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STRENGTH FOR THE FIGHT.

I know not if I play the Pharisee,
And if my brother, after all, be right;
But mine shall be the warrior's plea—
Strength for the fight.

When foes upon me press, let me not
quail,
Nor think to turn me into coward
flight.
I only ask, to make mine arms prevail,
Strength for the fight!

Still let mine eyes look ever on the foe,
Still let mine armor case me strong and
bright;
And grant me, as I deal each righteous
blow,
Strength for the fight.
—New York Independent.

BORDERLAND

A Prophetic Dream.

Goethe says his maternal grandfather, Textor, had a prophetic dream portending his promotion to a seat in the Senate. "He saw himself," said Frederick Henry Hedge, "in his customary place in the common council, when suddenly one of the aldermen, then in perfect health, rose from his chair on the aldermanic platform, and beckoned to him courteously to take the vacant seat. This man died of apoplexy soon after. His successor, as was the custom, was chosen by lot from the lower board, and Textor won."

And again, when Andre was leaving for America, he went to Derbyshire to say good-bye to some friends. There he met Mr. Cummington, who recognized Andre instantly as a person he had seen in a dream not long before. Mr. Cummington saw this person arrested in a forest and subsequently hanged.

An Occult Experience.

LUCY A. MALLORY.

Some time in the early part of last Summer I sat in my room one night sewing, when a flash of light attracted my attention, and as I looked up I saw a lovely being floating towards me, and the thought came into my mind that it must be very pleasant to move about in that way, and I wished that I could do so; when instantly there seemed to be a mountain of weight lifted from me, and my body, feeling as light as air, began to float: I went from one end of the room I was sitting in to the other, and then out through a closed door and floated through all the rooms on that floor, then down stairs through all the rooms on the second floor, then down another flight of stairs, till I had passed through every room in the house, in the same manner,

and landed on the kitchen range, with the power to float all gone.

As I realized the situation, I thought that I ought to have kept on until I got back to my room. As soon as this thought passed through my mind, the weight was again removed, and I floated back in the same manner as I came (going from one end of each room to the other), until I was back in my chair in the room I started from.

Of course, my mind was greatly puzzled to account for the experience I had passed through, for when it came upon me I was in my normal condition, not thinking of anything out of the ordinary, and during all the time that this extraordinary experience lasted I was perfectly conscious, but I seemed to be carried along without any volition of my will.

I have many times during my life had the experience of going about in what I call my "spiritual body," but on those occasions my physical

body remains in the same place and position that it is in when the spirit body leaves it, and I can see it and often go to it and touch it and compare it with the spiritual body. But this time it really seemed to be my physical body that floated. I noted the difference between it and my previous experience.

However, I had not thought of the occurrence for some time, until last night I was in the same room replying to a letter from a friend, in which she had said that "the idea of making the physical body immortal was ridiculous and horrible. Who would want to be hampered with the old body?" etc. I had just written this thought: "In case of physical immortality, the spirit would have entire control, and the body would do its bidding," when I heard a voice saying: "Satisfy thyself that it is possible for thy spirit to operate thy body at will. For the moment thou art free

from physical encumbrance; thy body wills to do what thy spirit's desire wills to do."

Then again I felt an immense weight lifted from me (yet I had not been conscious of any weight until then), and again I floated, but this time my will directed, and my first thought was to pass through the solid wall, and I was on the other side of it by the time the thought was formulated; then I wanted to see how it was done—so I passed slowly through the closed door; still I did not see how I was able to do it; so I tried again—this time watching my body very intently, I saw that body and door seemed to be composed of tiny globules that seemed to separate just enough to allow my body to pass through. There were some books lying on the table in the room that I had passed into, and I threw one on the floor, and instantly I was back in my room and could float no more. — *World's Advance Thought.*

Confucius, the Chinese Philosopher.



Confucius was born 551 years before the Christian Era. He was the author of the following statement: "What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others." He said: "My doctrine is simple and easy to understand," and his chief disciple added: "It consists only in having the heart right and in loving one's neighbor as one's self."

Confucius was more congenial to his countrymen than Lao-tsz', for he was more typically Chinese. Although his life had been an unbroken chain of disappointments, Confucius succeeded after his death in becoming the moral teacher of the Chinese people. His agnostic attitude in metaphysics and religion, which neither affirms nor denies the existence of a beyond, of God, or gods, and of spirits, but avoids investigating the matter, his unbounded reverence for the past, his respect for scholarship and book-learning, his ethics of traditionalism which implies an extreme conservatism, his exaggeration of propriety, his ceremonialism, and, above all, his ideal of submission to authority, have more and more become national traits of the Chinese nation.

