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### GEMS OF THOUGHT

Never lose a chance of saying a kind word.

What oxygen is to the air, cheerfulness to the home.

The path of duty leads to the castle of

Life should be measured by deeds, not

One trick needs a great many more to make it good.— Tillotson.

Preserve the privacy of your house, marriage state, heart, from relatives and all the world.

There is only one thing that is more mible than to say a mean thing, and terrible than to s that is to do one.

No real happiness can exist in that heart iscontented with itself, and which seeks to make others so.

So nigh is grandeur to our dust, So near is God to man, When Duty whispers low, "Thou must." The youth replies, "I can." — Anon.

Cheerfulness is an excellent wearing quality. It has been called the bright weather of the heart.

Kindness is stowed away in the heart, like rose-leaves in a drawer, to sweeten every object around.

It is one of the sad conditions of life, that experience is not transmissible. No man will learn from the sufferings of an-other; he must suffer himself.

Life is a book of which we have but one edition. Let every day's actions, as they add their pages to the indestructible vol-ume, be such as we shall be willing to have an assembled world to read.

The first condition to mental growth is that we keep our minds open to new impressions, and the longer we retain something of the child's susceptibility to new impressions, the longer shall we con-time to retain the source of tinue to grow.

One watch set right will do to set many by, but on the other hand, one watch that goes wrong may be the cause of mis-leading a whole neighborhood; and the same may be said of the example we in-dividually set to some around us.

There is only a t between reason and treason; but reason has always been trea-son in the eyes of the world. Every sound reasoner, who proposes to apply reason to the good of mankind, is condemned as a traitor or a lunatic by those who profit by the wrongs he seeks to suppress, and the unthinking multitude echo the cry without knowing or caring why they do so.

knowing or caring why they do so. When father and mother have their life and friends quite apart from those of their children, when the boys are in a hurry to scatter in every direction after tea, and the girls prefer any place to their home, the home is a dangerous state. It should be more than four walls, more than a roof, a shelter from the storm, and a place to eat and sleep in; and if it be only those, and nothing more, it has failed in its mission.

BY W. J. COLVILLE QUESTION .- What do you understand by Kar-

Answers to Questions.

ANSWER.—Simply the ethical law of cause and effect and the natural relations ever existing between causes and their effects.

QUES.—Is the doctrine of Karma in harmon y with Scripture ?

Ans.—Decidedly it is, for the Scrip-tures of the whole world, as well as those pertaining to Judaism and Christianity in particular, teaching this doctrine throughout all their pages. The Old Testament can never be rightly or usefully interpreted until this fact is intelligently weighed, for at present people either seek inconsistently to fulfill isolated portions of the literal sistently

law, while they reject other portions no less binding upon believers in the divine origin of the law as a whole; or they blindly reject the other system through lack of understanding of its true purport. The same may be said of the attitude taken by professing Christians as well as professed free-thinkers to the New Testa-ment teachings which are popularly set aside as impracticable or else accepted in some respects blindly, and in other equally important matters tacily ignored or pro-nounced too mysterious to be compre-hended with our present degree of light or reason.

reason. The law of Karma explains as state-ments of the working of Universal Law, those passages of the old law which, when taken literally, enforce as well as endorse, capital punishment and other barbaric atrocities; and let the student of Scripture and Divine Law remember that if he in-sits upon a literal fulfillment of the words "Whosoever sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed," regarding them in the light of a command instead of a prophesy, he must in consistency not only condemn to death by stoning every adulteress, but also enforce severe penal-ties upon all who even pick up sticks on the Jewish Sabbath; and still further, condemn every man who shaves the cor-ners of his beard, an act peremptorily for-bidden in the Book of Leviticus. Why enforce one portion of the law literally, and not all the rest, if the whole law be divinely given for mars guidance? and if it be not given from above, why enforce any of it, particularly such portions as command cruel retaliation? The Jew has sto face this query, but for the Christian Jesus has spoken with such absolute plain-ness on this point that no foolish wayfarer or unturder child need mistake his atti-tude. He distinctly declared on the tes-timong of the Evangelists, whose writings are universally received by those who pro-fees the Christian name, that he fulfilled the law in its entirety by obeying its spir-buked the error of those blind leaders of the blind, who led human society into the dithe of strife and hatred. No more hideous anachronism can pos-sily be imagined than a professedly gos-pel church or sect tolerating, much less avocating, retaliation. Still there are le-shotics, including Ingersoll, are compelled to aknowledge. The Eternal does repay, seven though in one sense God is never anging nor moved in the slightest by any olly or crime of man. To all who under-stand, ettex hs often quoted, "Men carnow gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistle," and, "With what measaure you

