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SERPENT MYTHS.

Probably no one line of myths that have appealed to the superstitious reverence of man, and have had a more lasting effect on all generations of the earth, than the serpent myths, can be found.

The serpent has been accused of all kinds of things, from the temptation of the original Eve, up to scaring the present-day Eve into convulsions, and that old superstitious feeling has done more to injure a most useful animal than any other.

Why is it that we have such an insane desire to kill even the smallest, and least harmful snake we come across? Can any reason be given for it? What animal is more useful in its movements? What animal has a more complex anatomy? What animal has a more nicely mottled skin? What animal, without other preparation than mere tanning, makes a more attractive leather than the skin of a serpent? It is even imitated at great expense to procure proper tools for preparation.

It is true that a FEW and but a VERY FEW serpents are harmful. Only two or three species in the entire U. S. whose bite is as dangerous as that of a dog, yet the sight of a snake six inches long will scare a whole picnic party and spoil the pleasure of the day for some of them.

The serpent was one of the first objects of veneration. It was a wonderful animal and as such it was venerated by the ancient Hebrews, as well as other nations. The original crucifix had a serpent on it instead of a man. During the Scirim worship, a lamb was placed on it instead of the serpent, and finally the hero worship put a man there.

Moses made a "brazen serpent" in the wilderness and "those who were healed" after the poisonous serpents had bitten them. Was this not a neat scheme of the priests, similar to the later day schemes made by designing phylacterials to induce them to part with their money? Certainly a brass snake set up on a pole could not cure an actual disease. It is on the same par as praying a soul out of purgatory; a priest, who is only an ordinary man, forgiving sin, for a consideration, of course, and denying the existence of a disease in order to get rid of it. Imagine a present day man who happens to be bitten by a rattlesnake rushing up to a stick with a piece of brass on it and leaning intently on it in order to cure the effects of the poison; what a fool would send him to the insane asylum.

In the infancy of race they did many very peculiar things, and we are reaping the results after all these generations, in hereditary prejudices. The Adamic curse follows the serpent. The devils in swine prevent the orthodox Jews of today from eating pork. Absurd ideas, what is and what is not good to eat. When Geronimo, the Apache chief, while at the Pan-American Exposition, wanted the flesh of a rattlesnake daily, a cry of holy horror arose and a stop was put to it. "Snakes were not good to eat." Yet those who have eaten rattlesnake claim no finer flesh food can be found. It is true that great provocation only could induce us to

partake of the flesh of a skunk, yet the writer knew a Helgian who considered a skunk the finest meat imaginable. The natives of South America use the flesh of the boa and anaconda families as a flesh food, and monkeys are also considered a delicacy, altho their resemblance to the body of a baby would settle the matter the most of us.

But we eat the flesh of a chicken with alacrity. Yet it is one of the most filthy feeders known. A serpent feeds only on the best, Carrion that chicken and pigs would revel in might lay before him, until he starved to death and no serpent would touch it. Horse meat is now being used for food but there is still such a prejudice against it that in France and Germany, where the practice is most in vogue, it is necessary to have a sign reading "Horse Meat Sold Here," in every shop where it is handled. But in horses feed on exactly the same things as cattle.

We should study ourselves, our prejudices and our fads. Look up our foods, our religions, etc., and try to learn how we got them. The results would surprise us.

WHAT FOOLS THESE MORTALS BE.

An alleged medium, giving the name of Frank LaMott, at Stockton, Calif., recently organized the "First National Bank of Heaven," to which many deposits were made, "interest to be paid by a spirit paying teller." Finally he was going to materialize a "temple," on the "plain near Stockton," to be "raised between suns," a la "Alladdin and the Wonderful Lamp." When he had reached the end of his string he "escaped between suns," leaving a crowd of mourning dupes.

How strange that such schemes can be worked after all that has been known of them. Spiritualists, who will scarcely give a home medium a ten cent piece to help keep up public meetings, or to maintain a circle to which the public may have access, will buy stock in materialized temples, graveyards, dirt, etc., putting hundreds of dollars in the hands of these tricksters and vampires, who are here today, gone tomorrow, and who present schemes that ought to be turned down by a ten year old boy.

Truly Puck's motto is a good one and applies all too frequently. Perhaps some day people will learn that the traveling fakirs are simply human beings, and a pretty poor class of them at that. Patronize your home mediums and those who have the endorsement of the better class of Spiritualists, and Spiritualism will be the gainer thereby.

THE DECLINE OF SUPERSTITION.

There is no more certain sign of superstition than the changed attitude of the daily press on matters that have, in the past, been considered sacred. This is evidenced by the fact that the cartoonist have begun to work on them and it is no uncommon thing to see a cartoon utterly ridiculing a heretofore considered sacred event.

Recently we received from a friend a copy of a Brockton, Mass., paper containing a cartoon, labeled, "Is this what happened in Eden?" On it was a tree from which projected the hand and portion of the bare arm of a woman, the hand holding a lemon, her bare limbs projecting below the leaves of the tree, and she standing in the coils of a serpent, while out in front of her stood a man, a typical Irishman, with a cob pipe, and in his surprise reaching out for the lemon, the pipe dropping from his mouth. He was dressed in a fig-leaf girdle with one suspender over his shoulder, while the legend, "Keep off the grass," occupied a prominent position. The tree was labeled "Citrus Limonum," the wording below it being, "Possible explanation of the origin of the phrase, 'She handed me a lemon,' if the discovery of Professor Johnson of the Stanford university counts for anything. Professor Johnson declares that there were no apples in the Garden of Eden and that the forbidden fruit must have been a lemon."

Another just received from the Columbus, O., Press-Post contains a picture of a woman, with a fig-leaf on her head, a ragged skirt, bare arms, low neck and abbreviated

skirts exposing bare feet and knees, as the actual reincarnated Elijah. Oh, dear! I wish my brain was big enough to encompass all of these obtruse questions. Then I passed to sober thots for I thot of my friend A. F. Melchers who had gone on into the great beyond, and I wondered at the plan that controlled this universe. Here was a man who was needed. He did not have any great following, did not spread himself all over the world, but in his quiet way he talked to thousands of people every week, inspiring them to higher thots and motives in life. But in a moment he was cut down, while hundreds and thousands who were practically worthless, no account on earth, a curse to themselves and their families, literal incumberers of the earth, were left to walk their nefarious pathway untouched. I enjoyed my relations with Mr. Melchers when he was in the SUNFLOWER office, and hoped to see him there again—but "Man proposes and God disposes," and we will not meet until my call comes and I, too, walk the path to another life. Peace be to his ashes. His words and memory will remain for life in the hearts of those who knew him either personally or thru his writings.

