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EDITORIAL.

AMERICA spends about \$1,250,000 a year to evangelize Hawaii, and receives about \$4,000,000 worth of trade in return.

RECENT observations by eminent physicians confirm the theory that animals, especially household pets, are carriers of disease germs.

THE new whale-back steamers have solved the problem of competing with foreign freight vessels and restoring to Americans the ocean-carrying trade if they want it. It will certainly disturb Great Britain's commercial greatness on the sea for some time to come.

A CONTRIBUTOR in "Carrier Dove" thinks it is time for Spiritualists to draw the lines and ascertain who are with them and who ignore the basic truths of Spiritualism. He also objects to outside issues drawing their support from the spiritual ranks, and airing their hobbies in our papers.

"REFINED barbarism" is what the "London Truth" terms the selling of their daughters to the highest bidders by society people of refined, civilized England, "all the same as in the open Eastern market" where marriageable girls are exchanged for merchandise, and to him who offers the most.

AVOIDANCE of the use of a bishop's ring by Bishop Phillips Brooks, leads the "Chicago Times" to observe: "This is what the Episcopalians get for electing a broad churchman. It is difficult to see how the work of saving souls can progress unless the bishop wears all the jewelry that goes with the part."

SENATOR QUAY has introduced a measure in the Senate looking to the absorption by the United States of a large section of Mexican territory. It is feared, however, that this proposition will arouse in Mexico all her half-century-old prejudices toward us, even though the measure be unfavorably received by Americans.

GEOGRAPHICAL investigations at Honolulu prove that the Sandwich Islands have moved further south, and at Berlin that the latter city has moved further north than it had been previously marked on the map. It is believed to be due to the fact that the axis of the earth is altering its direction; and the United States is moving towards the tropics.

SEMI-OCCASIONALLY there arises an objection against the defile inscription on our silver dollar. The latest is made by the "Sunday Advertiser" which says: "Ignorant foreigners, too, may confound the 'In God we Trust' with the 'E Pluribus Unum' on the reverse and set us down for a polytheistic people." In a metaphorical sense they would not be far from wrong.

THE death harvest for the past year included a number of prominent mortals, among whom were successively: Gen. F. E. Spinner, Emma Abbott, Secretary of Treasurer William Windom, Admiral D. D. Porter, Gen. W. T. Sherman, Senator Wilson, P. T. Barnum, Count Von Moltke, Ex-Minister Taft, J. K. Emmett, James Russel Lowell, Don Platt, W. J. Florence, Gov. Hovey, Land Bill Allen, Don Pedro, and Senator Plumb.

THE recent verdict of a country coroner's jury that the deceased committed suicide "under the instigation of the devil," says "The Globe," an English paper, records a belief which is still prevalent in certain parts of England. There are even some "enlightened" clergymen in this country who exhibit an active belief in His Satanic Majesty. Do they not accredit all spiritual phenomena to the work of the "devil"?

THE most ancient sacred fire now existing in India was consecrated twelve centuries ago in commemoration of the voyage made by the Parsees when they

emigrated from Persia to India. The fire is fed five times every twenty-four hours with sandal wood and other fragrant materials combined with very dry fuel. This fire, in the village of Oodwala, near Bulsar, is visited by the Parsees in large numbers during the months allotted to the presiding genius of fire.

THE editor of "The Christian Herald," Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., writes in his paper under the head of "Post Mortem Abuse" an article disclaiming all faith in the statements recently made in regard to Lincoln being a Spiritualist, and considers it "the only kind of slander that is safe." His whole argument is anything but dignified and reads like an inconsiderate assertion from a so-called "know-it-all," being characteristic of one who ignores facts because they disturb his conscience.

AMONG other anecdotes about Sir Edwin Arnold, is one giving his reply to the question of an acquaintance inquiring into the progress of the work of Christian missionaries in India. The answer was, that it was making about the same impression "as if any one should attempt to perfume the ocean by pouring cologne water into it." There are 280,000,000 people in India, Mr. Arnold tells us, and "each Buddhist among them has an idea that no one can bring him any better religion than he already possesses."

IT is a singular fact, of peculiar interest at this time, when so much attention is being attracted to Buddhism and its ethics by the lectures of the distinguished interpreter of the Eastern faith, Sir Edwin Arnold, that Buddha is canonized as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church and is honored as such on November 27th. Deam Stanley stated once that Buddha was canonized as St. Josaphet, the statement causing much discussion in England at the time. There was undoubtedly policy behind this, which, however, came to naught, and thus its suppressions.

FEW of the Protestant churches in Maine, says the "Truth-Seeker," can hold their flocks without offering liberal feeds on all possible occasions, and even then the faithful complain of the scarcity of oysters and criticize the cooking. All of the new churches have kitchens, and as winter approaches, the local newspapers have announcements of oyster suppers, bean suppers, antique suppers, New England suppers, coffee suppers, and pink and lemon teas.—Probably the lack of spirituality in those churches has created this desideratum; for a good supper is always preferable to dry orthodoxy, or where the genuine heart-food is lacking.

THE resort for young men, or so-called dry saloon, in Jersey City, before mentioned in this paper, has become a reality. It is called The People's Palace; is intended to offset the saloon; consists of five buildings, which open conveniently into one another and extend over an entire block. Though conducted under Church auspices, it is a many-sided institution, adapted to all classes. Its amusement-hall contains tenpin-alleys, billiard and pool-tables, and quite a number of other games, and prices for their use have been placed at one-half the amount charged by the saloons. It also has an athletic department, a library and reading-room, bath-room, swimming tank, etc. The whole arrangement is worthy of imitation.

