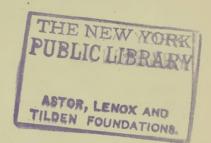
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SOUL-COMMUNION TIME-TABLE.

The 27th day of each month, and from 12 m. to half past 12 p. m., being the time fixed and inspirationally communicated through The World's Advance-Thought for Soul Communion of all who love their fellow-men, REGARDLESS OF RACE AND CREED—the object being to invoke, through co-operation of thought and unity in spiritual aspiration, the blessings of universal peace and higher spiritual light—we give below a table of corresponding times for entering the Communion in various localities:

When it is 12 m. at Portland, Oregon, U. S. A., it is at-

Austin, Texas	1:43 p. m.
Augusta, Maine	3:03 p. m.
Boston, Mass	3:28 p. m.
Baltimore, Md	3:08 p. m.
Burlington, Vt	3:18 p. m.
Berne, Switzerland.	8:41 p. m.
Buenos Ayres, S. A,	4:18 p. m.
Berlin, Prussia	9:09 p. m.
Buffalo, N. Y	2:55 p. m.
Constantinople, Turkey	10:11 p. m.
Cape of Good Hope, Africa	9:26 p. m.
Charlottown, Pr. Ed. Id.	3:58 p .m.
Columbia, S. C	2:48 p. m.
Columbus, Ohio	2:38 p. m.
Cape Horn, S. A	3:43 p. m.
Caracas, Venezuela	3:46 p. m.
Chicago	2:20 p. m.
Dublin, Ireland	7:46 p. m.
Denver, Col	1:08 p, m.
Detroit, Mich	2:38 p. m.
Dover, Delaware	3:09 p. m.
Edinburgh, Scotland	8:01 p. m.
Frankfort, Germany	8:43 p, m.
Frankfort, Ky	2:33 p. m.
Ft. Kearney, Neb.	1:33 p. m.
Fredrickton, New Bruns,	3:43 p. m.
Georgetown, British Gua	4:18 p. m.
Havana, Cuba	2:51 p. m.
Halifax, N. S	3:18 p. m.
Harrisburg, Pa	3:03 p. m.
Honolulu, S. I.	9:51 a. m.
Iowa City, Ia	2:03 p. m.
Indianapolis, Ind	2:28 p. m.
Jerusalem, Palestine	10:31 p. m.
London, Eng	8:11 p. m.
Lisbon, Portugal	7:49 p. m.
Lecompton, Kan	1:48 p. m.
Lima, Peru	3:04 p. m.
Little Rock, Ark	2:03 p. m.
Milwaukee	2:18 p. m.
Mobile, Ala	2:18 p. m.
Memphis, Tenn	2:11 p. m.
Montreal, Canada	m.
Nashville, Tenn	2:23 p. m.
New Haven, Conn	3:18 p. m.
New York City	3:15 p. m.
Newport, R. I	3:28 p. m.
Norfolk, Va	3:05 p. m.
New Orleans, La	2:11 p. m.
Omaha, Neb	1:38 p. m.
Ottawa, Canada	3:08 p. m.
Philadelphia, Penn	3:11 p. m.
Panama, New Granada.	2:53 p. m.
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Rome, Italy	9:01 p.
St. Petersburg, Russia	10:11 p. m.
Savannah, Ga	2:48 p. m.
St. Louis, Mo	2:11 p. m.
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St. Johns, Newfoundland	8;38 p. m.
San Domingo, W. I	3:33 p. m.
St. Paul, Minn	1:58 p. m.
Spanishtown, Jamaica	3:36 p. m.
Sioux Falls, Dakota	1:48 p. m.
Salt Lake City, Utah	12:43 p. m.
Santiago, Chili	3:28 p. m.
Springfield, Mass	3:21 p. m.
San Francisco, Cal	12:01 p. m.
Tallahassee, Fla	2:33 p. m.
Vienna, Austria	9:21 p.m.
Vicksburg, Miss	2:08 p. m.
Vera Cruz, Mexico	1:48 p. m.
Wilmington, N. C	2:59 p. m.
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A WISH.

M. G. T. STEMPEL.

When this day's book I close,
If there is one who knows,
And stops to speak
A word for me,—
If such a one there be,—
I truly hope
This may be said:

"This soul neglected nought below
That it to higher things might grow:
It was content to sweep the floor,
To feed the sparrow at its door;
It was content if it could rest
The weaklings waiting in its nest;
It was content if it but caught
The distant echo of a thought,
Sent by some God to hungry man."—
Say this of me, friend, if you can.