We know much more about Confucius than about any other Chinese philosopher, emperor, or saint; but it appears that he was more of a moral teacher than a philosopher or mathematician.

Patience is a virtue which is much admired in China and highly praised in prose and verse, as the basis of self-control, domestic peace and good government.

The Drowning Sailor.

A woman whom I know, was engaged to be married. Her betrothed was a sea captain. He was on his return voyage, and the wedding was to take place immediately after he reached home. Her trousseau was all made, and everything was in readiness. He was looked for any time within three days.

One night she dreamed that she saw his ship sinking in midocean and him clinging to a spar. She told her dream in the morning and was laughed at. The following night she again dreamed the same thing, but a little more circumstantially. She saw him again clinging to the mast and calling to her. She again told her dream, and this time insisted that somebody must go to the company who owned the ship and inquire if it had been heard from. The messenger returned with a long face and a sad story. The vessel had been deemed somewhat unseaworthy, and was to have been put up for repairs on her return. A storm arose, and she was wrecked within sight of port, crossing from Ireland to England. The body of the woman's lover was never again seen. — *Sel.*

Voice from the Grave.

I was myself one of five persons sitting in a cheerfully lighted and heated room one raw November night when sleet was falling and a fierce wind howling outside. One of the five was the wife of a seafarer then on the ocean, and who ever looked in the woman's face might easily see that her thoughts were elsewhere than with the present company.

There came a lull in our conver-

sation; each one seemed to know instinctively where the woman's thoughts were, and the silence was sympathetic. Presently and in the midst of it we all heard a voice call the woman by name: "Hattie, Hattie!" The voice seemed weak and guttural, and as if calling through some distance. Somebody remarked that it seemed outside the window. The woman sprang to her feet and fled outside. We all followed. No one was there, and nothing to be seen but the storm. That happened more than 15 years ago. That woman still lives. Her husband has never been heard from, nor the ship he sailed in. What his fate was she can only guess.—*Max.*

Spirit Visitations.

In "The Story of my Life," Colonel Meadows Taylor of the British army, and the author of several novels whose scenes are laid in India, tells the following: "The determination to live single," he says, "was the result of a strange incident that befell me on one of my marches to Hyderabad. I have never forgotten it, and it returns to this day to my memory with a strangely vivid effect that I can neither repel nor explain. I had been devoted to a girl at home and only relinquished hope of winning her when the terrible order came that no furlough would be granted to Europe."

The colonel was a captain then. In England was a woman he loved and hoped to marry. It would seem that she cared for him also. At any rate, there was a sympathy between the two. This is the Colonel's story:

"One evening I was at the village of Dewar Kudea, after a long afternoon and evening march from Muktal. I lay down weary, but the barking of village dogs, the baying of jackals, and over-fatigue and heat, prevented sleep. I was wide awake and restless. Suddenly—for my tent door was wide open—I saw the face and figure so familiar to me, but looking older and white, and seemed covered with a profusion of lace, and glistened in the bright moonlight. The arms were stretched out and a low, plaintive cry, 'Do not let me go! Do not let me go!' reached me. I sprang forward, but the figure receded, growing fainter and fainter, till I could see it no longer, but the low, sad tones still sounded. I wrote to my father. I wished to know whether there was any hope for me. He wrote back to me these words: 'Too late, my dear son; on the very day of the vision you described to me, was married.'"

Captain Taylor gives another spirit instance from his Indian experience. A soldier enters his captain's tent and begs that the arrears in his pay be sent to his mother in England. The captain, busy with his writing, takes down the address and promises to fulfill the request. Shortly after, it occurs to him that the soldier had violated the rules of the service in entering his tent and without saluting. He summons the sergeant. "Why did you allow — to come to me in that irregular manner?" he asks. This query astonishes the sergeant beyond measure. "Sir," he exclaims, "don't you remember — died in the hospital yesterday and was buried this morning?"

Progress is born of doubt and inquiry.

