is furnished by Mrs. Dunkel.

Mrs. Meyer's Meeting in Friendship Hall, 335 McAllister St., was well attended last Sunday evening. The music was furnished by Mr. Meyer, and the messages came through the mediumship of Mrs. Meyer.

Harry Gaze spoke in Occidental Hall last Sunday evening on "How to Live Forever." His philosophy of immortality and reincarnation were slightly mixed, but his lectures are thoughtful and instructive.

Universal Spiritual Association.— The subject for discussion last Sunday afternoon was "Relationship" and kindred subjects. Dr. Hall presided and Miss Lee furnished the music. These meetings are held every Sunday afternoon, from 12 to 4:30 p.m. All are welcome.

From San Jose, Cal.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to the coming State Convention, which is to be held in our beautiful city next September. The members of the First Spiritual Union are full of enthusiasm and mean to make it one of the most pleasant and profitable conventions ever held anywhere. We hope for a large delegation from all parts of the State, so that the principles of Spiritualism may take a new hold in the minds of the people. Spiritualism is a fact, and a fact is a truth, and truth must be accepted by every thinking mind. We hope at this convention the philosophy and phenomena will stand side by side, so that both believer and investigator may have an opportunity to listen.

The beautiful teachings of the philosophy of Spiritualism should, in my opinion, be followed by the phenomena, when this phenomena comes through honest, reliable and moral mediums. Such should be allowed to publicly demonstrate this grand and uplifting truth from the platform. We have had our platform filled with able and eloquent lecturers the past three months—Mrs. L.D. Lyness of Minneapolis, Prof. W.C. Bowman of Los Angeles and Capt. Henry Harrison Brown of San Francisco. Mr. Brown will be with us during the remainder of this month. He is much appreciated and fills the hall with an intelligent audience, many of whom have never been interested in this new thought of Now. Ella York, Sec.

Soldiers' Home Notes.

At the National Soldiers' Home in Los Angeles Co., Cal., has been established the First Soldiers' Home Spiritual Church, with Mrs. S. Augusta Armstrong as pastor. Lectures are given in the assembly hall every Sunday, and seances during the week. The old soldiers domiciled here have built a home and donated it to Mrs. Armstrong, and she is carrying on the work with contributions from friends of the Cause, many of whom contribute a stated sum each month. Her postoffice address is Sawtell, Los Angeles Co., Cal.

Mrs. Armstrong is the right one for the place, and has won the love and esteem of all the inmates. She is an eloquent speaker, and her disposition is uniformly kind and gracious. Kindly thoughts and good wishes, as well as material aid, is solicited, that the old soldiers may be encouraged to manfully

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Hermetic Brotherhood.—The reception day of this truly fraternal organization on Thursday afternoon and evening demonstrated the reality of its motives. The well-filled parlors, after a general holiday, plainly show that its members and their friends have use for its doctrines and activities. The meetings are of a social character, and music and laughter were added to more sober numbers of the program, by members and guests. To those who seek variety and a pleasant hour, whether friends or strangers, they will find no more suitable place than at 509 Van Ness Ave., on any Thursday of each week at 2 and 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Oakland Notes.—The Union Spirftual Society met at 856½ Isabella St. on Wednesday, June 27. Brother Ellis read a poem, followed by a few remarks from Dr. Haworth. Dr. Palinbaum became entranced and requested the audience to join hands and give their best thoughts to the sick, and very especially to those who are working in the spiritual work who need our sympathy and love. The doctor's inspirational remarks were along the lines of how to heal and do good all the time. Mrs. Amanda Smith gave tests to a number in the audience.

nce. A. L. Astor, Sec.

Independence Day in San Francisco was celebrated in a hearty and sincere fashion. A great many people were out of town, either in attendance on other celebrations or summering in the country, but enough were left to enjoy comfortably the various spectacles which the committee had organized with a great deal of pains and care.

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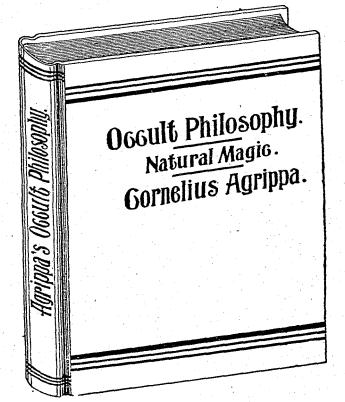
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