THE LAW OF LOVE.

ove is the world's source of wealth. Its working factor is: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." To do this would be the easiest and the best way; and the result would be peace of mind, prosperity and progression. To do its opposite,—that which you would not like done unto you—is the hardest and roughest way; it will in time wreck all happiness, and make the being a hot-bed of discontent and misery.

The condition of humanity to-day shows which of these ways it has followed. Desolation, destitution, gluttony, greed, disease and

discontent make up the daily hie of nearly the whole human race, because of the lack of Love; because they do not do as they would be done by. The race has struggled over this thorny road until the currents of Life have become so corrupt that new conditions of society are imperatively demanded. The old conditions must be put away entirely. Efforts, here and there, have been made all along the ages to put new wine in the old bottles, but it is wasted. The old bottles will not hold the new wine of Love.

But the desire to operate Love's factor to the full has now set in strongly in all parts of the world, and it cannot fail of realization. Prayer or desire works by unfolding law to effect its end, wherever it is held intently and heartily. As a preliminary to this new wine the world must be cosmopolitanized. Once make society life so that "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" as at all practicable, and every man, woman and child would fall into line and practice it. All that is necessary is to sow the thoughts broadcast into the fertile soil of the human heart, and they will ere long work out into ultimates.

These thoughts will seem strange thoughts to some, for a time, but they will not long order them away from the door of their hearts because of their strangeness.

Many persons are no doubt so rude as to drive away from the door of their hearts a stranger thought knocking for admittance; a stranger, too, charged with angelic blessings to the one sufficiently hospitable to let it in. People are mostly too suspicious of strange thoughts, and so treat their best friends as if they were their direct foes. It is true, however, that everywhere minds are receiving these stranger thoughts and making them welcome, and as they win their way in they are opening the door for the New Dispensation.—L. A. Mallory.

THE DIVINE SPIRIT.

much is said about "calling upon and being guided by the Divine Spirit;" yet many who claim to have this guidance often manifest extreme cruelty, selfishness, greed and prejudice. They speak of the "Divine Spirit" as though it might be some mysterious person who dwelt in the skies, and when called for would come down and act as guide and assistant to mortals in their greed for wealth and position. Because we are, and have always been, looking for something outside of ourselves to change our thoughts and actions, we are still unchanged and keep on manifesting inharmony.

The Divine Spirit, or Divine Consciousness, is an evolution or unfoldment of being; just as the rose and its fragrance is an evolution from the seed. And as the seed must have earth and sunshine and water before it can evolve, so we must have the Light of Charity, Patience, Kindness and Love in our hearts before we can evolve the Divine Consciousness and be guided thereby.

The old shell must break that the New Life may come forth and lead the aspiriring world to nobler heights of good.—Lucy A. Mallory.

FEAR.

With is Fear. It works against all progression, either of the individual or of the race. It takes away the capacity of the mind to reason, and it is the all-potent weapon of superstition to keep in subjection its subjects. It is the monster tyrant that keeps humanity in the bondage of ignorance. There are many, in these days, who have escaped from its tyranny, to some extent, but none are wholly free; fear, in some form, still controls their minds.

Salvation depends upon one's ability to overcome Fear. So long as there is the slightest symptom of it left in our beings we cannot be free. Those who succeed best in all fields of endeavor are the courageous ones who go bravely to work without any fear of failure; thus the force that succeeds is in continual operation.

Another great source of weakness and failure is self-condemnation—which is the offspring of Fear. Most people are continually condemning themselves for the supposed mistakes they have made; even those who preach charity for the wrong-doer, and forgivenness of sin, never cease condemning themselves for having done something that now appears wrong or not the best way to have done it, although they know that at the time the mistake was made they thought it was the right thing to do.

Self-condemnation paralyzes the mind, and prevents it from finding out how to avoid making more mistakes.

"To mourn a mischief that is past and gone Is the next way to draw new mischief on."

If we would avoid wrong-doing, mistakes, sin, we must have that "Love that casteth out all fear."

Fear not! Stand erect!
Thy glory surrounds thee!
Thou art that thou wouldst be;
Either a manacled slave,
Bound to thy cringing thought,
Or a God by Right Divine,
Wielding Almighty Power!

-Lucy A. Mallory.

* * THOUGHT.