Dr. J. Rodes Buchanan.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Board of Directors of the First Spiritual Union of San Jose, Cal., Jan. 21, 1900:

WHEREAS, The great creative powers of the Universe are ever in evidence, and all animate and inanimate nature are the product of its wondrous forces, and

WHEREAS, Man is the masterpiece of nature's handiwork, but is also subject to all the laws by which the great Universe is ruled, and

WHEREAS, Everything material must have a beginning, and after serving the purpose, and obeying the laws of its creator, and going to the limit of its endurance, the material man must cease to exist, and the life—the spirit—the I am—pass to that higher life, and continue in its growth spiritually, and

WHEREAS, The material machine that held the spirit of that grand humanitarian, Spiritualist, philosopher and scientist, Jos. Rodes Buchanan, has fulfilled all the duties that the laws of nature deemed it able to perform, and through the law of dissolution has liberated that inspired and noble spirit from its earthly enthrallment that it might go to a higher and greater field of labor, in the interest of mankind, here and hereafter, be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the Spiritualists of Santa Clara county and the members of the First Spiritual Union recognize, in the passing of Dr. Buchanan, that the world has lost one of her ablest teachers, in the modern sciences that tended to assist humanity to rid herself of the many erroneous superstitions regarding life here and in the future. Dr. Buchanan was recognized by the scientific workers of the world as a pioneer in all branches of religions, philosophical and progressive thought in all reform teachings, ever daring to invade the field of fixed forms and ideas, when he knew he was right, even if alone.

Resolved, That we recognize in Dr. Buchanan's works and teachings such, as in the future will place his name on the roll of honor, alongside of those of the so-called Saviors of the past, also beside those of Socrates, Laplace, Swedenborg, Newton, Franklin, and other leading scientists and reformers of the past and present.

Resolved, That while the world has lost the visible and material man, we feel able to assert from our understanding and knowledge of life, its conditions and laws.

Resolved, That he has only advanced and been relieved of the earthly incumbrances and environments, and will go on in his great field of labor, and express his discoveries that are to be beneficial to the world and the human race, through mediums and instruments of expression, in different forms, until he has fulfilled all the desires and aspirations that the powers that be had in store for him.

Resolved, That while we regret the passing of Bro. Buchanan, and extend our sympathy to his wife, relatives and near and dear friends, who miss his genial smile, pleasant voice and entertaining conversation—we know that our regrets and sympathy are mutually entertained by all who knew him. We recognize the fact that he had abided in our midst, beyond the time allotted given to man to walk the earth, having reached four score and five years; he had endured and suffered physically from the arduous labor

of past years; consequently he, as we all must in time submit to the law of dissolution, having used all the powers of construction and recuperation given him by nature.

Resolved, That while we miss him, and mourn his absence in the form, we know he is relieved of physical pain and care, and we rejoice that he has gone on to a higher life to reap the rewards of his labors—gone not to a heaven of rest, but to the home prepared by the loved ones gone before—those who have watched over and assisted him, gone to those who greeted and welcomed him to the Summerland, where he will be able to finish his great work, begun in this existence, but unfinished.

Resolved, That while we feel he was not fully understood and appreciated during his stay in the physical, we believe that history and the future will, as it ever does with heroes, pioneers and genius, place the wreath of immortals upon his brow, and in the niches of the temples of science build to him a statue of marble, and then history will record his great and noble achievements in the interest of humanity, and the improvement of mankind, mentally, morally and physically. May his memory ever be bright, and his life a guiding star to the generations to come. Heroes who fight the battles with brain and intellect, in the war against ignorance, bigotry and superstition, are in the minority. Dr. Buchanan was a leader—a hero.

MRS. E. MARCEN, Pres.
ELLA YORK, Sec.

Hermetic Teachings.

W. P. PHELON, M. D.

In the passage between the twilight of the present and the future, that which grieves fades away; and as we, carefully guided, enter into the realms of the unseen, all questions and doubts are set at rest.

When we go into an unknown country, it is always desirable to find those who know us and whom we know. If we do not know them personally, and are only conscious they belong to the Brotherhood, we are sure of a warm welcome from friends. As the Brotherhood goes on growing stronger and stronger, ever bound together, day by day, with ties of increasing tenacity and force, we shall feel that wherever we travel, or abide, there are about us members of this order, who, if we desire, will recognize our claims to their friendship and guidance.