CHINA, like some countries better known to us, writes Dr. Gracey in the "Missionary Review," has a bad case of pension-bleeding. At the time of the Taiping rebellion the government enrolled an extra army consisting of some million of men. At the close of the war these men were pensioned. This generation of soldiers has passed away, but the pensioning goes on, for when a soldier died, a substitute was immediately found, who continued to draw the pension-money. All sorts of corruptions naturally crept in, and the system has become a curse to the empire. The present government has made an effort to root out the evil by cutting off the payments, and a storm of indignant protest is the consequence. Among the most violent objectors to the reform are

the members of the *Kulao Hut*, a powerful society of soldiers (who, at their evening sessions, use a planchette for their entertainment, and probably for their guidance in these matters). Other great secret societies also contain the germs of conspiracy, and the whole system of secret societies is a potent factor in brewing trouble.

"HARPER'S WEEKLY" considers the recent actions of the two leading political parties as illustrations of a false political situation, arising from the fact that neither represents the chief public issues, and that neither of them can be trusted as an agency to secure the honest government which is an object transcending all questions of policy. In this situation the body of independent voters is necessarily very large. So long as the two parties retain their traditional hold, and Republicans and Democrats follow the party-machine, a great multitude of voters will be necessarily unattached to party, and party-action will be determined without regard to a weight of character, experience, and intelligence which would be of the highest service to any party. It is idle to say that a citizen is impotent who does not join a party. If it be the duty of every citizen to join a party, which shall it be, considering that they both speak politely of civil service reform and the administration of both discredits it, and that both denounce political corruption, while each collects and spends corruptly as much money as it can? It is a period when parties do not represent the actual division of political opinion, and when both parties degrade the political standard; and is therefore a time of greater political independence than ever before.

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND.

Rev. H. Kendall in the "Primitive Methodist Quarterly Review" makes some pertinent remarks relative to spiritual phenomena. He first asks: "Suppose the ultimate verdict, not only of the Society for Psychical Research, but of intelligent men generally, shall be that the strange sights seen and sounds heard, have an objective reality, how would the facts compare with statements of Scripture on the same subject?" In answer, he says, first, it will have to be admitted that there is an invisible sphere, peopled with intelligent life, and that there are spiritual beings who are ordinarily unseen to us, but who have power to manifest themselves to living men, and from time to time do this. And if the judgment finally pronounced shall be affirmative, it will have been scientifically demonstrated that there is a spirit in man capable of separation from the body and of existence independent of it, and that this spirit, which is the real man, does actually survive the body's dissolution with augmented powers. Second, the power of foreseeing future events is one that psychical research shows to be frequently exercised, both by persons still living in the body and by departed spirits. And third, the proof of telepathy is pretty satisfactory, and a moment's reflection may serve to show the significance of it in reference to some of the most important aspects of religion. For it is the law which affirms the possibility of one mind influencing another, irrespective of distance, and apart from sensory organs. Christian experience has its own evidence of the reality of these higher influences, independent of scientific discoveries. But the law of telepathy, so far as it goes, harmonizes with the transcendental teachings of religion, and removes the objection that there is nothing in ordinary experience to support the idea that mind can touch mind, and spirit answer to spirit, without any physical means of communication between them. It is shown that they can and do influence one another without this medium in common life, and a presumption arises that they will do the same in the spiritual life and in religious experience.

THE STATUS OF SPIRITUALISM.

While skeptics are scoffing, secular and religious newspapers jeering and traducing, the credal pulpits denouncing, scientists investigating, occupants of the presidential chair, and the highest social authority, the Church is quietly and unbro-

kely continuing its mission of love and enlightenment. Never since the rap started the world of thought and investigation has Spiritualism had such a following as it has to-day. Never has it been so deeply entrenched in human hearts. Never was its philosophy, social, moral, and eternal, so earnestly studied. Never has it known such intellectual wrangling, and never has the credal Church witnessed a like battle of the intellectual giants within its folds. The present internal conflicts of the Church involves the continuous life of Churchianity.

The psychic forces wielded by exorcist spirits, seem to be a match for all the forces arrayed against them and the philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism. They are carrying the sword of truth in the field of the world aggressively. Spiritualism is not now on the defensive. It had to defend at the first, but that day and its work have passed. Its opponents can now proceed, each with his own methods, or in combination, and still the enlightenment of the world, on the most important question which man can consider, will move steadily on, while

"Error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies amid its worshippers."

The Churches, with their creeds, are now on the defensive. They are waging intestine wars. Spiritualism has shed its light of truth on brain and creed alike, and instead of a combined attack upon Spiritualism—the cause of their internal turmoil and bitterness, they are battling with each other over the creeds. This is in harmony with the laws of progress and we have no tears to shed. Not a tear. The world will become more liberal, man more free, truth more readily and clearly perceived, life better comprehended, law acknowledged as universal and unchanging, death turned into a servant rather than a terrible creedal monster, and sheol, with its "fire and brimstone" relegated, as matter, to the earth sphere where they by nature belong.

When our brethren of the Churches cease their internal wranglings and get ready to renew their aggressive warfare, upon the angel world and an angel ministry in earth, they will stand appalled at the army which the angels have gathered. And a large proportion of this army will have been recruited from their own folds. They will have to surrender, "their only sufficient rule of faith and practice," the Bible, for that book teaches Spiritualism, and Spiritualism can not be eliminated from it, without destroying it and its moral force in teaching. It has converted thousands to Spiritualism, and it will yet convert millions. Only get the priestly, creedal hands off it, and let the intelligent minds of this and the coming age interpret, each for himself, and the victory is won for the angels.

The world of life and spirituality moves. Eighteen hundred and ninety-two is to be a harvesting year for the angel reapers. Many a pilgrim of earth will about the "harvest home" under their tuition and leadership, before the year closes, while those who remain will constitute a vast and increasing army.

LEGAL CRIME.

Said Seneca, the Pagan philosopher: "What is disgrace to one who stands above the opinion of the multitude? What was even a death of disgrace to Socrates, who by entering a prison made it cease to be disgraceful?"

May the same not be asked of many who to-day are imprisoned for no other crime than what is made so by law? Reason intuitively applied judges from a higher standpoint and endeavors to bring the acts of man into accord with the laws of nature—with divine justice, as it were—with wisdom unadulterated by human selfishness or conceit. Laws that are enacted for classes or sects are not just laws, and injustice can not emanate from minds unbiased or unperverted by speculative desire or consideration.