THE power in each individual that moulds him

and makes him what he is, is the power of thought. Thought builds the individual; spirit, mind and body conforms to his thoughts. Man's external work in matter manifests the exact kind and quality of thought he evolves; his material creations are as he thinketh them and willeth them to be. If one does not like himself as he is or the prespects that he has, or intuitively perceives to

be his for the future, he must break

the mould of his crystalized thoughts and cul-

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tivate new ones more to his liking; for his mental house (corrupt and ugly as it may be,) will stand until he himself demolishes it and builds a better one. Nothing but Truth itself can set him free from the limitations created by his thoughts, for these will remain as long as he creates them.—L. A. M.

THE EXTREMES OF HOPE AND FEAR.

EAR MRS. MALLORY: - Your excellent journal keeps me in touch with your thought and your work, which is yourself; and, for the time, being unable to speak through the pages of "The Individual," I wish to assure you of my appreciation of all your writing; but especially of the high, clear words upon "Concentration." It is not given to all who speak and write of concentration to know its real meaning; to understand it spiritually. With the characteristic self-assertiveness of the Anglo-Saxon race, we have not hesitated to make the erroneous claim of "I am God," "I am the Absolute," "I am the Whole Thing," and it is not difficult to see why the intellectual movement making these claims should have grown to such wide proportions in America. This movement is very significant, and of no small importance in shaping the destiny of society. It is the swing of the pendulum of popular thought from the extreme negative point reached by the sombre traditions of the older theology, to the extreme positive point of the Christian Science thought. It is to the discerning eye, the exchange of an unhappy for a happy fatalism. It represents the two extremes of Hope and Fear, between which our being swings until it finds the changeless point of poise. Reaction flows from the one no less than from the other, so long as the self is not surrendered.

To realize the perfect relationship between self-reliance and self-surrencer one must have gone deeply into the silence of his own soul and learned the truth by coming one with it. Your inspired editorial reveals the depth of your experience.

To demand this or to deny that is the act of

a child that feels vaguely his omnipotent self, but who has not learned that the way thereto lies unalterably through self-renunciation, humility and a self-less love.

I look therefore with tender solicitation upon those who invoke the soul's aid in perpetuating the personal life; who "treat circumstances" instead of "treating the self;" who make the personal will the insecure basis of their work instead of surrendering it to the One Will.

This is all good, however, in that it hastens the ripening of the personality to the point where it may be detached. It is this remarkable quality of dauntless self-assertiveness that makes the Anglo-Saxon race the dominant one in the earth. The self must be asserted to the extreme limit of its power before the supreme self is turned to for the realization of the perfect self—the world arama which is unfolding before the eye that has pierced beyond the mortal vision is unspeakably suggestive of the soul's realization of Itself.

At this point I am reminded of the fact that I find myself unable and unwilling to resist the drawing I have felt for some time toward the Pacific Coast; the region that is destined to be the scene of the Spiritual Victory which will prepare the way for and usher in the New Age.

I hope soon to see the country around Puget Sound with a view to establishing in connection with others, a spiritual center for those who are the conscious servants of the Truth. From there "The Individual" will resume its message. The prospect of being a comparatively near neighbor to you and your good paper is not without its satisfaction.

JAS. GARRARD STEVENSON.

THERE is nothing unlimited—infinite—in dogmas or bibles; on the contrary, these are limitations to the soul. An idol is a limitation, whether it be a form or an idea. All the strife and struggles of religious creeds is to hold the being in bondage to limited ideas.—L. A. M.

READ CAREFULLY AND THOUGHTFULLY.

THE habit of hearing and forgetting or of reading and letting what is read pass immediately from the mind, has produced a general mental disorder which precludes the possibility of people reading, digesting, and utilizing the most important truths. Esoteric truths should be read slowly and thoughtfully. Does thoughtfully express the idea? Perhaps not. True, the attitude of mind is a thoughtful one, yet it is more nearly described as being one of musing thoughtfulness. Read quietly, and when a sentence or an idea impresses the mind instead of reading on to find it more fully carried out and elucidated, stop at once and fix the mind-yet not the mind as ordinarily understood; exclude all vital consciousness of everything but the one thought that has impressed you. Let your inner consciousness hold to the idea, and at the same time look expectantly for other thoughts and further knowledge upon the subject to take form in your mind. If this is carried out, you will be surprised at the revelations of truth that flow in upon your mentality and consciousness. Remember that to think is one thing, but to take the thought into your consciousness is quite anomer. Divine truths are of the vitality and not of the mind alone. -The Esoteric.

A REMARKABLE OCCURRENCE.