out of their just deserts through a species of jugglery. It is not very wrong to sin, but very in-convenient and extremely disagreeable to be found out, is without question, the belief of many people to-day, and this belief is positively fostered by a great deal of popular teaching not purposely immoral. Children as well as grown people, read

SCO, CAL., SATURDAY, FE continually of the fines and imprisonments levied on those who have been detected and captured in the act of transgressing human law, but the ordinary teaching of the world does not deal in any way with the inevitable suffering which overtakes the sinners who are not found out. The-osophy steps in, and in perfect harmony and undeviating equity declares that pun-ishment is inseparable from sin, as suffering is the inevitable sequence of wrong doing, and not only of evil doing and evil speak-ing, but of evil-thinking also. A simple illustration patent to everybody explains Karmic results: A man drinks a great amount of whisky to graify an unreason-able and unholy appetite; no one sees him drink it, and he does not steal it, therefore he is not punishable by the civil law, but it destroys the interior of his own body, it affects his brain and produces delirium, he suffers because he has taken into himself, a poison which has attaked his vitals and caused his brain to reel with madness. The law of Karma works not alone for the drunkard, but for every one without exception, who by his own conduct brings upon himself pain as a consequence. Lies which are never traced to their per-pertator; cruel thoughts which go out like poisoned arrows and sting the unsuspect-ing unawares—all recoil upon those who have begotten them and from the conse-quence of one's own deliberate action, there is no escape here or hereafter. No not, the law works exactly the same; it is perfectly just, entirely reasonable and com-monds itself alike to the wisest and the humblest, for all consciences when un-warped by deliberate and perverse trans-gression can discern its righteousness, the smallest child *feels* it as a truth and cause.—Does the belief in Karma imply belief in fate?

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Ques.-Does the belief in Karma imply belief in fate? Ans.-It does not, if by fate anyone means a particular private destiny for an individual, marked out for him alone by some higher power than himself. Fate is either universal order or there is no fate, for the eternal law is no respecter of per-sons. Law is immutable; at the same time the human will is free, and man is a free agent within the circle of unchang-ing universal destiny. Let us here very briefly expound the simile of figs, thorns, grapes, and thistles, and how they are brought forth in nature. The language of the gospel in this connection is scien-tifically exact; one species cannot spring from another, each must be evolved from its disinctive typal germ. Knowing this, are we not however, at perfect therty to choose what we sow or plant, and in the the carcrise of that choice determine our reaping; the law emphatically states that we can only reap as we sow, and then it leaves us free to sow at our discretion. <u>Ungrateful</u>.

### Ungrateful.

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GAT My attention has just been called to an

article in the GOLDEN GATE of the 11th inst., written by Dr. Dean Clarke, upon Theosophy. During the past few months this same Dr. Clarke was in Santa Cruz lecturing under the auspices of the First Society of Spiritualists, and by his eloquent inspirational speaking, attracted fair audiences from all classes of people. Among his hearers were Theosophists who not only treated him with courteous kindness, but

hearers were Theosophists who not only treated him with courteous kindness, but contributed to his financial support. On the night before Dr. Clarke left Santa Cruz, he delivered a lecture which he called "The fallacies of Theosophy." This lecture, however, instead of being an expose of "fallacy," was only an ex-pose of Dr. Clarke's entire ignorance of both the ethics and literature of Theoso-phy. His misquotations from Mme. Bla-vatsky's books were conclusive proof that he never had read a single volume of either Mme. Blavatsky's or any other well-known theosophical author. His principal statements were contra-dicted by facts, and altogether it was a very lame attack. Although reported and printed in one of our dalles, it produced no effect farther than a little surprise that Dr. Clarke should have made so poor an effort, and against those who had been his able friends. M. H. B., F. T. S. SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Jan. 27, 1890.