They who act as the messengers of the One, who are sent for a direct purpose, constitute two classes; they are those who have been embodied, and those who have not. They who come to us direct from the One as guides and architects are persons who have within themselves knowledge which we desire to acquire. They are those who can be listened to. I have no quarrel, in any way, with the names we give them. I know there is some force; some purpose; some personified energy, if you choose so to call it, which has objectivity enough to influence us into the path and upon the lines where we desire to walk, in which it is best for us to walk. It seems it were meet for us, at times, to show our loving admiration for those who have walked with us, by some commemoration. We shall be carried forward and upward by the very recalling of their names and life-long purposes, and the mentioning of results arising from their activity while in earth-life.

I do not think that those who have passed on are always interfering with our business. On the contrary, I think it is true we are here for the purpose of our own training. We do not allow our children to be waited upon constantly. So long as they do not know how to do things, we serve them; but there comes a time when we feel our children have attained sufficient strength to do for themselves. When the request is made—"Mother, father, do this thing for me," we simply say: "Do it for yourself; you know how." It is not because we are not glad to help them; it is not because we in any way desire to refuse them joy or pleasure; but it is because we desire them to become self-reliant, strong and helpful, and to train them to do for themselves and others. No person comes into this world to be carried forward constantly. Their limbs would soon grow feeble; their thoughts would fade away. That which should be concentration would be constantly diffusion, and the weakness of infancy would continue.

But, because they are made to do for themselves; because they are compelled to walk, because they are forced to use their limbs; because they must think for themselves; because they are units and factors in the world at large; we desire they shall exercise whatever conditions belong to the earth. That which we expect our children to do for themselves and us, and we to do for them, we may expect those, who, under the direction of the One, keep ward and watch over us, will require of us, children of larger growth. We are not to be inert and idle until we are directed by those who are of the Unseen. If I did nothing unless by that guidance, my whole training would fade away. I should become as inert and helpless as an infant.

Our guardian angels, who have been sent forth as ministering spirits to minister to those who are heirs to salvation, are wise or they would not have that office. Whenever we reach a place we cannot decide for ourselves, then comes the whisper or suggestion, or the more than suggestion, which we all know, understand and recognize.

Endorsement of the Spiritual

MRS. BRADHURST SCHIEFFLIN.

I believe chemistry is conceded to be an exact science. When Prof. Crookes proved, by chemical analysis, that the physical products in the human body are helpful or harmful, in exact correspondence with previous or existing states of mind, there can be nothing more conclusive imagined.

It must truly gratify our small minority who have sacrificed so much in the cause of truth, to receive at this late day a full confirmation of our claims through the investigations of the physicists, who have unwittingly studied psychic philosophy.

Undismayed by flippant and superficial criticism, and scholastic satire, a little band of Spiritualists have occupied this unrecognized position until it has become familiar ground to them; and now, conventional science, and popular theology, in heavy marching order, with sensuous tests, is approaching our territory on another side, and is startled at its discovery.

The power of spirit, scientifically regulated, and the power of suggesting and affirming in the building of body and development of

soul, which students of psychic philosophy are so familiar with, is at last demonstrated and accepted in quarters where bigotry and ignorance have heretofore shut out the light of this newest and highest philosophy of the soul.

But those who have already explored this territory, and who came to it through the paths of intuition and spiritual perception, will not fail to cordially welcome the late arrivals who have come through the sensuous methods of the laboratory. There were Thomases in the early days. They are not undeserving because of their earnest search after hidden truth. Their testimony will convince thousands who are not prepared for higher kinds of evidence. It is a glorious thing that Truth is so many sided that, like Rome, all roads finally lead there when faithfully followed.

The great importance of the future practical outcome of this recognition that all primary cause is spiritual, can not yet be comprehended entirely by this school. The admission of the fact that man, here and now, is not a body having a soul, but a soul possessing a body, as a means of self-expression, will revolutionize the world!

Dogmatic theology—traditional theology—*materia medica* and materialistic science, in every department, have all looked upon man as intrinsically and primarily a material being, and all their philosophies have been based upon such an assumption. In proportion as man has failed to recognize himself as a living soul, he has become subject to the limitations of sense, and unable to accept immortality—another boundless field for the energies of this school. See to it that every member of this organization is also a teacher as well as a learner. Behold a rift in the clouds! There is hope in the near future when there shall be reciprocity of wisdom—a recognition of the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

It is conceded, then, by this school that man is a spirit, not a material form—that his brain and body are developed by their occupant and not for him. The immaterial property of his thoughts and emotions largely forms and regulates his physical organism! To grasp this great fact, with its logical relations, is the first step forward which will lead to his upliftment and mastery of outward conditions. The body can become our willing and harmonious instrument and thereby cease its restless and tyrannical dominion. An educated or developed consciousness is able to project ideals into actual and outward expression.