Twenty years ago a cartoon of ave been he U. S.

THE GREENBACKER MEDITATES.

Say! Did you ever meditate? I took up a paper evening after I with my work that started a journey of meditation. Dowie was h of the here and d \$5,000,-000.

Well, now, General, I ink I can use for d give it n't think hat any- ey. Per- Jennings I asked John D. John D. enbacker, as that fers you nillion of ask ques- to blame it into Well, that didn't do I have information as much as he can d. But I am getting off from my ing. The subject of my meditatio s was, If General Booth senior is follower of the mark and lowly Nazarene, and teaches returning good for evil, and peace of earth, an Booth junior does the same, how do they harmonize their teachings with their actions. No General Booth senior and General Booth junior are both working a kind of an army scheme of salvation, but they have not got enough of that peace on earth or good will towards men to cause a father and son to meet and greet each other with the common courtesies of strangers, not to mention father and son.

I wish people would talk more. What a world this would be if everyone worked to help his neighbor along. But you see, I am only a greenbacker, trying under a little to keep away from the little things myself. I read how Dowie, alias Elijah, had finally got it all flesh. (That is precisely in other words, he was as all other people had some people who satisfied with his deific claims that he is not actually in the line to appear, of this earth, shining and radiant as the sun, and then let Voltaire tremble in his shoes, especially the women, will be a revelation of the new world to New York, and be such a freeze-out.

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entering holy orders. The unmarried, or "black" priests, are monks. As the church spread over Europe, married priests appeared in Roman Catholic communities and disturbance resulted. The Uniates have become firmly seated in South America, and are strong in Pittsburg, as well as other places in the United States.

The Roman Catholic priests in Latin America followed the customs introduced by the Uniates, but these marriages did not meet approval of the pope and high church dignitaries in Rome. Especially distasteful was the practice to the American clergy, who protested loudly to Rome.

Father Obushkevich, of Pittsburg, last summer was appointed by the Uniates of the United States a delegate to Austria to act with Latin-American priests in an effort to interest the Austrian bishops to renew the anti-celibacy agitation with the present pope.

It is said that Pius X informed the bishops that he saw no reason for reversing the rule of the church, but intimated that the petition might be referred to the sacred college.

Inquiry in Roman Catholic circles developed much astonishing information. Father Hughes, professor of history in St. Joseph's seminary, Dunwood, stated that there are some 10,000 Uniate priests accepting the authority of the pope, who are ruled over by forty odd bishops. The Uniate priesthood is intimately related to non-marrying Roman priests that its members may be educated in the same theological seminaries, choosing at the end of their seminary days which rite they will take for their life work.

Father Hughes that the married Roman Catholic priests of Latin-American countries would yet be disciplined by the church, and did not believe the petition of the Austrian Uniate bishops would within our day prove successful.

A man's development is often indicated by the number of his enemies.

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LILY DALE NEWS.

Mrs. Scheu has returned from a trip to Buffalo.

The Jackson cottage is also open to receive guests.

Riley Johnson visited his daughters in Fredonia last week.

Miss Nellie and Master Peter Erde of Gowanda, have been visiting Mrs. Jennie Allen.

George Forbes, Harry and Grace Champin and Henry Shaffer, were Anniversary visitors.

Mr. Murray of Sheridan, brother of our teacher, Miss Grace Murray, spent a couple of days here last week.

Mart Champlin and Ray Richardson, who have been working in Dankirk spent several days here last week.

C. H. Paine, our former electrician, spent a day on the grounds. His family, and probably himself, expect to spend the season here.

Mrs. E. R. Cooper, who has rented the Purple cottage for the season, has returned and has taken possession of the cottage.

Mrs. M. E. Hardenburg has returned for the summer and is occupying her cottage, which she bought from H. T. Smith last fall.

Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, who was in Dankirk on missionary work for the New York State Association of Spiritualists, spent a day at the Sunflower cottage.

A gentleman spent considerable time last Thursday investigating the Leolyn, and we expect in a short time to announce that it has been rented for the season and the date it will open.

Our summer residents have begun to return. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morse have returned from their Florida trip and will occupy their home on the Cassadaga road. Mr. Morse will represent the board of trustees on the grounds this spring.

Mrs. Maggie Turner received word of the transition of her brother, Albert Cranston, at Brocton, Wednesday. He had been sick for some time and the event was not unexpected. Mr. and Mrs. Turner and Essie drove over to funeral which was held Sunday.

The Whist club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frisbee last Wednesday evening, where they were regaled with hot maple syrup and wax. This week it meets at the Sunflower cottage. This is the last of the second series of games, and prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.

The Anniversary dance was well attended, many coming from the surrounding country. Supper was served in the White restaurant in the Dayton & Hall building. The dishes bought with the proceeds of the winter presented by local talent last winter, arrived and were used to serve supper with.

Dr. E. C. Hyde was called to this vicinity professionally and spent a couple of days here. He reports all well with himself and Mrs. Hyde. He stated that Mrs. B. M. Purple, who is now 94 years young, is in fairly good health and declares that she is good for the other six years, having declared that she was going to live to be a hundred. They are all at Friendship, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Rouse of Titusville, Pa., visited their daughter, Mrs. Dr. Henderson, during anniversary. Mr. Rouse has the Maplewood hotel this season and informed us that he would open it about June 10th and in order to accommodate those who might wish to come here for a rest before the opening of camp he would furnish board and room for \$5.00 a week until the opening of the season. Arrangements for nearly all of his help has been made, and he promises the best of attention to his guests.

Spring seems to have set in and the weather is very warm. At this writing thermometers register from 72 to 78 in the shade, spring flowers are out on the hills, the ice is all out of the lake, fishing for bullheads is being indulged in, with limited catch, as yet, but one big sucker has been reported. The appearance of the lake at the pavilion where the old pines have been taken out is greatly improved, and a menace to boating has been removed. The frogs are singing in the marshes, and George Gens

caught what is probably the Jumbo Frog of this county. It weighed just half an ounce less than two pounds. It was given a nice little pond all by itself, fenced in with wire netting, down at the Iroquois hotel.

ANNIVERSARY.