Socialism, communism, anarchism, nihilism are effects of unjust legislation—antipodes of autocracy, imperialism, misrule and corruption in governmental affairs. Let the latter cease, and the aforementioned effects will disintegrate as a body does from which the spirit, or cause of its life-impetus, has flown.

Let it be a disgrace to be even cen-

sured by the law of the land, let alone imprisoned. But the law itself must not be a disgrace to civilization, as it is in many respects to-day. When the people manifest a desire to become the law themselves, the law gives evidence of being corrupt, for law is a living principle and seeks its center of gravity where the least discord is manifested. A change is in process now, a mental revolution is in active operation, and the little material demonstrations that occasionally crop out, are but perverted effects of this psychic activity, and come under the natural supervision of police regulations—the most justifiable form of law we have, and in which the most true wisdom is displayed from the fact that it deals more directly with the people, knows their needs and heartaches, and in consequence deals out the most justice. The farther that law-makers are removed from the people, the more transcendental they become in enacting statutes; i. e., the more impractical, unwise, and unjust the laws become. And the murmurings of discontent against all legislative bodies—from the highest to the lowest—warrant these assertions. Furthermore, the formation of temperance unions; of societies for moral reform; associations for spiritual and religious culture; and the general desire for something higher are indications that corruption is rampant. They are instinctive impulses of the purer souls for self-protection—intuitively guarding against the evil influences which such a state of affairs generate. Read the daily record of punishments for so-called crimes the world over. They exceed by far those of actual crimes; and are the greater because they are intellectual crimes—legal crimes. What is punishment for laboring on Sunday but legal crime? What is unjust taxation but legal robbery? What is capital punishment but legal murder? What justification has a State for committing crimes against nature any more than the individual has? If law is intended to regulate the individual why does it not regulate itself first? Bring itself into harmony with psychic law as the individual is expected to do? If encroachment upon the rights of one individual by another is selfish and in discord with nature, encroachment upon the rights of the individual by the State is equally criminal. We are not anarchists, but analysts of law and thus see its inconsistencies, and would impudently law-makers to do likewise in order to destroy the cause that generates anarchy. England and America may be accredited with the least of this evil, but there should be none—especially under the stars and stripes. We boast of human justice and human freedom; let us exemplify it, and not be compelled to quote Seneca or Cicero as a note of warning to the American people.

atom man could compass the sight of the Being that must fill the universe in his totality is too absurd to argue upon. That which we may venture to predicate, by way of argument for Deific existence, such as none can contradict, is as follows:

1. "All men, from the lowest savage to the highest civilian, are born on earth with a natural and original belief in a Supreme Being, the exceptions being those who only accept of external sensuous perception, and hence deny that the external senses can not take cognizance of. When we find this universal writing of God in the primeval as well as the civilized man we can not deny that such a belief is an original primal truth, as much a truth as love, hate, pleasure, pain, or any of the natural emotions.
2. "All nature within the planet—as within the known universe—speaks of design, law, order, purpose, and intelligence. We acknowledge all these characteristics when exhibited in man, yet man is only an effect springing from some primal cause. That cause must be equal to the effect, and therefore there must be a grand man—an all intelligent being—a first great cause—and that is God.
3. "Though we do not see the builders of the pyramids of Egypt, the ancient temples of India, Greece, Rome, or the antique world generally, we know they were men; and forty-three years ago we found and proved that those men—and all men that are, or ever were—were deathless spirits, consequently the men that have re-created the earth are spirits. Then by this do we know that the architect of the universe, the engineer of the firmaments, the painter of the many colored blossoms, the sculptor of the planets, the light and heat of the suns, is spirit; only instead of being an atom he is the whole; instead of being the effect he is the cause—God the spirit therefore is no mystery. He is the Alpha, the Omega, the Father, of whom suns and systems are the work, men and living beings the children.

PRIMAL CAUSATION.

A correspondent of "Two Worlds," an ably conducted English contemporary of which Emma Hardinge Britten is editor addressed a note to the paper stating one fact and asking several questions. The fact is thus given: "I went to hear Mrs. — at the Psychological Hall on a recent Sunday evening, and on account of her being taken ill, she charged God with not being good, and not knowing anything about her, otherwise He would not have allowed her to be in that state. Likewise she never prayed to God to help her, because she said she had never seen Him. She then told the audience they also had never seen Him, which caused many persons to rise up and leave the room. Now I agree with Mrs. — as to no one ever having seen God, but she differs from other speakers, who teach that there is a God who is all-powerful and good. Which am I to believe?"

To which statement and enquiry the editor of "Two Worlds" replies as follows:

"We should strongly advise our questioner to use his own judgment in all matters beyond human or spiritual power of perception, and not put faith in anyone's 'say-so,' unless it commends itself to his reason.

"Although Swedenborg affirms in his works that his guardian angels assured him God was to be seen, as the grand central spiritual sun, the idea that the

atom man could compass the sight of the Being that must fill the universe in his totality is too absurd to argue upon. That which we may venture to predicate, by way of argument for Deific existence, such as none can contradict, is as follows:

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"I am, oh God! and therefore Thou must be."

The different theories of primal causation have each their advocates, but as the finite and limited mind can not conceive, much more intelligently grasp infinitely, any more than it can grasp boundless space, we judge that all attempts to define the undefinable and to reason upon the incomprehensible, are simply a waste of mental force. The rule should be "think and let think," as a spiritual counterpart of the old material adage, "live and let live." Neither our honesty in entertaining any mere theory of causation, nor our zeal in its propagation or defense will constitute us an unquestioned authority touching the subject, and it would be egotistical in us so to suppose. The very limitations of the universal finite mind should lead to a universal charity. We may not accept of others mental processes, because they conflict with our own, but we can love and respect the persons differing with us, and thus establish our own right to free thinking and the entertainment and enjoyment of our own conclusions, by conceding in our own hearts the same rights to all others.