It is said that fate has us all in its keeping; that our road is laid out for us to travel, "rough hue it as we will." Be that as it may, circumstances over which I had no control, impelled me to leave Chicago, and again visit the Golden State. I ar-

rived in San Francisco in May, 1879. Shortly after my arrival I attended a public circle given by Mrs. Ada Foye, in her private rooms. I had never seen the lady before. There were about two dozen people present. She is a rapping, writing, clairvoyant and clairaudient medium.

Her mode of procedure is as follows: When all are seated, she sits at a table, when a gentlemen is selected by those present to sit at the table with her. Then each person is requested to write two when a gentlemen is selected by those present to sit at the table with her. Then each person is requested to write two names of departed friends on a small slip of paper, and fold each one up separately. They are then gathered and thrown pro-miscuously on the table. I wrote two names—Star and Charles Cooney. As soon as the seance commenced, she said, "I see the name of Charles, written in the air. Who wrote that?" I did not re-ply, not knowing when only the first name was given that it was intended for me. "Wait," he says, "the spirit tells me he will write the full name;"—she writes from irght to left, not the usual way, from left to right, and then holds it upside down to read it. The name Charles Cooney was written, when I stated that I had written it. Then she asked the spirit if he would se-lect the ballot. The answer was given by three raps, which signifies yes. When she commenced to take up the ballots, one by one. When she took up the right one it was signified by raps; then it was handed to the gentleman before named, who read it aloud; it corresponded. Then she requested me to callout some numbers, and among them the age of the spirit when he passed away. When the age was mentioned, raps were heard to in-dicate that was correct. The same pro-cess was gone through to denote the disease, and also where he died, by call-ing over various places; all were in ac-cordance with the facts. Every person at the seance got similar evidence of the presence of their spirit friends, their entire satisfaction. Towards the end of the seance a spirit influenced her to write "Sar." "What does that mean?" is he said, "is that for any one present?" I replied that it was intended for me; that it was a new *de plane* a spirit friende a spirit and the as add that it was intended her to write "Sar." Wubat does that mean?" is he said, "is that for any one present?" I replied that it was intended her to write "Sar." What does that present. Mes. Foye's phases of mediumship are so well known all over the United States,

which I nave mentana when I arrived on the Pacific coast, I would know she was present. Mrs. Foye's phases of mcdiumship are so well known all over the United States, that it is not necessary to report her ex-tensively, but I think one of the many evidences I have had of her remarkable gifts is worthy of relating: The other public platform seances, I was present with a lady friend and her husband. The latter was a materialist. I induced him to send up a name. He wrote the name of his wile's father on a slip of paper, and sent it to the platform with the others. Towards the end of the seance she said: "I see the name of Robert Brown written in the air. Who wrote that?" My friend at first refused to acknowledge it, but he did so finally, when the usual questions were asked as to the disease he died of, place, etc. A number of diseases were named, but no reply; finally, the spirit, with reluctance, stated that he committed suicide. All other questions were answered correctly. Sometimes as many as fifty or sixty evi-dences of spirit return would be given at one seance. Often she reads long messa-ges, written in the air, a word at a time. I will give in brief the manner in which they are acted upon by the invisible powers: Mrs. J. J. Whitney has estab-lished for herseli an extensive reputation over the whole Union. She was devel-oped on this coast. When on the plat-form she is rendered unconscious by the operating spirit, whereas, Mrs. Foye never loses concousness. The name of the spirit wishing to communicate is given, when the question is asked if it is recog-

nized ? If so, which is generally the case, the response comes, "I recognize the spirit." Then the relation of the spirit to the person is given, and probably the names of half a dozen or more of other spirit friends or relatives of the person, and most generally some messages or some dvice is given, either relating to them or to some person with whom they are con-nected. Sometimes a question will be asked, as for instance, Do you not con-template doing so and so? or do you not intend going on a journey ? when possibly some advice or suggestion in regard to the advisability, etc., as the case may be, showing that they possess a knowledge of the mundane affairs of those to whom they are attracted. John Slater is another platform test me-dium, but although the evidence he gives