Even well-meant efforts to get rid of evil, by holding it up for detestation, only makes it more fast in our consciousness. The true remedy then is to displace dark thoughts by entertaining spiritual idealism. Thought is ever pressing to embody itself and express its own quality. This law is as exact as mathematics or gravitation! Here, then, is presented another great branch of study for the curriculum of your School of Psychic Philosophy. Our great physicist, Sir William Crookes, president of the British Association of Scientists, with the weights, measures and chemical tests of his laboratory, has done the world a great favor by proving that thoughts are things. He has brought a seeming occult and shadowy truth into the broad light of noonday, and made it apparent to the sensuous compre-

hension of the masses. Although he can not weigh or measure thought itself, he can calculate its potency, and gauge its intensity, its quality and continuity, through his physical chemistries and vibrations.

The hitherto crude materialism of science is becoming refined, and this has been made possible through our much-criticized and beloved Spiritualist friends, and blessed God-sent mediums, who for 50 years have been the advance guard, the torch-bearers of Truth, preparing the way of light and making its path straight. Through the efforts of our martyrs and saints in this glorious and greatest cause, the inter-relation and unity of all things is becoming apparent, and the One Universal Life is felt to be back of all its multifiform expressions. As the law of nature is becoming more truly interpreted, its broad trend is seen to be not only universal, but beneficent. The science of to-day is becoming spiritual. There is no more sacred, and no more secular, but all is divine. Modern science, which in the past has only concerned itself with matter and secondary effects and expressions, is now, through them, working its way to a deeper primal and spiritual philosophy. Place this fact among our laurels, and be thankful that God has given us the privilege of doing and continuing a great work for humanity.—*Selected.*

Letter from the N. S. A.

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Suggestion is a wonderful power for either good or evil in the world. Certainly a man who believes that he can do a thing has a decided advantage over one who thinks he can't. The JOURNAL aims to suggest only the best thoughts, and stands for the highest possible moral standard.

Father McGlynn, the exponent of the single-tax theory, and personal friend of Henry George, has passed to the other side of life. The writer listened to him in Metropolitan Temple, in this city, some years ago and formed a good opinion of his ability. He was compelled to return to his allegiance to the Catholic Church because of the lack of financial support from the reform element. His is not an isolated instance.

The Chicago Israelite, commenting upon the portrait of Rabbi Jacob Voorsanger in the JOURNAL, speaks rather disparagingly of our effort by it to honor him. We who meet him daily, and know him personally, think we are better judges of his claims to "manly beauty" and exalted learning. We hold him in high esteem and recognize his broad-mindedness and excellence of character.

The Following Quotations are from the *Angel of Light* and contain some food for thought:

There is only one Universe, one God, and one Law.

When you walk you move the world.

Every smile of tenderness dimples the cheek of eternity.

"Fighting Parsons have ever been dangerous opponents," says the *Two Worlds*. General Joubert has been preaching to his soldiers again, and the result has been disastrous to British arms. The power

of concentration upon certain objects has been demonstrated again and again, but the world is very slow to acknowledge its potency.

Ingersoll's Vision, published in an exchange, shows how the divine gift of mediumship can be prostituted to express the venom of a certain class of would-be reformers. The writer who dips his pen in gall instead of ink makes a mistake which will be recognized by the readers of the liberal press. We quote the following from a message said to have come from Spirit Ingersoll:

I see a world at war. The lovers of God are the haters of men. I see dungeons filled with the noblest and best. I see exiles, wanderers, outcasts—millions of martyrs, widows and orphans. I see the cunning instruments of torture, and hear again the shrieks and sobs and groans of millions dead. I see the prison's gloom, the fagot's flame. I see a world beneath the feet of priests; Liberty in chains; the white forehead of honor wearing the brand of shame; intelligence despised, stupidity sainted, hypocrisy crowned; and bending above the poor earth, religion's night without a star.

"Humanity" gives expression to the following sentiment, which will be endorsed by the liberal press the world over:

A man is considerably out of date who says he doesn't believe anything, simply because he cannot do that thing, or does not understand how the thing is done. There are people who make it their business to know and do things that others do not understand. A wise man will investigate any new subject before he condemns those who hold new truths. If he doesn't investigate, his best and safest way is to keep silent.