This we understand to be the position taken by all intelligent Spiritualists. It is because the Nazarene philosophy makes love—which is the true basis of our modern definition of charity—the keystone of its arch, that it has taken such a hold upon enlightened society. As Spiritualism conserves and retains all the good in the universe of mind and soul, both love and charity are its distinguishing features. "Think and let think," "live and let live," destroys egoist assumption, and gives the living of earth their natural, spirit-born rights against the dogmatic demands of the credal dead. It is a soul freedom which maketh the individual possessing and practicing it "free indeed."

When pugnacious dogmatists, whether credalists or Spiritualists, enthroned charity over their natures, and become filled with a love for the whole race which elevates each individual to an equal right of thinking, and an equal enjoyment in the conclusions of his thinking and reasoning, the crack of the tongue-whip of the assuming master will be heard no more in the land.

SHAKESPEARE WAS A MEDIUM.

After Shakespeare became celebrated it is not strange that inferior plays were written in his name to give them currency...

the room was flooded with light from a midday sun. At his first touch of the table it rocked violently and furniture beyond the reach of either of us was moved to another place as though struck by lightning...

peared and at a fitting time, too, to mold thought and a language that should encircle the globe and live for all time. Fiction played a grand part to enlighten and brighten this life...

and a more intelligent society than the world ever knew before. Let them march on and take the prizes of both worlds. They have the advantage ground, the arms of truth, and the hosts of angels to help them...

famine. But ruddy health and life giving vigor spring forth therefrom as certainly as the ripening ear from the scattered seed. To my mind there is no more independent position in life than that of the farmer...

struggled for a sickly existence, deserves more praise than the conqueror that heads a victorious army. For let him continue his progress, and soon the land that would feed but one would nourish its scores, thereby, as it were, increasing the earth area for man's sustenance and support...

Reported for The Better Way MEDIUMISTIC PHENOMENA

On December 15th, ult., it was my pleasure to have at my own residence, 417 S. Jefferson Avenue (St. Louis, Mo.)...

Such was the case on the occasion alluded to. The medium for these spiritual doings was Master Benjamin F. Foster, a mere lad and son of Prof. F. N. Foster, the spirit photographer...

At the circle arranged on this occasion, some ten or twelve other persons besides myself were present and who were as much convinced of the genuineness of the phenomena as the writer was...

Later on, my uncle became somewhat deranged, mentally, and in this condition drank a large dose of corrosive sublimate with suicidal intentions...

On Monday, December 21st, at 2 30, between fifty and sixty ladies and gentlemen met in the church of the Unity, Boston...

to issue directly from one of them who turned ghastly pale. At another time my father in a vain search for the source of the unearthly voice...

Several years later my father and uncle in company carried on business in the same old mill. One morning at about dawn, while in a yet drowsy state from sleep...

Only a few months ago, a lady from southern New Hampshire, was doing housework in Fitchburg, Mass. One day she remarked that she was not feeling well—that her head ached...

EMINENT MEN DISCUSS PSYCHIC PHENOMENA.

On Monday, December 21st, at 2 30, between fifty and sixty ladies and gentlemen met in the church of the Unity, Boston...

Among the many excellent things said by President M. J. Savage in his usual felicitous style were, in substance, the following:

"The subject of psychical research has in the past been looked upon as unimportant and not respectable, but the tide has turned to an extent."

"This is evidenced not only by the attitude and labors of Prof. Sidgwick of Cambridge University, himself one of the leading writers upon ethics of our day...

"In his address as president of the mathematical and physical section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, Prof. Oliver J. Lodge, after stating his belief in telepathy—the possibility of transmitting thought at a distance without material or sensuous means...

While not a Spiritualist in the ordinary

sense of the word, if there was any way of accounting for such things upon any theory except that a third intelligence must have been concerned in the transaction...

A. E. Dolbear, professor of physics in Tufts College, next related his experiences with a psychic in whose presence slate-writing phenomena occurred.

He carried his own slates, the psychic washed and rubbed them, but they remained in plain sight, always above the table, in broad daylight.

He wrote four questions; later he placed one of them between these slates and put rubber bands around them. He held them in a vertical position...

The professor referred to other experiments upon this and one or two other occasions. He had been accustomed to studies where most phenomena could be explained by "pushes and pulls."

He did not know how to account for what he saw, but bore witness to the facts as related.

Under the same conditions Mrs. B. O. Flower had two sittings with the same psychic, and upon both occasions, when satisfied that the slates were clean, and that they did not leave her sight during the experiment...

Rabbi Solomon Schindler had long been familiar with the traditions of the Caballists—Hebrew traditions. These he rejected many years ago as superstition...

He also stated, as the result of recent study, his conviction that he and his co-workers had not been hypnotized, that a whole roomful of persons could not be hypnotized, nor even a single person against his will.

The rabbi then read a written report of a private seance, and of two others held under the auspices of the directors of the society...

He described several experiments where two persons sat at the table with the psychic, saw plainly that the slates were cleaned before they were dampened and wiped by the psychic...

Then later, when they themselves opened them, they found written messages or a picture upon one of the pair.

One of the most interesting experiments was reported by Mr. Hamlin Garland. In this case, the conditions being like those already reported after Mrs. Flower's hand and his own were upon the slates...

Mrs. Flower suggested that they should draw a zig-zag line like a streak of lightning. When the slates were opened, a message was found written in bluish tint, with a zig-zag line in yellow drawn diagonally across it.

In none of the experiments was a slate pencil or any kind of pigment put between the slates. Mr. Garland spoke enthusiastically of this and other experiences...

A SPIRIT THAT LEFT A PORTAIT ON THE WINDOW. A curious story is told in New Albany. On the night of December 2d, Mrs. Sophia Scharf, wife of Anton Scharf, died at her home on East Fifth and Spring Streets...

Last Saturday, it is alleged, Mrs. Frank Zoeller, a daughter-in-law of the dead woman, residing on East Eighth and Sycamore Streets, was surprised to observe a perfect representation of the head of her mother-in-law at the window of her house.