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Reminiscences of an Old Spiritnalist. nized? If so, which is generally the case the response comes, "I recognize the

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### Following is an outline or abridgment

of a pamphlet by Rev. John Page Hopps, an English liberal preacher, entitled, "A Scientific Basis of Belief in a Future Life; or, the Witness borne by Modern Science to the Reality and Pre-eminence of the Univers

If faith in God or Immortality de-It faith in God of himfortaity de-pends on the conviction of the infallibility of the Bible, faith is already doomed. The marvelous spread of scientific knowl-edge has led to a totally new demand for evidence and demonstration as the antecedent to all belief.

evidence and demonstration as the ante-cedent to all belief. The inquiry into a future life or an un-seen universe, is a strictly scientific one. But all the science we can attain to is rela-tive to our limited capacities. The first thing to do is to take the whole subject out of the realm of mystery, unreality, fantasy and awe, and make it the object of cool thought, and if possible, of scien-tific experiment. We have too long been accustomed to speak of the dead in a vague, dreamy, unreal way. A future life can only mean the actual going on of the human being in spite of the mident called "death." The science of the present day, in bypothecating atoms as the ultimate constituents of matter, confesses that it does not know what an atom is. Even in relation to the world of same, it is confessedly true that the ideal world, or world of consciousness, is im-measurably more vital than what is usually called the world of matter. Huxley him-self affirms that the inner world of con-sciousness is the only one we know at first hand-that the external world is only an inference from our sensations. The illustration recourse a little close

sciousness is the only one we know at first hand-that the external world is only an inference from our sensations. The illustration requires a little close thought. We hear the sound of a bell; but, in the exciting cause, there is noth-ing like the sound of a bell. Certain waves of air—in themselves only forms of motion—produce in us as sound, some-thing uholly different from what they them-selves are. We are not conscious of the waves of air, but only of the effect pro-duced on us. This will show what science means when it says that we are more di-rectly certain of states of consciousness than of states of matter. In ordinary sleep, the fields through which you wan-der, the money you handle, the fruit you eat, the trees you see swayed by the wind, the people you meet, the ocean whose bright waves break on the shore, are all perfectly real to you inferams; and you think they are real for the time: so true it is that consciousness, thought and sen-sation are more immediately real to us than matter. "Experience," says John Stuart Mill.

sation are more immediately real to us "Experience," says John Stuart Mill, "furnishes us with no example of any se-ries of states of consciousness" without "a material brain; but it is as easy to imagine such a series of states without as with this accompaniment, and we know of no rea-son in the nature of things against the possibility of its being thus disjoined." He even says, "we may suppose that the same thoughts, emotions, volitions, and even sensations which we have here, may persist or recommence somewhere else under other conditions. This is all we ask, and this is perfectly

der other conditions. This is all we ask, and this is perfectly entific. Sensation, thought and con-iousness, are all in ourselves, and are solutely unlike matter in all their pecusciousness, are all in ourselves, and are absolutely unlike matter in all their pecu-liarities. In our present state they may be excited by certain conditions of matter, but this is no argument against the possi-bility of their existing independently of matter. There is talk of the conveyance of mental consciousness by "brain-waves." What does it matter how it is conveyed? The consciousness by "brain-waves." That does it matter how it is conveyed? The consciousness is destruction, might come with the separation of our mental powers from fleshly control. Our five senses do 'not measure the boundless reaches of being far, far beyond our ken. The greatest of all illusions is the common illusion that we see, hear and touch all that might be visible, audible globe itself is an assemblage of atoms in-conseivably small—so small that no ey-can see, no instrument reveal them. What we call the vacant air is filled with light and anguhat factor.