Food, Home and Garden has been consolidated with the *Vegetarian Magazine*, and will be published in both Chicago and Philadelphia. Mr. Shurtz will manage the Chicago business and Rev. Henry S. Clubb in Philadelphia. Subscription price, \$1.00. 1023 Foulkrod St., Station F, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Recording Angel of which we have heard so much has been found out at last. Anna Bonnell Day, writing in *Freedom* on "Energy; its Use and Abuse," says:

Physical scientists tell us, and prove beyond the shadow of a doubt, that a single sound uttered, produces vibrations of the omnipresent ether radiating in all directions from the sounding body, and these vibrations go on and on, forever and forever. Think of it! Talk about recording angels! Why, the universe is one great, mammoth phonograph recording accurately every word we utter, whether kind, gentle and loving, or cross, ugly and hateful! Every song we sing, every laugh that ripples from our throats is registered there. Every kind and loving thought, every strong and healthy thought, enters into the history of the world, uplifting it from a good to a better and a best.

But, alas, that this, too, should be true: every complaint that falls from our lips, every unkind and cruel word that we speak, every sneer that flits across our faces, every angry glance from our eyes, every selfish and impure thought, every envious and jealous thought, every cruel and revengeful thought, adds its quota to the air around us and brings sorrow and discomfort, unhappiness and crime, poverty and misery, into the lives of the children of earth.

Some Predictions.

The outlook for February, as outlined in the *Adept*, is of such peculiar interest that we publish it in full for the benefit of our readers who are interested in foretelling the future from a psychic and astrological point of view.

The new moon for February occurs on Jan. 30, at 7:14 p.m., Chicago standard time; at this hour the sun is sextile to Uranus and Venus and will form no evil aspect of importance during the month.

The indications for general business affairs are therefore generally favorable, much more so than the last month has been. The real estate market will be much more active than it has been in many localities, especially the far western part of the United States, also on the Atlantic coast. The central States will show some improvement, particularly Minnesota.

The produce markets, cattle, grains, etc., will be strong and satisfy the producer; prosperity will be with the farmer who has held his crop thus far.

Dry goods, wines and liquors will be much less in demand, the department stores complaining somewhat.

The general health should be good, although those who are subject to rheumatism, asthma, etc., will be troubled much more than usual. Those born between Dec. 18 and 24 of other years are more liable to sickness than others. During February quite an important discovery in a scientific line will be made or announced, and probably some important invention relative to rapid travel. There may be several important discoveries or inventions.

The speculative markets, particularly wheat and corn, should have good strength—a favorable chance for speculators and those of small capital to invest and make profits quite rapidly. The entire month should be quite a strong one for wheat prices. One can buy on all concessions and get profits quickly; at the same time, one should not expect too much. From the 1st to 14th, should be a general advance, a decline of two or three cents between the 14th and 19th, and a quick recovery from the 19th to 23rd, with a good showing of strength as the month goes out. The 1st, 2d, 6th, 8th and 10th should be strong days.

The stock market will not be neglected, although it will be hard to judge. The opinions of those who trade in stocks will be decidedly poor, and many will lose what little they have if they venture into this delusive game. The market will have advances early in the month, but very panicky conditions will follow all advances.

Warfare in foreign countries will not be as active as previously. Astrologers have learned that Mars is the ruler of warfare, but must be strongly aspected to other planets to cause battle

of importance. If the war in South Africa continues, the English will, of course, have periods of partial success, but Saturn entering Capricorn foretells disgrace to that nation.

The Reviewer.

PHYSICAL CULTURE, by Charles Wesley Emerson, of Emerson's College of Oratory. Tremont St., corner of Berkeley, Boston, Mass. 154 pp., beautifully bound in cloth and gilt. Price, \$5.00. For sale at this office.

The mechanical construction of this book is of a high order, and the author takes an advanced position in regard to mental attitudes. The value of this work cannot be over-estimated. The power of expression is of paramount importance, for upon it depends our advancement in this sphere of existence. A portrait of the author and his autograph are a prominent feature of this book.

LOVE; SEX; IMMORTALITY, by W. P. Phelon, M. D., author and publisher, 509 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Cal. 52 pp., paper. Price, 25 cents.