"Hypnotism is now accepted by the medical world, and clairvoyance and telepathy have been established. "These, while by no means proving the claims of Spiritualists, suggest the inquiry whether, if so much can be done without the use of the bodily senses, we may not be able to get along entirely without the body later."

Is that so? THE BETTER WAY is determined to take the lead and therefore has placed its subscription price within the reach of every body. Only \$1.00 a year.

Written for The Better Way SLATE-WRITING.

In compliance with request I send you some phenomena in the form of messages that came on slates. The medium, George Goodman is with me in Liberal, Mo., and I can vouch for the genuineness of these messages. I have had a pretty wide experience in our cause...

All the persecutors declare against each other mortal war, while the philosopher, opposed by them all, contents with pitying them.

Devotion is a disease of the imagination, contracted in infancy. We of the ancients had mastered the occult science and could consult with the gods—spirits. The phenomena of Spiritualism is common to all ages...

SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY.

I wish to make a statement in regard to spirit photography. I have had four sittings (with Mrs. F. N. Foster, No. 372 Clark Street, Cincinnati), and the results was fifteen faces on four photos and of the fifteen I recognized fourteen...

PREMONITION.

Since the marvellous revelations in hypnotism made by the Nancy physicians, by Prof. Charcot, of Paris, and other eminent scientists of Europe, and the systematic investigations of the English Society for Psychical Research, a great interest has sprung up throughout the world on subjects relating to psychical phenomena...

"On the night of Wednesday, July 15, 1891, Miss C— dreamed of finding something glittering, a tinkle, she thought, with three initials on it. On the morning of Thursday, July 16th, she mentioned the dream at the breakfast table...

Mr. Garland spoke enthusiastically of this and other experiences, and dwelt upon the immense importance of these investigations.

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they were so lucky as to escape James... that they were not wise enough to say they believed.

I dislike to criticize a popular belief or even seemingly speak harshly or disrespectfully of a religious system which has furnished the bread of spiritual life to past ages and assays to do so to the present.

That man is immortal is not new, but the views as to the nature of that state, the conditions and laws which govern it are distinct and belong to the modern methods of thought.

1) That immortality is bestowed not by belief or reception of certain dogmas, but as a birthright, an inheritance.

The work of the Psychical Society is clearing away the rubbish and preparing the foundation for the new science of spirit.

On this line the study of the new science of spirit must be pursued. The first rap made obsolete all the speculations, philosophizing, and theories, and relegated them to the dust heap of the dead and useless.

The new spiritual science does not ask whether it harmonizes with the old. It pursues its own course regardless of what has been believed, or the statements of the highest authority.

Mr. President and fellow-veterans: We are growing old; some of us are ready to bloom in eternal youth.

First—In regard to death, burial, and the necessary funeral services involved. Shall it be our funeral or shall it be the funeral of our relatives?

We would not unnecessarily condemn the mother who bore us, the Church that gave us religious birth, but we were born blind and have had our eyes and ears opened.

We are not only growing old, but badly scattered, so to speak, over the world. Many of us veterans are so conditioned that we can not get a spiritually minded Spiritualist to serve at our funeral.

What is the condition of the saved? Whom praise forever and forever, that

intelligent and satisfactory manner and need a proper burial service for that purpose.

Intimately connected with this subject of death and burial (which are as sure to come as high tide, full moon, and the payment of taxes) is the matter of wills, settling estates, etc.

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At present we have a will properly signed; we rest contented under it because there is so little property involved that contesting is impracticable.

In conclusion I will call your attention to the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, its general as well as its special relief fund, where you can pay in your money, to be paid out to whom, when, and as you desire.

The desired plan for our proposed Veteran's Home, notwithstanding the very low price it can be bought for, still remains unsold.

There are some encouraging facts in this matter worthy of note. Incentives to action are continually coming to the surface, prominently among which are the benevolent features of our institution.

When we consider the fact that taxes are high and income small, we appreciate the great advantage our benevolent corporation has over individual enterprise in these matters.

People abide by the doctrines they have been bred up in, merely to save themselves the trouble of seeking further.

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Early in the war of the rebellion a Russian fleet lay for several months in New York harbor, and other Russian men-of-war were stationed at San Francisco.

The other witness is the aged Andrew D. Curtin, the War Governor of Pennsylvania and afterward United States Minister to Russia.

"When Minister Curtin called to take leave of the Czar on his recall, the Czar asked him to present his best wishes to the people of the United States, pointedly omitting reference to the President, with regard to whose reception of the Grand Duke Alexis when in Washington there had been a good deal of feeling.

At that critical moment no government in Europe, except that at St. Petersburg, believed that this nation could suppress the rebellion.

Russia alone was loyal to us, and the debt of gratitude due her government and people has never been paid.

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The greatest cold on record was at Jakontask, Siberia, January 25, 1890, when tested, spirit thermometers ran down to 75° below the zero point of Fahrenheit.

A great advance has also been made in astronomical photography. Nebulae invisible to the human eye has been separated, and many thousand spectrum photographs of single stars have been made.

J. D. Chism, of Albany, N. Y., writes in the "Banner" that at a public seance held there by Dr. Stansbury, the slate-writing medium, a remarkable test of spirit power was given to him which he relates as follows:

The following strangely sounding editorial—to unravel the meaning of which, seems to need prophetic or intuitive reasoning—is taken from the columns of the Cincinnati "Golden Rule":

The most remarkable scientific discoveries of 1891 were that drunkenness can apparently be cured by the bichloride of gold treatment, and that the axis of our globe is subject to oscillations that cause parallels of latitude to shift back and forth.

The spirit moves from age to age. Still brighter streams the conquering sign. The bigot's power, the hireling's rage. Check not the day-spring's march divine! As honors their tireless orbits roll And night and day to earth are given A change diurnal waits the soul From night of life to dawn of heaven!

There are about five pages of notes of interest—some of them of unique significance and historic value. The merits of this book, though presented in a rather retiring spirit, entitle it to a wide reading and generous popularity.