The fifty-ninth anniversary of Modern Spiritualism was appropriately celebrated here, March 29, 30 and 31.

Friday evening there was an all-night dance in Library hall which was well attended by the people in this vicinity and a few visitors from away. Supper was served in the Dayton & Hall restaurant by the supper committee. The party was a complete success in every way, special credit being due to the quality of the supper and the excellent work of the committee in charge. Saturday evening an entertainment was given, consisting of recitations and songs by the children, selections on the phonograph by A. J. Jackson and a recitation by Mrs. Covell.

The hall was crowded and the children never did better. The incentive for their extra effort was the prizes awarded by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Hutchinson to the best and second best speaker. Reva Smith carried off the first honor and Frances Carroll the second. A ballot vote of the audience was taken to decide the winner of the prizes. The general expression was that there should have been 18 prizes as each child was deserving of one for their splendid work.

Sunday at 2:30 the Anniversary meeting was held. It was opened with a song by a chorus of six female voices followed by the reading of an appropriate poem by Mr. Hutchinson, who acted as chairman, then an invocation by Mr. Lyman C. Howe. After a solo by Mrs. Maggie Wildrick, Mr. Howe gave the Anniversary address. The lecture was delivered with the same forceful inspiration characteristic of Mr. Howe's addresses, comparing our celebration with the Easter celebration of the church, referring to the origin of Modern Spiritualism, also its ancient existence, and its possibilities in the future, and closed with an inspirational poem.

The meeting was closed with another song by the chorus. The songs were all appropriate being selected from Mr. Longley's music.

The conference Sunday evening proved to be quite interesting.

After an opening song by the chorus, Mrs. Covell read a very interesting poem which she has received inspirationally this winter. It was very appropriate, being about Lily Dale, our present excellent Board of Directors, and an appeal to all to assist in the work of the Assembly in every way possible. Mr. Lee Morse followed with the reading of an article which he had written; much that was displayed and it gave the audience something to study.

Among the others who spoke were Mr. Rundell, Mrs. Seymour, Mr. Greenamyer and Mr. Howe. During the meeting a duet was sung by Mrs. Wildrick and Mrs. Covell, and the meeting was closed with a "Good Night" song by the chorus.

Mrs. Maggie Turner was to preside at the meeting but as she was called away to attend the funeral of her brother, Mr. Hutchinson acted in her place.

I WOULD FOLLOW.

Written for the SUNFLOWER. I would follow in his footsteps, If I only knew the way; But the road is dark and rough, And my feet have gone astray. I am wandering all alone, On a barren, rocky shore; I can hear the night-winds moan, And the waters' sullen roar.

The storm is breaking o'er me, While the vivid lightnings play, But the road is dark before me, And my feet have lost the way.

I am waiting for the dawning, When I can truly say: "I will follow in his footsteps, For I have found the way." MINNIE PRICE.

The Roman Catholics have the largest following of any denomination in the island of Ceylon, which has a population of over 3,500,000.

Buffalo Notes

R. E. LOBY, Correspondent. The First Spiritual Church of Buffalo meets at 7:30 p. m. on Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. on Wednesday. The Ladies' Aid Society meets at 7:30 p. m. on Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. on Wednesday. The Spiritual Exchange meets at 7:30 p. m. on Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. on Wednesday.

Prof. Lockwood's morning subject Sunday, March 24th, was "Whose is the Kingdom of God?" His subject was "Periodical Religious Convulsions. Are they induced by Sun Spots, Sin Spots or the Alchemical Disease?" A lecture upon the origin of hereditary insanity, scientifically illustrated. The subject was handled in a very able and interesting manner and much to the interest of those present. During the evening a beautiful duet was rendered by Mrs. Covell and Mrs. Dean.

A good audience was present, Wednesday evening, March 27, the program went into the different circles. The mediums one by one took the readings and spirit messages being satisfactory.

HARMONY CIRCLE.

The S. R. D. sign still continues at Harmony Circle's Sunday evening meetings, and very rarely does anyone leave the hall before the meeting is closed, although we have only simple spiritualistic exercises to offer the investigating public. The earnest attention of the audience on all occasions is truly remarkable. Last Sunday evening, March 24th, Mrs. E. M. Travis was the speaker and repeated the triumph of her former work. The subjects taken from the audience were "Resurrection, Is our heaven within us, God, engine and Money and its uses." They were handled in a most able manner and the intelligence shown in co-relating the evidence of their material value, together with their beautiful spiritual metaphors, was truly wonderful. The most beautiful and interesting part of the program to all listeners and mediums was the gifted medium's readings of our platform program. Her address is 31 Gull St., care W. R. Gilbert. The psychometric readings of control Gray's wire all recognized and a few of them were quite remarkable in a way.

Our masquerade social on Saturday evening, April 6th will be an event well worth attending and will surpass all previous efforts in this line. If you want a good time come and come early. Prizes given for best character and comic exhibits. Medium's Day afternoon and evening Sunday, April 14.

Place of Convention Changed.

As a majority of the members of the Board of officers of the Ohio Spiritualist Association have requested the president of the above named association to hold the next state convention at Sherwood, Defiance county, O. Under these circumstances:

First D. Dunakin, president of the Ohio Spiritualists Association, instructs you, Carl A. Hollinger, secretary of the O. S. A. to call our next annual convention for the year 1907 at Sherwood, Defiance county, Ohio. All delegates are requested to attend at said place May 14, 25, 26, to transact the business and settle the duties pertaining to said convention. All delegates will be entertained free of charge so come and insure success, and live in the country. Further instructions given by the secretary, First D. DUNAKIN, Care A. SOLLINGER, 410 Clark Ave. S. W., Cleveland.

Through a prism through which the rays of the day or night pass, the breaking rainbows.

The rainbow that is prompt to act, the light against foolishness ragged all along the lines of character.

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SPIRITUALISM.

Reply to T. J. Shelton, Editor of "The Christianian."

My attention has been called to a recent editorial in your columns, ostensibly a reply to a question on the part of one of your correspondents bearing upon the subject of Spiritualism. The similarity of dictation in both question and answer would lead any logician to the conclusion that they were both the products of one and the same highly intelligent brain. I assume at the outset that you, as an advocate of progressive thought, desire to be just and fair to all classes of people. Acting upon this assumption, I ask you to afford me space in your columns to refute your sweeping and misleading assertions.