H. A. BRADBURY.

y younger brother had just passed on to spirit life. My older brother, who is a physician in Norway, Me., was with him at the time of his death, and was returning to his home when a remarkable phenomena occurred, as related by my brower:

"All at once I was conscious that something was dripping down from the air above me, and, as it were, enveloping me with an influence or presence which caused a strange but exhilerating feeling. It commenced at my head and passed down over me. I felt it distinctly, definitely, positively; it was pleasant, agreeable,

satisfying, and at the same instant my brother, Birney, whose dead body I had left thirty minutes before at his house, sat down upon the wagon seat by my side, at my left hand.

"I thought it wonderful! I was glad beyond measure. There was not the shadow of a doubt in my mind but that it was himself. I saw him perfectly, and I said: "Now I know that man exists after death; that the spirit lives on after the body dies."

"I did not speak to him, neither did he speak to me; it was not necessary. He was at my side; he had given me proof of his continued existence and love, and with that I was content and fully satisfied.

"I cannot say how long he remained at my side, but think my horse must have walked thirty rods before the form began to fade, or the powerful impression to leave me, and it was many minutes more before the form faded entirely away, and somewhat of the impression remained a long time."

This is one of those phenomena that are possible only immediately after the exit of the spirit from the body. Being in transit from the material to the spiritual state, not yet divested of the material, and using the forces of the spiritual, it is able to grasp the coarse, sense-recognizing substances, and produce the effects witnessed. Although at the time of the occurrence, it had been two hours since the body breathed its last, the spirit had just then been liberated from it, and wished to convey the glad tidings to his brother (who was very skeptical) that he still lived.

LOVE.

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[Galileo was right; the world moves. Ed.]

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THE HIGHER THOUGHT.

J. A. EDGERTON.

HERE is a soul within the soul, In which are felt those holier joys, That from some Fount Immortal roll, That are too deep for voice.

There is a heart within the heart;
With silent voices it is rife;
Vague premonitions in it start
And tremble into life.

There is a mind within the mind,
In which is born the Higher Thought.
Shadows glide o'er it, undefined,
And pass; a glimpse is caught.

A glimpse is caught, a shadowy gleam

Flits o'er the mind, as in thought's dawn.

We grasp; but no, 'tis but a dream

And all again is gone.

There is a phantom memory,
As it were of another clime;
As it were of a far country
Beyond the bounds of time;

And linked with this are faith and hope,
That pierce into the shadowy gloom;
That see the realms which onward ope
Beyond the silent tomb.

There is, in every human breast,
Sometime, sometime, awakened there,
A feeling of enraptured rest,
That drowns the voice of care.

There is a hidden scraph lyre,
And with it angel voices ring:
Nothing without can still that choir;
They to the spirit sing.

From these the Poet's mind is rife
With heavenly glimpses, half complete.
'Tis these that fill the Poet's life
With music strange and sweet.

And these swell outward into song,
Born from the heart's own melody,
In which the nameless longings throng
Of all humanity.

RESPECT THAT COMES TOO LATE.

the real, is plainly seen in the exaggerated respect paid to the corpse, as compared to the lack of respect shown to the same body while it was animated by the conscious being. Men and women will bow their heads reverently, and the men will take off their hats before the corpse of one whom in life they sneered at for his poverty or his weakness or wickedness; whom they may have said was "only fit to be killed" when he was alive. They will be careful to speak only in whispers, and to "not say any harm of the dead;" the dead body has become an object of superstitious reverence.

It would be manifesting the same spirit if we should abuse and look down upon and blame one for having the toothache, and then after the dentist had taken out the tooth, look upon the tooth as something that must be treated with consideration, and forgive the person to whom it belonged for the pain he suffered, because he had lost his tooth.

This is ignorant and idolatrous worship that exalts error above Truth, death above Life; that stands in foolish awe before the mask of clay, and despises the life that inhabited it.—Lucy A. Mallory.

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It is always safe to take it for granted that others, as well as yourself, are trying to do the best they can. Shortcoming is no sign of shortwilling.—L. A. M.

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Sweetness is never whipped in.—L. A. M.

CLEANLINESS.

The one who keeps the whole being clean is traveling Godward without any delay. But whoever keeps his body filthy cannot be clean in mind. The very first step to be taken in all matters of reform is to teach and demand cleanliness of the person.

It does not matter who or what the man or woman may be if their clothes and their bodies are filthy they will not respect themselves; in order to respect one's self and to command the respect of others, one must be clean both in body and mind.