The readers of THE BETTER WAY will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dread disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh.

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Contributions accepted. E. L. M. H. W. G. D. A. L. L., M. P. W. J. H. Minneapoli in Spring and spend a number of months in different places, finally to locate further south.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie is being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stowell, at 455 Baymiller Street, and will be pleased to see her friends at the residence of the latter.

The Ladies' Aid has resumed its regular meetings at G. A. R. Hall on Wednesday afternoons. Friends are invited to attend.

"There is No Death." by Florence Marryatt, for sale at this office. Price 50 cents, postpaid. It is both interesting to Spiritualists and a good record to place into the hands of investigators.

Mrs. M. E. Williams, so successful as a presiding officer at the afternoon meetings of the First Society of Spiritualists of New York, is well now, has resumed that position again, and promises to produce from the platform, in daylight, tangible evidence of spirit-return.

Mr. C. G. Helleberg, an old and respected worker in the cause, has passed to the higher spheres. The funeral services were conducted by Mrs. R. S. Lillie at his family residence on Mt. Auburn, this city, on Sunday last.

Books are great mental fertilizers. A few moments with a wise book daily will store the mind with treasures to carry forever.

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Last Sunday morning a good sized audience had gathered at the Union Society hall to hear the speaker for the evening, Mrs. M. E. Little. The speaker for the evening, Mrs. M. E. Little was introduced by the congregation...

The evening discourse was "Recognition on the other side of life." Shall we know each other there, is frequently asked by inquirers, began Mrs. Little...

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Washington, D. C. On the 30th ult. the Children's Lyceum, of this city, gave its annual entertainment, commemorative of the Christmas season and the new year. It was an entire success, and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Lockport, N. Y. I am pleased to tell you that the work for truth is in a prosperous condition here. Our society is in the best condition, and the interest growing. I have been their regular speaker for nearly three years, and can truthfully say I never saw a more pleasant society than we have here.

Webster City, Ia. John Lindsay writes that he and his wife have been in Iowa since December doing missionary work, and expect to be in Duncan this week. They, however, intend to return to Webster City for the purpose of holding several more public meetings, when they will go to Iowa Falls. He also speaks in satisfactory terms of the results achieved, and the welcome received by friends of the cause.

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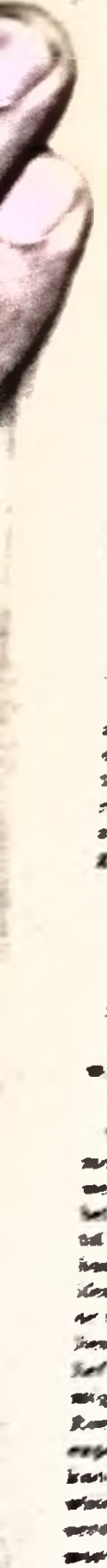
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The sand in the glass of the old year has dropped the grains of a renewed opportunity again into the globular space of a new year.

And have you or I realized the vast and almost incalculable responsibility of a correct and immediate use of our time, our talent, our action, our life?

The London "News" relates the following Mozart centenary performances at the Imperial Opera House in Vienna.

All the steps of Gotama's temptation, meditation, and enlightenment were commemorated by the erection of "stupas" on the supposed sites near the temple.

Dr. Goulbarn's biography of the late Dean of Chichester was published recently by Mr. Murray, the great English publisher, in two volumes.

Those glands situated in the back part of the mouth, and familiarly known as the tonsils, have always appeared, in physiological eyes, as somewhat of a puzzle.

In his recent readings before the American public, Sir Arnold frankly expressed his opinion on the fatality of proselytizing

work by the Buddhists among the adherents of Buddhism. Their morality he considers as equal to that of our own, and in his general character and conduct the Buddhist is as good as inferior to his Christian brother.

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TOPICS OF THE TIME.

The bill introduced by Senator Daniel of Virginia, to repeal the law which prohibits conscription officers from serving in the United States army and navy, has met with general approval.

The sand in the glass of the old year has dropped the grains of a renewed opportunity again into the globular space of a new year.

He cometh reaper of the things he sowed. Sesamum corn, so thick cast in past birth.

And have you or I realized the vast and almost incalculable responsibility of a correct and immediate use of our time, our talent, our action, our life?

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A HOME SEANCE.

Master Benjamin F. Foster, a lad of eighteen years and son of Mr. F. N. Foster, the well-known spirit photographer of this city, has recently developed a medium for a series of manifestations, which, in spiritualists, are not uncommon and known to be the work of spirits—departed human beings.

As an exhibition of his powers—or that of the spirits through him—and his claims to genuineness, young Foster held a seance at the home of Mr. C. C. Stowell, of THE BETTER WAY, on the evening of December 11, 1919. Besides the gentleman, the hostess, Mrs. Stowell, Mrs. Dr. Berry, Mr. Stowell's mother, Mrs. Foster, the medium's mother, Mr. O. E. Ackley, and the editor, and a reporter of THE BETTER WAY were present—all experienced persons in the art of such a seance as is termed, of testing mediums.

At the appointed hour a dark curtain was hung across the corner of a room behind which was a solid brick wall. The enclosure contained only a small table on which was placed an indelible pencil, some black paper two small bells, and a tambourine. Beneath the center of the curtain was placed a chair, on which the medium took his seat. Next a request was made to secure the medium's hands, which was effectually done by the reporter himself by first trying three-inch strips of long cloth around his thighs, then drawing through them strips of strong worsted braid, which were knotted around his wrists and sewed to prevent unstaying. The curtain was then drawn over his body, but which had an aperture at sufficient height to permit the medium's head to protrude, thus keeping him in sight of the circle. The lamp which illuminated the room had but an ordinary shade to protect the eyes of the medium and the circle.