The most glaring of all your perverted facts reads, "The insane asylums are full of such people," and "The Spiritualists and investigators of Spiritualism. Unless you produce statistics, to prove your statement, I shall have to do you the honor to doubt your veracity."

I had occasion to deal with this assertion in divers forms during the past twenty years, and find that it does not have an atom of truth upon which to rest. When I was the editor of the Banner of Spiritualism, which position I retired from years ago, I took the trouble to gather official statistics regarding the numerous asylums and state prisons in the United States. I succeeded in getting at the facts in twenty-two states. In those states, the Spiritualists furnished one-tenth of one per cent of those defective persons. Pro rata, we have a right to assume that the remaining twenty-two states would not affect the average. The states from which I did not hear, contain but a few Spiritualists. There are some hundred Spiritualist societies within their borders.

Mr. Shelton, unless you have figures from insane asylums this side of 1902, showing the rapid increase of insanity among Spiritualists, your assertion falls to the ground of its own weight, and you owe the three hundred thousand avowed Spiritualists in America, also the sane and a half of investigators, an apology for your wanton and unwarranted insult. If there be an atom of fairness in your cup, you will tender that apology over your own signature in the columns of "The Christianian." If you refuse to do this, you will brand yourself. In your reform work you have ever manifested an unselfish spirit, and seemed to be anxious to do that which was right. Be just and considerate in the present case. The Spiritualists in proportion to their numbers, furnish far less than their quotas of the insane and criminal classes. Tell your readers so, for in so doing you will only be telling the truth. The facts and figures bearing upon this subject prove that Spiritualism does not make its votaries insane or criminal.

Your other sweeping assertion, "No good has ever come to any one in the face of the earth from investigations of Spiritualism," is likewise wickedly untrue. Have you ever read A. J. Davis' great work, "Principles of Nature; Her Divine Revelations; A Voice to Mankind?" Have you perused the works of Mrs. Sargeant, S. B. Brittain, Mrs. Denton, Robert Dale Owen, A. Dixon, Carl DuPre, Paul Deussen, Sir William Crookes, Alfred Russel Wallace, Cesare Lombroso, Albert De Rochas, Rudolph Virchow, Alexander Aksakoff, Joel Tiffany, and about one hundred other highly intellectual and logical investigators? Have you ever heard of "The Higher Psychology," advocated by such men as Prof. William James, and Prof. H. Hyslop? All of these have given their inspiration to Spiritualism, and no one can be so bigoted in opinion as to say that these lights in science and in philosophy have done no good in the world. They have not only benefited themselves, but have added to the sum total of human knowledge thereby doing millions of people good beyond measure. Be just, Mr. Shelton, and tell your readers so.

I am far from claiming that all that passes under the name of Spiritualism is an unmixed good. Differentiation has to be made between the true and the false in all things.

There is a true Spiritualism, consequently there is also a counterfeit. No one protests more earnestly or wars more assiduously against the counterfeit than does the true Spiritualist. He is ever the foe of sham and pretense. He is not a self-seeker, neither does he exalt himself above his fellowmen in his efforts to promote the truths that are dear to him. He asks for equal rights for all—special privileges for none. Spiritualism is ever iterating and reiterating that most inspiring declaration of Thomas Jefferson. In so doing, dare you or any other man assert that it is not doing great good to all of the children of men? It urges them to develop their subjective senses in order that the objective may be spiritualized, and thereby be always prompted by the purest and best motives. In the final analysis, it is now known that the objective is but an expression of a subjective concept, hence the invisible soul forces that create thought constitute the real man. Spiritualism seeks to illumine the soul-man, to inspire him to strive for the highest, to live the noblest, to love the best, to climb the heights of purity, right here on earth. Between this gospel and bogus Spiritualism there is an unbridgeable hiatus. The one is of God, the other of the earth earthy. The former will live so long as the soul-man lives and loves, the other will die an ignominious death when its votaries are quickened spiritually, and thereby enabled to rise above the objective materialism to which they are now fettered.

Yours for the truth,
HARRISON D. BARRETT,
President of National Spiritualist Association, and Editor-at-large.

Is Man Created for Two Worlds?

MRS. ADDIE COOPER.
What is man? Is he the creation of a spirit power, or is he the result of the positive and negative forces of some animal nature interblending?

The question has been asked numberless times in ages past and will ever continue to be asked in all future ages. But letting the question of man's birth rest, let us seek for proof of the continuity of life. As we look around us, we see a child that is hopping and jumping around, and we fairly envy his ability to be so supple on his feet, to get thru with so many motions, and we wonder if we were ever so nimble.

All these motions are necessary for the development of the bones, muscle and sinew. As the child progresses and reaches manhood, his body ceases to grow, but the bones harden and the mind takes on more cares and becomes more concentrated on the sober realities of life. He hardly pauses to think of his final play on the stage of life.

The Rev. C. B. Carlisle writes in the Syracuse Sunday Herald that we have no proof of immortality. That from the fact that there "was no proof, we believed it. That if we were certain, it would destroy belief."

We acknowledge this to be a fact that certainly destroys belief, because it brings knowledge.

Let us go back to the life of Jesus, we find that he was able to appear and disappear at any and all times, and after his crucifixion he materialized, so that many saw him at different times and in different places. Now is that not proof that man still continues to live after transfiguration? There are many mediums today that will describe our friends after they have been in spirit life many years, and when we know that the medium has never had any opportunity to know any of the events they are describing. We certainly believe that thru some means they are coming in touch with some intelligence beyond material conditions.

Man certainly must be created for two worlds, the material world and the spirit world, but when will he be the best satisfied, on the earth plane or in the spirit world? It will depend on how far advanced he is along the spiritual life. If he has been patient and kind and forgiving, he will enter a heavenly condition before he leaves the body. But if he lets the lower nature predominate he will have to pass many eons before he will be able to enjoy the true peace of mind.

Many times when we begin to send out vibrations of truth, we will have a very unpleasant effect on one you are trying to benefit, because there will be an opposing force

that will rise, and if you are persevering you will become disheartened; but keep on, for drop by drop the good seed shall take root and the effect will soon be noticed.

Do all the good you can, for each act you will be building a rock that will stand as firm as the rock of Gibraltar. You will soon realize that there is a life beyond this

BLUE AND BELL-RINGERS SING DEATH DIRGE.

On March 9—A friend of mine, who died six years ago, was buried in the place. He recalled on his deathbed and was vouched for by several who knew the premises at the time.