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"The World Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1900." This paper-covered book of 600 pages really contains a "world" of information, and is a good friend to the "editor" who is supposed to know everything. The reading public would be benefited by a perusal of its pages. As a table of reference it is unrivaled. Published by the "World," Pulitzer Building, New York, N. Y.

The Adept, a magazine published on the 15th of each month at 417 Fifth St., South Minneapolis, Minn. Frederick White, editor and publisher. Devoted to Occultism, Symbolism and Liberal Thought. 10 cents a copy.

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The Angel of Light, a new monthly journal of Spiritualism, published in Sydney, Australia, by J. McBlain, Trafalgar Square, Mosman. A copy of this bright little journal has reached us, although addressed to Boston, Mass.; U. S. A. The subscription price is 50 cents a year. There are many good things in it that are really new to us upon this benighted continent.

The Ladies' Home Journal for February is very profusely illustrated; that on the title-page represents a love scene, with very realistic spirit faces in the back

A REVERIE.

MRS. L. P. STOKES.

When the charm of earth is lost,
And our souls are tempest-tossed;
Then angel bands are hovering nigh,
To wipe the tear and hush the sigh.
Though our souls in deepest darkness bide,
And all things seem God's love to hide;
Then o'er us is His mantle spread,
And brightest light around us shed.
Still in a maze of doubt we stand,
And fail to heed the low command,
Which bids in firm, sweet tones the heavenly will,
Our anxious souls to save, in "Peace be still."



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Missionary Work.

TO THE EDITOR:
Having gone forward as California's delegate to the National Convention, and from that Association been duly appointed and anointed to the work anew, of itinerancy in the cause that has always been dear, but never more needing faithful servants, and having entered the arena for service back among the cities and villages conspicuous in the old-time days, for being not only the homes and centers of many of our best-renowned workers, but historic in good work, I come again to my own State and people, as, I trust, somewhat prepared to feel the needs of the hour.
The gigantic efforts of our National President, Harrison D. Barrett, and his corps of officers to make this year a memorable one for our cause, should meet the responsive co-operation of every society and the individual members throughout the United States. To save to the Association the professed gift of Mr. Mayer by raising the small fund asked, for the purpose of keeping missionaries in the field of work, is one of the highest incentives that ever called our people to work. The cause must be rebuilt, and now is the important hour to do the work, not to-morrow, or next year.
If we ever felt the need of concerted action and harmonious concessions for the principles of our religion, it is now. There is great apathy generally throughout the country for various reasons. It is our own fault that it is so. Lack of business methods as first fault and lack of the true spirit of fraternity next, with a host of minor reasons all along the line. Let us put away our childish and weak differences and come together, and with a will redeem and restore our associations, as a whole, to their wonted dignity and power for good.
The time approaches when we shall be called upon to give an

account of our stewardship. What shall we reply? The hour is marked on the dial plates of events to come, when we shall be called upon to respond to a leader call than heretofore—when national issues will be dependent upon the anchorage and inspired wisdom of those who have the light and the keener vision of the hour, and can feel the approach and inspiration from a higher intelligence. The importance of unity and vigor should be apparent to all, and all should work with a will. Societies need strengthening and new ones should be builded. We should call, from the extremes of the State to the center of organization, representation from all. Let us build up the State, and through all the States, the National organization, and thus help each other. This is the work of missionaries.

My course has been directed for the coming few months only to our own California. My time is necessarily limited. Wherever there is a society needing encouragement, or where there is one or two Spiritualists who desire the gospel of angelhood and can form a nucleus for a society, however small, or are willing to co-operate towards the success of one or two meetings, I desire to hear from you immediately, to my own or the State Secretary's address, that a line or route of labor may be at once mapped out, throughout the State, (and Oregon, if time permits.)
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Progressive Spiritualists.—In spite of the pouring rain last Sunday evening, a fair audience greeted Mrs. R. S. Lillie in Occidental hall, where she spoke as usual, taking for her subject, "How to Attain the Highest Spiritual Goal." Mr. J. T. Lillie sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Sadie Cooke. Mr. and Mrs. Lillie also serve the Psychological Society of Oakland every Sunday morning at 11. Their residence is at 301 Polk St., this city.

Mrs. Young's Meeting in Oriental hall last Sunday evening was addressed by the well-known and popular medium and teacher, Mrs. Sarah Seal, on the science of spirit return and communication. Prof. Young's music is always good, and the Madame's psychometric readings and answers to questions still continue to amaze skeptics.