But hardly was the medium placed in position and the reporter in his seat, about six feet in front of the medium, when a delicate white hand appeared above the curtain some four or five feet away from the medium's shoulder, proving in the offset that it could not possibly be the medium's hand. Other hands followed in quick succession, showing themselves on both sides. Next the medium's pockets were rifled, his keys thrown out, and his watch carefully handed over until taken by Mrs. Foster, who left her seat for that purpose, but immediately resumed it. Following this manifestation the medium's necktie and collar were taken off by spirit hands and thrown out. The handkerchiefs were called for, slightly dampened in the center. Each sitter handed one in by turns, but in every instance it was thrown out again in about fifteen to thirty seconds (in some instances all knotted up), and on each handkerchief was drawn the face of either a baby, a lady, or a man, excellently executed. At the close a basket of flowers was passed over the curtain and in a few minutes neatly tied bouquets were thrown out into the laps of the sitters. During the intervals of the above-named manifestations the table was moved about, the bells were rung and thrown out, the tambourine played upon and held aloft a distance behind the medium, and on various occasions a portion of an arm, besides the hand was exhibited, and on the wrist of one was noticed a heavy silver bracelet.

Such are the facts, simply stated, and without exaggeration. And there is no room left for doubt because during some of the manifestation the hands of the medium, though secured against use, were held by both Mr. and Mrs. Stowell in turn, at the same time watching the spirit hands as they appeared over the curtain, and which, too, was an exhibition for the entire circle. The spirits also permitted those who desired to shake hands with them in order to eradicate all doubt as to their tangibility and the hypnotic theory that skeptics like to apply when discussing the wonders of Spiritualism.

WAR.

To the Editor of The Better Way. Your editorial on "War" in a recent issue was terse, pertinent, timely, and exactly to the point. Erasmus said he "never knew a righteous war and never heard of a disadvantageous peace." Elihu Burritt says, "when the recruiting sergeant asks you to enlist tell him you are a Christian, and cannot fight for any cause or country." General Sherman says, "war is organized cruelty, and you can not refuse it." Dr. Talmage says that in war the wrong people get killed, while those who fomented the disturbance die a natural death at home and snugly in bed. War is a game, says one writer, that, were their subjects wise, kings would not play at. Another styles war "legalized murder." Still another sarcastically speaks of it as "the rich man's war and the poor man's fight." Yet another friend of humanity remarks that did musketry and cannon balls go crashing through the lace curtains and fine porcelain of the wealthy as they do through the somber surroundings of the poor, all disputes between nations would be settled by diplomacy. When the great army of pulpits recreants denominated "ministers of the gospel" and professedly bearing credentials from the "Prince of Peace," shall have attained to the higher moral altitude of those whose testimony is ever and under all circum-

stances against red-handed war, its abolition, I think, could not long be deferred. I have had some experience in the ghostly business and have been an eye witness of its horrors. But, from beneath and forever, not all the stately marching and prancing steeds, the strains of martial music, nor the blare of bands, the gilded trappings and spacious pleas for patriotism, together with all the illusions and deceptions, shall ever be able to blind my eyes to the stuporous folly, the degrading injustice, and supreme wickedness of war.

Yours very respectfully,
W. C. BOWEN.

PERHAPS THE MOON IS INHABITED.

It does not seem improbable that in the course of events the earth and the moon may become more intimately acquainted. A few years ago scientists held the theory that the moon was a dead planet, without atmosphere, and consequently uninhabited. This theory has recently been entirely controverted. The work began by Prof. Holden at the Lick observatory upon Mount Hamilton has been steadily continued and the photographs taken by him and his assistants have revealed certain facts hitherto unknown.

Photographic observations show a perfect map of the moon, and upon the summit of one of the highest mountains is a white spot which has the appearance of a glacier, proving the presence of atmosphere and making the theory of the habitableness of the moon tenable. It is claimed by Prof. Holden that by a continuous series of photographs he is able to detect any changes upon the surface of the moon and that a building fifty feet high would cast an appreciable shadow.

If the moon is inhabited the fact will certainly be discovered sooner or later, but the question of the establishment of communication is still unsolved, although in the face of the scientific achievements of the last century we will not predict that it is insoluble.—Chicago Graphic.

Newark, N. J.

Dr. B. Meeker writes that Miss Jennie Rhind of Boston, was greeted by the largest audience of the season though many of the ablest in the cause in that section have gone to a higher life, and their absence was conspicuous. The speaker said: "It is our duty not only to listen, but to aid in the work. Many are spiritualists by name—in fact Materialists, and it is the highest development, but only a phenomenon, and will ever remain a phenomenon. The true aim of life is to bring out your inherent God-gifts, and everyone's earnest endeavor should be to become one with the highest moral conception of life."

Obituary.

The transition of W. P. McCarrroll took place at Ottumwa, Iowa, December 24, 1919. It is perhaps safe to say that no private citizen of this State was so well known among Spiritualists as W. P. McCarrroll, of this city. For twenty years he has been one of the leading business men of the city and has always been admired for his sterling worth, his genial ways, his moral integrity. His pleasant and hospitable home was always the resting place of the itinerant lecturer, whose mission was to demonstrate the facts of man's continued existence and possibility of the inter-communication between the two worlds: always ready to take up the gauntlet for the continuity of life. He had little patience with those who believed that that life was to be a living death for any portion of the human family. Yet he was not aggressive, but had a pleasant method of showing them how far short their creeds were of meeting human needs. He was always a Spiritualist. Spiritualism to him was the only way whereby human beings could enjoy happiness here with a sure prospect of a happy life in the spirit world around us. But this article would be much too long if I should attempt to enumerate his many virtues, his love of mankind, his desire for the elevation of woman, his broad philanthropy, his genial happy, hopeful smile, his love of wife and children, his attachment to his pleasant home with all its blessings. His was the typical home life, and he was never more happy than when surrounded by his wife and children and grandchildren. When we think of how many discordant homes there are in this world, it is a rare treat to become acquainted with a family like brother McCarrroll's, as all who have spent any time under their hospitable roof can testify.

PUNCTENT PARAGRAPHS.