The dirge which came to his mind was to the effect that he died because he did not heed the warning of a Black Kaffir, a spruce, who had taken him from his bed in the morning and told him that he was to be taken to a malady which would kill him. The man made a great impression on the farm, and he held several high-born parties, kept away from the kitchen and the matter of his mind.

In the cold weather which jays and crows emit notes which sound like the tinkling of tiny bells, these conditions prevail, and the birds will sing between bell-rings. The song in 1904, but not on the 9th, and it was not until the last of February this year that Star-buck heard them.

The arrival gave him a great shock, and he had to laugh. Two days before was taken a severe cold, which developed into pneumonia, and the end came. The doctor called in two neighbors to whom he had related the story of the dream, and asked if they could not find some medicine. They said they could not, and he was told to look for a doctor.

THE FUTURE'S LECTURE.

Editor Boston Record,
Boston, Mass.

My attention has been called to a statement in your paper, made by Dr. W. H. H. of Newburyport, in his address in the Ruggles street Baptist Church. I beg leave to tell the practices which Dr. H. H. H. condemns as unparliamentary, and the fraudulent materializations known as materializations, and the disavowals of America. Their slogan is "dark commercial sciences must go," hence Dr. H. H. H. has no patent right upon anything he said against the base pretensions of them he referred to.

The Spiritualists are gaining hold, and doing it in a most thorough and systematic manner. In so doing, they are exposing the genuine residence of the phenomena which the Spiritualists know as "Spiritism." All counterfeiting has been thrown out. No Spiritualist is to be a fraud or a cheat, and he is to be a prophet or a protector. He only professes that his religion is true, and the same courts and conditions apply to all other denominations.

Let us speak to our people as a body of honest readers know that Spiritualism has long been the war against the fraud, and the true believers do not get the side of the fraud in their efforts to expose the truth to the world. Hence, our Spiritualist lecturer and his associates, the movement for reform, and the well-known Spiritualist Editor-at-large, I request you to assist the publication of the facts.

Yours for the truth,
HARRISON D. BARRETT,
President of National Spiritualist Association, and Editor-at-large.

The Spiritualist is not the enemy of the Spiritualist, but the enemy of the Spiritualist's perverted teachings. The Spiritualist will find the brand of the Spiritualist's perverted teachings, and the Spiritualist will find the brand of the Spiritualist's perverted teachings.

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Early in the morning of March 20th, Mrs. Agnes Potts passed over to spirit life, leaving a husband and three children, the youngest a babe, two weeks old. Mrs. Potts was a Spiritualist, gifted with mediumship. She was also a member of the Daughters of Rebecca. She was a lady beloved by all that knew her. Mrs. Clara Watson of Jamestown, N. Y., conducted the funeral services on Friday afternoon, the 22d. A large audience crowded the family home to pay respects to the mortal remains.

After reading a poem entitled "The Spirit's Progression," Mrs. Watson said: "Possibly most of those that are here to pay their respects to the mortal dead, have witnessed and followed only the orthodox rites of the burial of the dead. We say to our dear friends, that we differ in this respect. The change called death is a birth into a higher life, a spiritual life, a continuity of life. The old mortal body is cast aside, it withers and returns to dust, the spirit leaves it and becomes the living soul. Our dear departed sisters are not far away among the Stars in some Golden City.

She is here—she cannot forget her husband. She cannot forget those dear children, and the babe, the little bud. Oh no, dear friends, these are her cherished treasures. She is near them altho unseen to those that here are today. The mother's care is hovering over them. She is their guardian angel. Angels are not a special made race of beings with wings like an eagle, as we have been taught by orthodoxy, they are our loved ones in spirit life that were once mortals on earth. Spiritualism has taught these truths to us. Our departed sister, while in this life, believed in this truth. It was her comfort and consolation, it made her happy in her surrounding friends, it was her religion and her happy thought."

The writer of this, while standing on the stairs leading up to the upper rooms, was impressed with the flowing words of truth that came from Sister Watson. She stood in the hallway and stairs and the lower rooms were crowded with people. It was the first time that I had the pleasure of seeing Clara Watson. I have read many of her articles in the SUNFLOWER and Progressive Thinker. But on this occasion, sad as it was to Mr. Potts and his little family, and other relatives to the family, I say it was a pleasure to listen to so gifted a woman.

A perfect halo of spirit light seemed to pervade over and thru the stairway and the front room leading to the hallway. In this front room across one corner lay the casket containing the remains, the tabernacle in which the spirit dwelt. On and around the casket, beautiful flowers in profusion lay. Typical of a sweet spirit life on the immortal shore of the spirit world.

"I wish to impress on the minds," says Mrs. Watson, "of those around us, that death is a continuity of life beyond the grave. There are no dead. I realize that most of the friends here are not Spiritualists. But are interested in the thought of a future life. I believe that Spiritualism is opening the way to the knowledge of truth. John Wesley, the founder and head of Methodism, believed in the communication of spirits. But owing to his standing in the Orthodox church he dare not in his time make his belief known.

True Spiritualism stands for the redemption of all mankind. To redeem from false teaching we have proof of the truth of this assertion. Every school-boy knows that the grub or worm encased in its prison shell will break loose in the warm sunshine and appear a beautiful butterfly. So will the spirit break loose from the prison body, born again into a new life so that when the change comes we call death, we are born again. This is the second birth. The very same that Jesus told Nicodemus, ye must be born again. It is plain and easily understood.

Instead of preparing to die we must prepare to live in exactly the environment and condition that we build around ourselves. Instead of wringing in blind faith asking someone else to better our condition for us it is not only our privilege but duty to demand knowledge

whereby we can better our own condition.

"In Spiritualism we realize that the spiritual world and this must border. The boundary is near, and the soul introduced over the border will find scenes suited to his element. The process of a new education must begin. The soul no doubt must drift away from old conditions. New environments are no doubt found. Others who have gone before are met and mingled with. The spirit then will realize that it is born again into the new life beyond the grave.

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VINE H. HICKOX.

EASTER.

Back from the South came the shining sun.

From the path it so long had trod, To give to the earth its warming rays,

And act out the part of a god.

It had carried its rays away, away, Till death, so dark and so drear, Had swept with its blighting breath so cold,

The life from far and near.

Then the dreary plain, so cold and dark, From which all life had sped, With its sere brown leaves and its deadened grass,

Looked as drear as the home of the dead.