Mrs. Wrenn was assisted by Mrs. Gillingham and Mrs. Dunham in her spiritual meeting in lower Scottish hall on the last Sunday evening of January. The audience, though not so large as usual, on account of rain, seemed to be enthusiastic and responsive.

Mrs. C. J. Meyer held her spiritual meeting in Friendship hall, 335 McAllister St., on last Sunday evening, as usual. Mrs. Jennie Tully, the popular pianist, rendered some fine vocal and instrumental music. Mr. Shives gave a short address upon spiritual subjects, followed by Mrs. Meyer with messages from spirit friends.

The Anniversary is approaching when, for the 52d time, Spiritualists will celebrate the advent of our demonstrable religion. The Board of Directors of the State Association are already moving in the matter, and we may expect a celebration enthusiastic and creditable about March 31.

Universal Spiritual Association.—The subject for discussion last Sunday was "Time and its Relations." As time is related to all things, the discussion took a wide range, interspersed with a few personalities of a very interesting character. Miss Lee sang "The Holy City," accompanied by Dr. W. S. Hall. Mr. Gold, the converted Jew, furnished the amusement for the occasion.

Mrs. Francis Logan, the founder of the "Circle of Harmony," in this city, veteran Spiritualist lecturer, and healer, who has been holding her meetings in Occidental hall, has suspended the Circle for a season. The trip from her home in Alameda during the inclement weather of this season of the year is too great a strain on her health.

San Jose Notes.—There have recently been several changes in the Board of Directors of the Spiritual Union. The present board is: Mrs. E. B. Marcen, Pres.; Dr. Bentley, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Ella York, Sec.; W. H. Armstrong, Treas.; Mrs. E. Somerville, Dr. Tripp and H. H. Nichols.

Mrs. E. L. Watson is giving this month a very interesting course of Sunday evening lectures on Social Ethics, for the benefit of the Union. The first was, "The Relations of Man and Woman;" the second, "Parent and Child;" the third, "Man and the State."

Mrs. R. Cowell is giving a series of Wednesday evening seances for the benefit of the Sleeper Fund. The first was given on the 17th and was largely attended.

Mrs. Hendee-Rogers is located in San Jose this winter. Her earnest, faithful work is drawing around her a large circle of friends and patrons who greatly enjoy her ministrations.

The Union held a Thomas Paine social, Monday, Jan. 29. To such great souls as Thomas Paine is due the mental liberty we enjoy to-day; and his birthday should be a time of reunion and thanksgiving. SAN JOSEAN.

The Board of Directors of the Mediums' Protective Association met at 215 Jones St. on Saturday evening, Jan. 20, and passed the following resolution: Resolved, That no person is eligible to acquire or retain membership in this society who practices card-reading for a compensation. W. T. JONES, Pres. J. T. ROBERTS, Sec.

Mission Lyceum Entertainment, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 31st, at Mission Opera hall, will, we are told, eclipse all past efforts of this association. If you want a rare treat, don't miss it.

Hermetic Brotherhood.—The open meeting of this order on Thursday evening, Jan. 25, was addressed by Dr. Phelon, who took for his subject, "Gethsemane." The new mantram and the gloria concluded the meeting at 509 Van Ness Ave. Mrs. Weld and Mrs. Rogers contributed a vocal selection, which was appreciated by all present.

Oakland.—The regular meeting of the Union Spiritual Society met, as usual, at 850 1/2 Isabella St., Oakland, Wednesday night. The audience was large, every seat being occupied. The services were opened by a poem, read by Mrs. Palmbaum, followed by spirit messages through their medium, Dr. Palmbaum. Then the Doctor introduced Mrs. Stewart of Oakland and Mrs. Lester of San Jose. Both of these mediums gave tests to different ones in the audience. A. L. A., Sec.

The Ladies' Aid Social, held in Occidental hall on Jan. 26, was an apron and necktie dance, interspersed with songs and recitations. There was ice cream and cake for refreshment, and the dance music furnished by Prof. Warren and Mrs. Sadie Cooke was fully up to the standard. Mrs. B. F. Small, the popular president, did the honors. The attendance was good, and all seemed to have a good time. The following artists participated: Mrs. McClunie, vocal solo; recitation, Mrs. Garrison; piano solo, Miss Wallis; recitation, Mrs. Hickock; recitation, Nellie E. Dasheill.

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