numerable waves of sound, so slight as to be inaudible to us. It reveals to the ear a new world, even as the microscope has opened a new world to the eye. Thus our external senses are constructed to per-ceive only an infinitesimal portion of the sights and sounds about us. So it is a mere *apriori* judgment, mere folly and presumption, to pronounce of anything that it cannot be." What Tyndall calls the "luminiferous ether" may be only what we know as atmosphere in a more subtle state; but it is so attenuated and elastic that it can convey the vibrations answering to light at are to about 2200-7 what we know as annosphere in a mosphere in a delastic that it can convey the vibrations answering to light at a rate of about 200,-000 miles a second. Compared with that, we, in our ordinary atmosphere, may be said to be living in thick mud. What a suggestion have we here as to an unseen universe; ay, and as to exquisitely subtle beings living in it their refined and happy lives! Thus it is the admission of the most advanced science that objects and even organized beings may exist in an un-seen universe. The other senses lead, in like manner, into the Unseen. The gases are as truly matter as the solid metals; and hydrogen is as much a substance as iron; are as truly matter as the solid metals; and bydrogen is as much a substance as iron; and yet the one is solid to our touch, and the other is as nothing to that sense: and the gas can readily pass through the metal (just as a spirit may pass through a solid wall). It is only habit and the limitation of our energy of truch that lead us to thick of

It is only habit and the limitation of our sense of touch that lead us to think of matter in a certain subtle condition as less real than denser substances. A hand that could pass through granite is scientifically conceivable. Thus there is nothing in a

rear than denser substances. A fund that could pass through granite is scientifically conceivable. Thus there is nothing in a spirit-hand that violates a purely scientific conception. So again with the sense of odor. Odor does not exist, as such, till the vibrating particles that produce it reach and affect the nerves and brain. "Sensations," says Huxley, "are, in the strictest sense, *immaterial entities.*" Thus even now and here we belong to the Un-seen. "We must resort to the unseen," say Stewart and Tait, "not only for the origin of the *molecules* of the visible uni-verse, but also for an explanation of the *forces* which animate these molecules. So that we are compelled to conclude that every motion of the visible universe is caused by the unseen, and that its energy is ultimately carried again into the un-seen." seen.

Is initiately carried again into the un-seen." Is not this wonderfully suggestive? What if the intelligence, the personality, that are here grown and developed, pass into the unseen with their glorious gains? Everywhere is the visible produced by the invisible. All the glory of leaf and flower, whence comes it? Every thin of color and essence of odor existed first in the unseen. And what is true for us and our tiny globe we may reasonably conclude is true in the vast universe beyond. Thus we arrive by the steps of admitted science at the stu-pendous conclusion that the Unseen is at once the Source, receptacle and labora-

vast universe beyond. I nus we arrive by the steps of admitted science at the stu-pendous conclusion that the Unseen is at once the Source, receptacle and labora-tory of energy and vitality immeasurably surpassing anything within the present ex-perience of man. But though itself is a greater mystery than the existence of all these finer forms. The materialist has here a harder problem to solve than any other connected with an unseen universe. " We are absolutely driven," say Stew-art and Tait, " by scientific principles to acknowledge the existence of an unseen universe, and to conclude that it is full of life and intelligence—that it is in fact a spiritual universe and not a dead one." With every advance in organization there is a corresponding advance in mind. The inference, the longer we ponder it, becomes the more inevitable, that Life and Thought, no less than Matter, though they may know vast changes and pass into higher or more subile forms of being, are destined to find their home in the vast Unseen. Thus, taking the universe as it is, and adopting the principle of continui-ty, the process leads us at once to the conception of an invisible universe, and to see that immortality is possible without a break of continuity. We have then strict-ju scientific grounds (gart from the suffi-cient proofs given in Spiritualism), that even now the psychical part of man is de-veloping powers that will enable it to sur-vive the dissolution of the merely physical structure.

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## mendation upon those of our fellows who are worthy of it. It is too much the fashion to never speak of a medium only when there is fault to be found and some-thing harsh to be said, or to wait until it is time to write an obituary.