But lo! on Easter morning, Came a beautiful beacon light; A wavering sunbeam, warming The earth to a new-born light.

'Twas the merry song of a blue-bird— 'Twas the flowers' lovely bloom— 'Twas the gentle warmth of spring that came

And carried away the gloom. Ah! indeed, 'twas a resurrection, 'Twas a token of love and light; 'Twas a token of God's protection, A token clear and bright.

No wonder the angels shouted— No wonder the sweet birds sung, No wonder the native mastered A newer word for his tongue!

For the winter of cold and darkness Had passed for the time away; The time of hunger and sadness Had no longer a place to stay.

Then mortals and angels united In a melody so grand That no wonder men grew excited And each grasped his friend by the hand!

Cold and darkness and hunger, Had no longer a place to stay! The sun, who so long was a stranger, Had sent the death angel away!

Today we accept not this legend, But on beautiful Easter day, We honor a newer legend In a slightly different way.

For back in a York State village, Fifty-nine years ago, so they say, The angels came to the mortals, To teach them a different way.

They drove cold death before them, They drove him beneath the sod, And opened the way to a higher life, And a higher idea of God.

Since then our loved ones have whispered From their home on the sunnier shore,

"Mourn not for us, earth's dear ones, Some Easter we'll meet once more."

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A Lesson in Life

From childhood to youth And from youth to old age, One fair shining truth Writes its lines on life's page. At spring's time of change In so many directions, We would all read the lesson Of nature's protection.

The spring's first month is here, Why care for winds that blow? They set the flowerlets free That sleep beneath the snow, And into the waiting earth The melting snows are rain,

Give strength for seedling's birth, And a harvest of fruit and grain.

Then let us keep the thought Ever present if we can That whatever changes wrought, Are a benefit to man.

Though they come in ways unwished And seldom understood, They stand but as the proof Of nature's motherhood.

The better we can learn Life's laws while here on earth, The better prepared are we For mental and spiritual growth.

The closer in touch we come To nature's subtle mirroring, The sooner shall we see, Life's choicest treasures find.

Let us study all life's phases In a broader, brighter light, Let us learn each lesson fully, Learn to live our lives aright.

For the laws of life change never, Tho' expressions come and go, When at-one-ment with life's giver, We may teach another so.

As along life's path we travel We may scatter shining seed, We may teach that pain and sorrow Are sometimes what most we need.

We may teach the soul responding To look upward to the light, And the inner light responding, Shall grow radiant and bright.

For all children of earth born, Are units of the whole Linked with the God of nature By the God-life in their soul.

They may know that they can govern All life's passions and may see That each has the same relation To life, growth and liberty.

All love should be universal; All thoughts be wise and true; For each good that helps another, As we have a right to do.

If we give in strength and kindness Unto others all we can From the fruit of life eternal Into us 'twill flow again.

All are brothers and are sisters There is no dividing line life-essence Since to each comes the fountain-head divine From the fountain-head divine

If we might work together For the growing of all good, We should learn life's lessons grandly, And God would be understood.

We would do away with bloodshed And the wars that sap our life, We would find a field of effort Beyond the turbulent of strife.

Man and woman, brother, sister, Each an earnest struggling soul, Nature, teacher—God in each part— And God governing over all.

J. R. CASE.

CENSUS OF SPIRITUALISTS.

I lately saw a request from the Census Bureau of Washington, D. C., for full information of the Spiritualists numbers in churches and societies in the state of Pennsylvania. The statement was made that the Census of Spiritualists is defective, and the bureau desires to make it complete as possible. They asked for any one to report any society or church they did not mention as existing, and to report the membership of any they now have a record of.

This is very important to our Cause, and should be attended to by all—each society or church in not only Pennsylvania but in each state of the Union.

Spiritualists everywhere should write to the Census Bureau in Washington, D. C., for the blanks necessary to make a report, and attend to the same on receipt or write fully about your locality whether a society exists or not, and state the numbers of Spiritualists. If you hold a regularly appointed circle, and no society exists, you can claim the same as a properly organized Spiritualist.

This shows a necessity for organization; and we in Pennsylvania are certainly very lacking in enthusiasm not to have a state association, and be prepared to report our state statistics. The Spiritualists everywhere should tell the census takers that they are members of the Spiritualists fraternity or society. If you are not a member of any society at all, then it is a good plan to take a membership in the Temple Fund Society, and be identified. The fee is one dollar per annum, and the Cause will be greatly helped by your membership. All members of other societies should also join the Temple Fund Society. Let us stand up and be counted.

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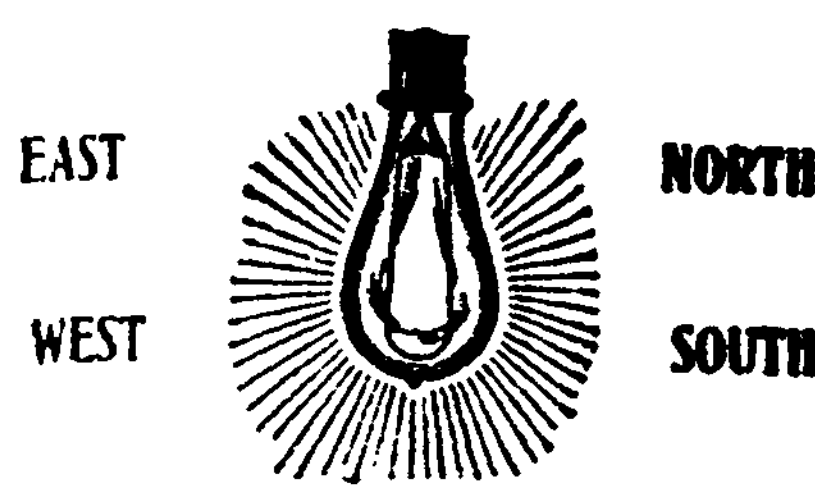


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then holiness then popery," and I will add then hypocrisy. The Macabees have engaged the hall for another year, the Spiritualist society likewise have secured the hall for another year, and Sister Atcheson is engaged for another year as speaker and message bearer.

Notes of Travel.

A party of ten visited Coronado Beach opposite New Smyrna, or a few days, previous to the opening of camp. New Smyrna is an interesting place, with its old fort and ruins of the Spanish Mission.

not prevent us from seeing the light beyond. It is only where we are wilfully ignorant or hypocritical that we are in the darkness that carries its shadows over all else that we contemplate.