The Adventists seem to be the first to strike the key-note of this reform, for they have established missions in different parts of the world where they furnish shelter and food for the destitute at cost price, and if they have not even the small amount required to pay for meals and lodging, they give them work to do if they are able to work; If not, they are welcomed and cared for without money; and the person is given the benefit of a bath, and his clothes are all thoroughly cleaned and ready for use when he gets up in the morning.

One may be poorly dressed, but if his garments are clean the person will respect himself or herself and command the respect of others.

—Lucy A. Mallory.

' AN IMPORTANT PANIC.

THERE is a panic in Great Britain now that it has become generally known that a large proportion of the cattle murdered for food are afflicted with tuberculosis.

A meeting was recently held at the Marl-borough House by some of the principal dignitaries of that nation, among them being the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Roseberry, warning the people of the danger. They were not told to quit eating flesh, but to be careful to see that they ate "healthy meat"—almost an impossible task, considering the fact that butchers will sell diseased meat just as readily as

the supposed "healthy meat." All their finer feelings have become so deadened by their occupation that they do not care who or what they hurt. Besides, it takes an expert with a microscope to detect the bacilli unless the disease is very far advanced; and there are many other diseases besides tuberculosis that cattle are subject to; then, again, the flesh of the most healthy animals must be poisonous by the time they have undergone all the tortures that the murdering of them necessitates.—Lucy A. Mallory.

"LOVE YOUR ENEMIES."

The temerity to speak in high terms of Saladin while in Jerusalem, the whole orthodox Christian world is highly indignant. The historical records prove that Saladin was well worthy of the praise the pious Emperor bestowed on him. But it would seem as if Christians not only do not love their enemies, but they do not even forgive them, and their hatred towards those who have ever antagonized their ideas of religion is almost as deep and endless as the eternal Hell they condemn them to.

History certainly records that Saladin exhibited more of the real Christ principle than do those who hate him so bitterly, and yet call themselves "Christians," and it would seem as if what is called "Christianity" neither regards love nor justice when dealing with enemies.—L. A. M.

THE LETTER THAT KILLETH,

Some one writing on "The Higher Criticism," in an English paper, says that the average English Christian is one who has joined the church and believes in a God who is a species of enlarged clergyman. This apt illustration is certainly applicable to Christians in all civilized countries. It is true that they read the Bible, but do not read it understandingly, es-

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pecially in the spiritual sense, and least of all Christ's teachings. They adhere to the letter ("which killeth,") as interpreted to them by their ministers.

If a Christian is ever found who really believes that a true Christian must have these signs following: "They shall heal the sick, they shall cast out devils, they shall take up serpents and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them," all the other Christians, including the members of his particular church, call him "crazy." So it is not astonishing that for doing these things (virtually following the commands of Christ) the orthodox Christians endeavor to persecute all Mental Scientists, and call them "sorcerers," "thieves" and "murderers;" just so would they look upon and treat their "Blessed Savior" if he should come today in answer to their prayers.—Lucy. A. Mallory.

SUN WORSHIP THE ORIGIN OF ALL WORSHIP.

sure a number of "The World's Advance-Thought," handed me by a friend. The bold and forcible style in which it is written is worthy of great praise. What men worship is sacred to them; any reference to possible error is dangerous ground to tread upon. Those born in the orthodox faith and baptized for the remission of Adam's sins will be reluctant to learn the greater truths which you are discussing. Beyond what the minds of people can comprehend, the world of thought is chaos.

The people of ancient Egypt and Ethiopia worshiped the sun; no other religion would have been allowed. Sun worship is the mother of all worship. They built temples of astounding size, grandeur and beauty, which dotted the shores of the Nile from Alexandria far into Africa. The same kind of temples, showing the same architecture, were extant in South America and Mexico; it would seem at the same time, from the appearance of the ruins. And this building must have covered a period ten

thousand times greater than that covered by the Bible account of creation.

Your religion teaches men to love humanity for the sake of humanity. God needs no temples built by mortals. God needs no benefit from man.

> ''Alas' how faint, How slow the Dawn of Beauty and of Truth Breaks the reluctant shades of gothic night Which yet involve the nations.''

> > THOMAS HARLAN.

INSTRUCTIVE STATISTICS.