We may differ in this world, but when we get to the cemetery we are all on a dead level.—N. Y. Herald.

The Rev. Joseph Greaves giving his views on the evils of card-playing during a pastoral call.—As I was saying, I am in doubt.—Parrot interrupting orator.—When you are in doubt, play trumps!—And no member in that family has been able to answer for the parrot's interference to the satisfaction of the parrot.—Kate Field's Wash.—

What is love? How canst thou ask. Is it duty or a task? The life immortal of the soul. And that a part of Nature's whole. And nature, God, sweet secret divine. Thus maketh love the inner light. That leaeth from this earthly shrine To yonder dome in heavenly height.—St. Julian.

Among the first railroads built in the United States was a little line about twenty miles in length. In the course of time a big tunnel line was constructed through the same country. The original line became merely a branch, for many years it was run in a cheap way with one locomotive, one engineer, and two or three freight cars.

Finally a new manager was appointed. He had not been in office one week when he sent for the one lone conductor, who had been there since the road was built.

"I would like to have your resignation," said the general manager when the conductor appeared.

"My resignation?" inquired the conductor in astonishment.

"Yes, sir, yours."

"What for, pray?"

"Well, I want to make some changes and get new blood in the line," was the general manager's reply.

"But I won't resign," answered the conductor.

"Then I will be compelled to discharge you, a step which, for your sake, I had hoped I would be saved from taking."

"Young man, you will not discharge me. I own a controlling interest in the stock of this road and elect the president and directors. I shall have you fired."

The old conductor really did own the majority of the stock and, as he said, put in his own directors and president.

An Austrian professor has discovered that the soul is simply the natural perfume of the hair. Now we can understand the unaccountable depravity of bald-headed men.

A female Salvationist met a young man in the street the other day and said to him, "My brother, I am on a mission to save young men like you."

"Well," said the young man, "do you save young women, too?"

"Yes."

"Then," said the young man, "save one for me, and I will call on her in a day or two."—Freethinker.

A SAINT'S COMPLIMENT. As Peter sat at heaven's gate A maiden sought permission. And begged of him, if not too late, To give her free admission.

MOVEMENTS OF MEDIUMS.

A. C. Ladd visits New Orleans this month. Mrs. Mary C. Lyman may be addressed at 1 James Street, Boston.

E. J. Bowerly may be addressed at Greenfield, Mass. for engagements. Miss Nellie Brigham lectures in Washington, D. C. during January.

Bishop A. Bevilacqua may be addressed at Kansas City Mo. for engagements. Dr. George A. Fuller may be addressed at Houghton Street, Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. J. C. Galt may be addressed at 1010 Ave. of the Americas, N. Y. during January. Gen. M. Brown may be addressed for lecture engagements at 10 Lawrence Street, Boston.

Perry L. A. Keeler is at present in Buffalo, N. Y. but will visit Cleveland and Cincinnati, after January 1st. Perry M. Glading is lecturing in Baltimore Md. during January. May be addressed at 1010 Ave. of the Americas, N. Y.

Dr. F. O. Hember is prepared to answer calls to lecture anywhere on the Pacific slope at reasonable terms. Address: 215 W. Battery Street, Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Ada Faye is giving tests and spirit communications Sunday morning and evening during December and January at Conservatory Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stranger, lecturer and test medium, may be addressed for engagements at 10 Pine Street, Maunegon, Mich.

Mrs. Nellie S. Baudé can be addressed for winter engagements at 100 Fifteenth Street, Detroit, Mich. trance and inspirational speaker. Terms reasonable.

Miss A. E. Sheets may be addressed Grand Lodge, Mich., P. O. Box 235 by parties wishing to engage the services of an inspirational speaker. Will attend funerals.

Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock would like to make engagements for February 14th and 21st also for March 14th, 20th, 27th, and April 3 and 10, 1920. Address Madison Park Hotel, Sterling Street, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Maggie Stewart will leave for Memphis, Tenn., on January 6th or 7th, to remain in that city one week, after which she will go to Stuttgart, Ark., to fill a month's engagement for the society at that place.

Willard J. Hill speaks for the First Association of Spiritualists in Philadelphia during the Sundays of January, February in Norwich Conn., March and April in Cincinnati, O. is open for engagements for May and June, also for camping work during the fourth coming summer. Address during January, 92 Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lyman C. Howe speaks in Grand Rapids, Mich., the five Sundays of January, 1920. He will answer calls for week evenings at accessible points. Address 190 North Division Street. He speaks in Indianapolis the Sundays of March; in St. Louis the Sundays of April, and Duluth, Minn., the Sundays of May and June. His time for camp work is engaged from July 25th to August 14th at Haslet Park, Mich.; August 14th to 21st at Mantua Station, Ohio; and August 21st to 28th, Ashley, Ohio.

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Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. A. Hammond writes concerning his article on second page: I thank you for your kind notice of the article which I sent you on the Shakespeare Question. When I had finished it and read it over I began to feel suspicious that perhaps I had better put it in the waste-basket before you did. I want to add a little, however, if not too late. I am impressed to say what I omitted after the line: "The Constitution of the United States is one of the best messages ever sent to mankind." Add here: The spirit congress that inspired our constitution had outgrown the Gods of the religions of earth, hence this is the reason that no God or religion was recognized in it, and if our people are true to themselves there never will be.

Oakland, Cal. On December 12th the Mission Spiritual Society had two splendid meetings. In the afternoon Ben M. Barney, of San Francisco, gave his experience, and told how he became a Spiritualist, which was very interesting, and in the evening Mrs. S. Cowles, of East Oakland, occupied the rostrum, and, as usual, gave some remarkable proofs of spirit-return.

Denver, Colo. Jules Wallace, the Australian platform-test medium has given us two public seances, which were largely attended and enjoyed by everyone present. Mr. Wallace gave some extraordinary tests and life-readings, which, in nearly every instance, were acknowledged to be correct. I have had a private sitting with him, and received satisfactory evidence that he is indeed a wonderful medium, and it is the duty of all interested in the cause to encourage such.

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