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BOSTON NOTES.

MRS. B. W. BELCHER.

M. K. Lewis, "the Star Gazer," of Dallas, Texas, reports light from this section of the universe. His prognostications have been extensively copied into the press and have proved very accurate.

The Church of Spiritualists of New York, N. Y., will celebrate the 10th Anniversary at Curtice hall, 100th St. at 10:30 a. m., dinner at 1:30 p. m., and continue with exercises consisting of inspirational speaking, music and music.

Mrs. Dr. Dobson Barker writes: The First Spiritual Union of San Francisco, Calif., have been very highly commended by Rev. John W. King, a noted speaker from Crystola, Cal., at Hale's hall on two successive Sundays, March 17th, a very interesting service was given at 2 p. m. A spiritual christening of four children, Rev. King officiating, the ceremony being beautiful and very impressive. Sweet music a feature of the occasion. A cordial reception was given Mr. King at the home of Mrs. Cora D. Ringle, on Wednesday.

An impromptu program and refreshments was the order of the evening, Tuesday evening our brother Ring gave an unique entertainment in behalf of the F. S. of San Angelow's "Song of the Sun" was illustrated, Dr. H. S. Smith furnished the stereopticon views and the moving pictures, which were appreciated by all. Miss Linda Smith furnished music for the occasion. The anniversary of Modern Spiritualism will be observed by the services. Mrs. Nettie P. Fox will be the speaker of the evening. Our annual election of officers will take place April 7th, Mrs. M. E. G. H. State organizer of Los Angeles engaged for the above date.

Our A. Edgerly's engagements, as usual for the immediate future, are as follows. During March is filling an engagement with the First Association of Spiritualists of Washington, D. C. During April and May will serve the First Spiritual Church, of Baltimore, Md. First two Sundays of June, will speak for First Spiritualist Society of Worcester, Mass. Last two Sundays, Unity Temple, Lynn, Mass. On Sunday, April 14th, is engaged at Lake Brady, Ohio. From July 20th, to August 19th, will act as Chairman of Grand Lodge camp-meeting, Middletown. From August 22d, to August 25th, inclusive will fill an engagement at Lily Dale, N. Y. My calendar is still open for engagements. During October, November and December, will serve the First Spiritual Temple Society of Columbus, Ohio. For January will be engaged with the Ladies Spiritual Temple Fund Society of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Edgerly will be pleased to hear from societies wishing to engage a trance speaker or a medium for September 1907, March and April 1908. Home address, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Mr. H. Hickox writes from Niagara Falls, N. Y.: On Sunday evening the 24th, Maccabee hall was crowded by a large audience. It was the occasion of taking in new members—eight young people joined the society. I say society—but Sister Atcheson calls it a church. She no doubt, means all right but it is a mistake to call Spiritualism a church. Church breeds creeds and dogmas and as Clara Watson says "then consecration to sanctification,

DWIGHT HALL. The Ladies Lyceum Union meets at Dwight hall, 514 Tremont street, every Wednesday. Business meeting 5 p. m., supper 6.15, evening meeting 7.45. Good mediums in attendance at all sessions. Mrs. M. J. Butler, president.

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APPLETON HALL. The First Spiritualist Ladies Aid Society meets in Appleton hall, 9 Appleton street, every Friday. Business meeting, 5 p. m. Supper, 6.15. Meeting at 8. The exercises consist of remarks, messages and tests. Mrs. M. A. Albee, president.

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MRS. MAY STEINER conducts spiritual circles Monday afternoon at 48 Appleton street. Private sittings by appointment.

MRS. B. W. BELCHER gives sittings by appointment at 43 Linden street, West Everett. Telephone No 292, ring three. Appointments can be made at any time. As I give no sittings by mail, and am receiving many letters regarding the same with no stamps enclosed. I take this way to answer all correspondence regard the same.

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THE POSSIBILITY OF THE LYCEUM.

Read Before the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the N. S. A.

When thinking about the possibility of our Lyceum, there are so many suggestions to be made that it is almost impossible to enumerate all, and I fear the best will be unexpressed on account of limited time.

Let me say first of all, those who have had the opportunity to help build or form a Lyceum, have them devote more time to the children, no matter what age they may be—either those still in the care of the parents or those that have older grown by years but not in knowledge.

Let us be like those of old: Help wherever we can.

Those that have had and still have a Lyceum in their midst be not afraid to attend as a member or rely upon your neighbors for support, nor worry about sending your children for fear it is not as popular as the orthodox Sunday school might be; but attend all of its sessions and make it just as popular as the other Sunday school and help it to grow by giving suggestions and support wherever needed.

Our Lyceums are not a creed-teaching school, but an unfolding of mind, helping the mind to express itself upon all subjects and questions of life. Not to bind mind, soul and body into something that must be undone in coming days, but a school of liberal expression and freedom of thought. Liberty in all conditions of life whether great or small, it matters not, one is as good as the other if rightfully expressed and understood. Let us bring the right and truthful teaching to our children, make them understand not to fear death.

As I have had an occasion to hear a boy of twelve say when questioned by a Lyceum Conductor, "Are you afraid to die?" the answer was, "Yes" with great trembling, and when questioned why? he said, "I'm afraid God would not permit me in heaven because I am not always a good boy and never like to learn my Sunday school card or commit the Bible lesson to memory." Now this child was taught to fear God in the wrong and untruthful manner. After the Conductor explained we do not need to fear an angry God and questioned other little ones on the same subject, one little girl said, "My mamma says God is with us always and not coming to me after I am dead." This was a beautiful idea to be expressed by a child and to see the radiance that these thoughts brought to this little mind was more than a great many can realize. Let those that know and have the opportunity teach to live a pure, clean and unselfish life to our children, that all who meet them will be pleased and anxious to always have their little ones attend our school.

We who claim Spiritualism as our religion are not always ready to have our children attend our meetings, because we are not ready for public conviction and as long as our Spiritualists feel that way our cause can not take its place in the world as it should. How beautiful when our great teachers and seers such as Andrew Jackson Davis, Emma R. Tuttle and others who so earnestly have labored to bring books and papers into our ranks for instruction, and have seen the groups of children assemble in that higher life and receive instruction as to how we could bring this great truth to the little ones in this life, bringing attractions which are uplifting the human family into an altitude such as we have never had before. If our ancestors could have had these advantages how much crime and misunderstanding of bringing children into this life could have been avoided. So let us begin today, give more time to the little ones and not wait until they have grown into manhood and womanhood to undo the wrongs that might have been avoided or never have been committed if this right living had been taught in childhood.