Rom the biennial report of the Joliet (Illinois) State Prison commissioners, we gather the following interesting item of statistics:

The more common religious creeds of the convicts are as follows:

Roman Catholic, 508 Methodist, 278 Baptist, 164 Lutheran, 146 Presbyterian 73 Episcopal, 55 Christian, 18 Congregationalist, 16 Jewish, 15 Universalist, 6 Buddhist, 1 No religious belief, 68 Percentage professing religion, 95.2	
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Such statistics tell a different and more truthful tale than might be expected after reading or listening to the charges made by Anti-Spiritualists, of the awful morally degrading influence of Spiritualism.—The Progressive Thinker.

In our last number we stated that "Innovation," by James G. Clark, was left out by the compilers of his new book of poems. Mrs. Jennie Clark Jacobson, Mr. Clark's daughter, writes to inform us that we were mistaken. "Innovation" will be found on page 144, the title changed to the "Martyrs of Truth."

COMMON SENSE.

WALLACE YATES.

The term "common sense" is muchly misused these days. It is generally held to mean that "practical" type of wisdom which "looks out for No. 1;" which ignores all things transcendental as "bosh;" and considers the things of sense—things cognizable by the five senses—as alone worthy of the regard of a sane man. In a word, it is the attribute of what is known as "level-headedness."

It is true that with a class, to be a "Christian" is held to be the height of common sense, and to be a pillar in a church is not considered as impeaching a man's sanity. But this does not detract from our first position, for the churchianity of to-day, and the Christianity of the orthodox is nothing less than the rankest of materialism!

What a difference from the sublime conception of Plato, whose definition of common sense—sensus communis—was "the sense of the common interest!" Vain was it that in the Hebrew allegory (which modern Christianity claims as its basis) Jesus is represented as perpetually emphasizing the second commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself;" that his Sermon on the Mount is almost entirely devoted to that end, and that the test at the final judgment is: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me!"

The most magnificent buildings in the world are devoted to the "worship of Christ," while starving and shivering brethren hudate together in wretched and filthy tenement houses, within a few blocks of the "House of God." Yet these people, who pay enormous pew-rents and support star preachers, though utterly destitute of the *sensus communis*, are supposed to have acquired their wealth, and position in society, and standing in the church, by the judicious exercise of common sense.

Where shall we look for Brotherly Love?

Doth it dwell in the "church of God?"

Cometh it down from the realms above,

Drawn by magic of Aaron's rod?

"We are all Brethren," the preactive saith,
To his audience in silks and furs;
In the slums near by scowls the living death
That bears for all men a curse!

Unheeded the starving, grey-haired age,
The scowling, half-savage prime,
The youth growing up the devil's own page,
And the infant whose birth is a crime!

Oh, what of the gentle Nazarene
Who "went about doing good?"
Are these his followers, selfish and keen,
In surplice and monkish hood?

The "pillar" in broadcloth, the dame in her silks, In the two-thousand-dollar pew? Or are they not Pharisaic "bilks" With whom Truth has nought to do?

For Christ they ignore that they Mammon may please;
All unheeded the warning plea:
"For inasmuch as ye did to the least of these,
Ye did it likewise unto Me."

Mr. G. Pentzke writes: "Would you kindly find a small place in your valuable magazine for the enclosed note, for Humanity's sake: The Co-operative Lowriver Colony, in Jamaica, West Indiaes, wants more members. wants true, unselfish co-workers, practical, experienced fruit planters, farmers, handicraftsmen, bookkeepers, etc. It wants true, highminded business men (non-fanatics), who want to live a natural, undogmatic Christian vegetarian, or at least a temperate life, in a healthy, semi-tropical mountain climate, who are in sympathy with true co-operation, and are willing and fit to work for the cause of a practical, comon-sense brotherhood. For further particulars address Geo. Pentzke, Christiana, Jamaica, West Indies.

This we say is our shield and slogan: to heal the sick, to comfort the sorrowing, to add to human enjoyment the prosperity of thought and worth; and to give to all who come in touch with our thought the happiness of knowing the paleosophy of the soul to be the pathway to Eternal Peace and Eternal Joy.—The Soul. ["The Soul" contains none but the very best of mind food. Edited and published by J. A. Fealey, Miss Leonora Woods, associate editor, Cullman, Ala. Price 50 cents a year.]

THE COST OF A SEAL-SKIN CLOAK.

We wish that every woman who wears, or desires to wear, a seal-skin cloak could read "The Cost of a Seal-Skin Cloak," by Joseph Collinson, one of the (London) Humanitarian League's publications. Those who would read these awful horrors perpetrated in the murder of seals in order to obtain their skins, would certainly never permit themselves to be agents in creating a demand for seal-skin cloaks, that their vanity may be gratified.