To those present I most earnestly plead, Take more time for our little ones. Do not place them in unpleasant conditions and expect them to be perfect when grown, where the time was wasted when time was ripe to mould and fashion every thing; but bring them whenever opportunity presents itself and then the possibility of our Lyceum can be fully realized and not before.

Miss LOUISE G. LOEBEL, Milwaukee, Wis.

THE VENUS TYPE.

BY MYRTLE HYDE DARLING.

The Venus girl may be either a blonde or a brunette, but she is generally fair. At any rate, her skin is white and smooth like a baby's and her figure tall and fully developed, resembling the loveliest Greek sculptures, tho with more accentuation of outline, perhaps, and her gestures and movements in general are graceful, her limbs rounded. Her forehead is low, and her lips full to thickness. The nose is slightly retrouse or else straight, and the nostrils often firm and quivering. Her arms are daintily small, and her teeth white. She has a dimple in the chin, possibly more on the shoulders and elbows. Her hand is small, plump, the fingers are short, and the thumb especially so.

She has a figure suited to the fashionable dress of today, the curve of the back being most pronounced. She always takes after her father and is generally born in the day-time. The Venus nature is so sweet and amiable that she is always known as "the light of the house." In her childhood she is a gay, tomboyish creature. She is both tolerant and sincere, looking you straight in the face when she speaks to you. She is generous, charitable, and magnanimous, unsuspecting, and a friend to everyone. She loves company, is quite gregarious, and her cheery face keeps a party interested.

While intellectual pursuits are not in her line, and there is nothing of the blue-stocking about her, she is neither stupid, nor dull, but bright and sensible. As a rule, she prefers men to women, even liking her father better than her mother. She loves both, but is his dear "pal."

In wifehood she is loving and affectionate, maybe passionately so. As a mother she is a glorious specimen. In childhood her tenderness was centered on one doll. She will as a woman, love one man only. She is never an "old maid," but she does not care for young or vapid manhood, but makes an ideal wife for a man fifteen years her senior. She is naturally thoughtful and attentive, and her chief happiness is to do good to her friends.

As Venus rules music, flowers, perfume, jewels, and clothing, she loves all these things, but is not selfish, for tho she spends money on her desires, she is careful to see that husband and children are plentifully provided for in ways to make them happiest. She is immensely sympathetic for all the weak and the wretched. She loves animals.

She is easily led and easily pleased, but the chain must be so loose that she never suspects its existence. A loving diplomatic husband finds her a queen amongst women. A blunderer or a tyrant would produce wrongdoing in her. Children adore her, women love her, and she is a cheerful friend to the opposite sex.

EASTER LETTER.

As again the joyous Easter time draws near we are reminded of the newness of life so soon to clothe the face of all nature.

We shall greet the song of birds, the budding trees and the blooming flowers with a joy and gladness arousing a keener sense of admiration for the Great Giver of all good things. Mid these scenes of nature's awakening the voice of the risen Christ is heard, as it is written—"He being dead yet speaketh." Within each soul He speaks words of comfort, of hope, of duty. The spirit of man reaches out after that knowledge which assures a final happy issue out of all the trials, temptations and sorrows of earth.

The risen Christ answers all these longings if we but open our hearts to God's love and beauty.

His promise is "Because I live ye shall live also."

You who have been called to bid farewell to the forms that the grave hath claimed, know it is only the form that sleeps in the place of the dead, your loved ones live in the realms of light they joy in a deathless body which the All Father giveth them as it shall please Him. Let the Easter bells call you from the thots of death to the glorious visions of the life eternal.

"Why seek ye the living among the dead?"

The risen one, who loves you still, longs to see you happy and know that you have that "Life is ever life and love can never lose its own."

What shall Easter mean to you and the Church well? Let us make this year one of great achievement.

The year that is so close has been one of marked success. The kind Father hath richly blessed us in both material and spiritual things. With larger congregations and a good work that we have deepened interest in the help of the unfailing spirit let us step forth into the with renewed zeal, that the soul satisfying gospel of the Saviour may be brought with greater power to all who long for Jesus declared the truth when he said "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Wherefore, "If ye with Christ seek those are above where Christ is sitteth on the right hand of God."

Fraternally,

HARRY J. WRIGHT.

CONTINUITY OF LIFE.

(Continued from page 1.)

have ever helped us and would help us more only for the habit we have of doubting our own intuitions and shrinking from the light back into the shadow. The world, I believe is growing too wise and too tolerant to rest satisfied in this spiritual eclipse much longer. As the minds of men were during the last century devoted to material science, so are they of this century to pass on to an examination of these phenomena which are purely spiritual.

Their progress will extend the soul's horizon, give to us a hope both sure and steadfast; give us a life a greater sanctity; break down puritanism and sectarianism; weld the world together in a brotherhood; increase the sense of human responsibility; add to the sweetness and usefulness of character, and bring us as religious beings into full consciousness of our contact with God. What is true we need not fear; what is false we may trust to the matured intelligence of the race to reject.

Yes, heaven may be so real to us, even while living here, that we may say with Henry Vaughan:

"I see them walking in an air of glory, Whose light doth ample on my days."

For centuries multitudes have trod the earth and mingled their dust in its bosom; but we feel that their silent footsteps fall upon other shores. We cannot bring ourselves to believe that they are as nothing, or that their influence and sympathy has ever completely left us alone, alone to fight our battles and achieve our victories. We believe their thots of love, and their celestial wisdom are flashed upon our souls with a speed which exceed the winged light of a distant star. We believe that this same celestial wisdom re-enforces the world, as in the building-up of its institutions and the elevation of the race. They are not lost to us. Being dead, as we are accustomed to speak of them, they literally imprint their thots and sympathies upon our world, sometimes recognized but as a rule, unrecognized by us.

Last year has seen many a sudden gloom fall upon the homes of others lingering and waiting have welcomed the liberty of the spirit, as the prisoner welcomes the free air and sunshine. This great white arm, this endless procession, has gone out from us. Where? Into the where? No, they live. They did not know life until ransomed from the been vexations, endless pain and sorrow of this life. Nor pen of poet, nor song of each, nor vision of the flesh can do justice to the beauties and joys of their radiant abode.

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