They are clubbed to death in the most brutal manner, and often in the season when they are away from their young, seeking food for them. They are skinned while yet alive, as the skins come off more readily than from the dead body. In fact, the cruel and brutal details of the slaughter of seals are too horrible for repetition, and it sickens one to think that all these fiendish crimes are done with the approval, and at the instigation of those calling themselves "civilized."

Mr. Collinson thus closes his eloquent appeal for justice to the seal: "The ruthless ill-treatment of the seal is a special horror, since he is one of the most timid and harmless of beings in the world; beautiful, too, is this inquisitive fellow, with his sleek skin and large, liquid, wondering eyes, and his nature so faithful and loving. . . . Perhaps there is no species of animal in whom the maternal feeling is stronger or so strong."

When we read this work and countless others treating upon the cruelties and barbarities perpetrated upon animals for food, "sport" and adornment, we can plainly see that man's inhumanity to man will not cease until he cultivates the law of kindness toward animals, for the one is involved in the other. Therefore Vegetarianism is not a question of health, but one of moral necessity. It is the first step in the reformation of the race. When men cease eating the murdered bodies of animals, they will also cease killing them for "sport" and adornment.—Lucy A. Mallory.

"LITTLE MOTHER."

RS. BALLINGTON BOOTH is doing a noble work among the convicts in the Eastern penitentiaries, whose cause she has taken up for a life-work. She is known among them as the "Little Mother," and they are always glad to hear her. Her desire is to establish homes for discharged convicts, where they may be lifted up from temptation and transformed into good and useful citizens. She has already established three of these homes, number three being in Chicago. As the "Progressive Thinker" says, every person with humanitarian instincts and impulses will commend the humane purpose of Mrs. Booth, however much they may dissent from her orthodox theological notions, which to her are of more vital importance than even a correct moral life. We can well put aside, for the moment, our aversion to the cardinal principle underlying the patent orthodox idea of reformation, coming through a blood atonement the only saving reformation allowable in the orthodox scheme; we can forget this in our hearty appreciation of her earnest, loving efforts to help and do good to those who, having fallen into ways of vice and crime, desire to amend their ways and live reputable, upright lives.—The Medium.

A communication comes to us from the secretary of the National Spiritual Association stating that it is in need of funds to execute its work. Spiritualists who desire to contribute may address Mary T. Longley, secretary National Spiritualists Association, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C.

When Governor Budd, of California, wanted to intimidate the strikers in the penitentiary by the threat of the punishment most to be dreaded, he told them that the convict who continued to be unruly would be denied the restoration of the elective franchise. He would then become the political peer of woman, which not even the convict now is.—Woman's Tribune.

SOME OF MY REMINISCENCES.

[From an article by Harold W. Whiston, in "The Herald of the Golden Age."]

WITH this month closes the second year of my work as a Food Reformer, and as I have tried to advance the principles of the movement during the last eighteen months, I have seen and heard many strange and wondrous things which may interest our readers, as they serve to show to what an extent human nature clings to time-honored customs and conventional practices.

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"If meat is to be discarded, it would be really most inconvenient," said Mr. Mustbeallthere, "because you could never entertain friends and be sociable like other people." Of course, it does not matter that human life is degraded and and sentient life cruelly tortured, to any of these worthy people! It really would never do—the proprieties of society must be maintained at any cost, and it would never do to turn against "meat" because that would upset all the shooting parties and the hunting, and then the wealthy folk would have nothing to do!—a very sad state of affairs. Ye gods! fancy wasting the wealth of the nation in this way!

The Rev. Thos. Sometimeorother has been a most interesting type, for he has found chapter and verse to support all his cannibalistic tendencies—blissfully forgetting that "every living thing" can be quoted to support the eating of missionaries. * * * * * One conversation with a reverend brother I must recount. When asking what business could be recommended for his son, a fine, vigorous lad of thirteen years of age, I suggested to him to let the lad learn the butchering business, being a trade of great refinement! With a look of utter amazement, he asked what I meant by such a suggestion, and when I told him that it was a legalized trade, constant, and well-paid, he blazed up in righteous indignation. "Why, in six months my boy would be a wreck, for such a disgusting business would ruin all his finer sensibilities, and, besides unfitting him for any refined society, it

would make him into a brute." I gasped! Great heavens, this from a flesh-eater, too! Then came my turn, and I asked him how he, minister of the Christ-spirit, dared to support, in the slightest degree, a trade which he himself recognized would wreck and ruin his son. Poor Rev. Thomas Sometimeorother! You don't mind making somebody else's boy learn the trade! Somebody else's son does not matter at all-and if other little lads have to learn the brutal business, of course you can preach to them nicely on Sunday and tell them to be kind to animals. It sounds so nice! Some time or other the church will come into linejust as it has had to do with all other great reforms, but it is a sad state of things that where the welfare of the race is affected, the Church has to be led by "outsiders" instead of leading the way herself.

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One is astonished to find what little ground even Medico has to stand upon, for we find Sir Astley Cooper saying, "The science of medicine is founded on conjecture and improved by murder," and Professor Gregory, of the Edinburgh Medical College, saying, "Gentlemen, ninety-nine out of every hundred medical facts are medical lies, and medical doctrines are, for the most part, stark, staring nonsense." again, Professor F. B. Parker, of New York, states that "Instead of investigating for themselves, medical men copy the errors of their predecessors, and have thus retarded the progress of medical science and perpetuated error." Or in conclusion, Sir John Forbes says, "No classification of disease or therapeutic agents ever yet promulgated is true, or anything like truth, and none can be adopted as a safe guide in practice." A well-known M. D. (Lond.) told me a little while ago that it was practically impossible for any one living on a humane diet to suffer either from rheumatism Bright's disease.

Bravest among the brave, strongest among the strong, stand out Mr., Mrs. and Miss Faceitall, who only want showing a beautiful truth, and a better way of living, and instinctively they start out and take the side of any movement which is going to help to lessen the misery and suffering there is in the world. Many there are who have been willing to face it all; the scoffs of Society, the jeers of the crowd, the quiet sneers of relatives and friends, do not matter to them. They must face any difficulty, and deny themselves much that this world holds dear, for they recognize that it is only by treading "the winepress alone" that mercy, truth, and justice can overrule and overcome the error, prejudice, and ignorance which is rampant in our midst.

One thought more. What are our educationalists, or the members of our Humane Societies, doing in allowing buildings to be used for slaughter-houses the horrors of which are open to the gaze of school children? We educate our children by accustoming them to sights of blood and cruelty. Wonderful!

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Such are some of the things I have seen and heard, and some of the people I have met, and, in conclusion, I would like to remind those who read these words that flesh meat is totally unnecessary, therefore morally indefensible; and that slaughter-houses will have to be abolished before "Peace on earth, good will to men" can become a glorious reality."

We are pleased to see that the "Religio-Philosophical Journal" is prospering. Its subscription list was increased by one hundred and thirty-six new names in the month of December. Price, \$1.00 per year. Address Thomas G. Newman, 1429 Market street, San Francisco, California.

We are indebted to the kindness of Mr. Chas. M. Williams, superintendent of the Connecticut Reform School for Boys, at Meriden, Conn., for the "Report of the Trustees," for the year ending September, 1898, of that model institution. The boys in this school are certainly

better trained and cared for than children are in thousands of homes where the parents have to work out to make a scanty living for the family. The boys are housed in splendid buildings, are well fed and clothed, taught music and a trade, and have plenty of time to devote to recreation.

The December number of "Food, Home and Garden," has an account of a Vegetarian quartette of boys (children of Dr. John E. Keidel) who outtraveled the pick of the Turners (athletic society) of Berlin, Germany, who are flesheaters. These children, from seven to fourteen years of age, walked—barefoot—forty-one miles in seventeen hours. The flesh eating children gave up before half the distance had been walked.

We wish that all of our orthodox friends would send and get a copy of the Christmas number of "The Vegetarian," published at 33 Paternoster Row, London, England. Price eight shillings and eightepence a year.

If you desire to teach your children the rudiments of Mental Science, send for "Wee Wisdom," to the Unity Tract Co., 1315 McGee street, Kansas City, Missouri. Price 50 cents a year; 5 cents a copy.

Dr. Chas. W. Close, editor of the "Free Man," 124 Birch street, Bangor, Maine, has just issued a pamphlet entitled "Sexual Law and the Philosophy of Perfect Health."

MRS. C. A. DEAN'S new book of poems can be obtained af her at 348 Clay Street, Portland, Ogn. By mistake we gave 438 in our December number, but all who sent to that number will get the book, for the post office was notified immediately.

THE ignorant think that they need a change of environment to make them good; but the wise know that it is their consciousness that must be changed.



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KATE LAMPMAN.

SILENCE deep, profound, almighty!
On Thy bosom bear our souls!
On Thy resistless, murmuring current
Let our furled sails unroll!

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