Now, this ought not to be so. A word spoken in time is often of incalculable benefit, where least expected. I know of a recent instance in this city where a poor, broken-hearted man, driven to des-

benent, where least expected to the where a poor, broken-hearted man, driven to des-peration by adverse circumstances, had started to find a suicide's grave in the waters of the bay, but who was arrested on his fatal way by his eye happening to catch sight of the sign of Dr. J. V. Mans-field, the "spirit postmaster" medium. With irresolute steps he finally took his way up stairs to the Doctor's office. Upon entering the room he frankly confessed that he had no money, and as he had never visited a medium before he did not really know what to do. The Doctor told him not to mind the money part of the business, but if he wanted to know any-thing, to sit down at the table across the room, and write a letter to some one he used to know whay ead, and ask that person to tell. The man was greatly bewildered at the idea, but finally, in great trepidation and nervousness, he got his letter written, and by direction folded it up and sealed it. The Doctor then placed it before himself, and his hand was moved to write. It proved to be from the poor fellow's mother. She warned him against taking the fatal step he was meditating if he ever hoped to meet her in a better world, and closed with such words of kindness as cou'd only come from the heart of a sainted mother. The effoct was instan-taneous and overwhelming, and I draw the veil over the scene that followed. Suffice it to say, the man's life was saved. This is but one of thousands of inci-dents in the good Doctor's long life, for his venerable head is whitened with the snows of many Winters, though he still retains much of the agility of younger years. I was present a few weeks ago when he

I was present a few weeks ago when his sealed and directed his seven bundred thousandth letter, answering letters di rected to people in spirit life. What a record of a life devoted to the sacred cause of Spiritualism! and what a crowd await this man.

his man. He has travelled three times around the He has travelled three times around use globe, and has written and given tests to nearly all the crowned heads of the Old World. His whole life has been one of unsullied purity, and when his head is laid low, one of the grandest mediums that ever lived will have passed away. MARSHAL WHEELER.

Phenomena.

EDITCE OF GOLDEN GATE For years I have felt that I had outgrown the need of phenomena. I was sure I had sufficient proof of spirit return. I flattered myself, too, that I had become a spiritual philosopher, and was able to see <text><text><text><text><text><text> beyond earth's environments, and could withstand all its vicissitudes; and so, in

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light of a greater promise now being shed light of a greater promise now being shed from earth brains. We have met, soul to soul, the incarnate ones, who went forth irom our world, bearing earthward their misions of peace; bearing them while the light of Hope encircled them, as they knew that they were to plant the barn er mid the trais caused by adverse conditions. The question often is asked, Is not this world paricularly creed-cursed? Leiven has been a dweller upon other worlds ages since, and found there no such creeds to darken the mind and keep the truth from blessing the land. The constellations of spirits who now seek to inaugurate the reign of justice, Right, and Reason, have come from many worlds that swing in mightly space. From those worlds, thoughts have come that have led to the accepting of principles, beneficial alike to this world and its people. Yet the world were slow to accept; slowly the minds of earth spirits have dropped their own crude ideas to accept those of more advanced worlds. This your own bistory will prove. The dark creeds, the utter ignorance of many races of earth's people, are an ex-pression of the inharmonious condition of the planet, that has held it with a grip of ino, in its powerful graps. It has needed the might Love of an Omniscient Heart ol lab hold, as it were, of its thought con-ditions, that order, not chaos might slowly be evolved. It is a planet of great prom-ise; one of the children of the Infinite that will, when redeemed, become an ingity work in the soul. We have not come here to work out our salvation in a graden of beauty, where we may revel in happiness, and enjoy to our heart's content the wine and fruit that grows with no effort of ours. We knew long, long ago that we were to labor and wait, to suffer an drow strong through suffering. We were to battle for our birth-right with usurping conditions, and when we stand redemed, puniled, masterful, we will not only have gained for ourselves the mastery, but will have left a legacy of good to the word we low can there has existed and still exists a

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be castruction of life, but by the steady imad of higher thoughts and holier purchase." "Mental phenomena of vary-implexe.
 The mingling of the two worlds thus if ar, has produced war of thought that mortals, and have given from their measures to be a world of thought, at war with the highest and best. But the masterful Ange that we held their purpose purce. They have sent their messengers into the land, who in the sleeping and waking have full they came, since collated in elucidation therese, when the race was finished and the work was done.
 All through the ages, higher councils convend in a far-away world, and nither solicity will prove an important factor in introducing a knowledge of the spiritual forces by which terms and effect opened the during the value of these interesting and or discussion of dirumstance. Angels could not come from the Heaven of heavens into the dark garments it ever weaves for the soul. Storm and could understand, and yet man has blindly followed his own intuitons as superstition for the two motos of the Stores at the was there weaves for the soul. Storm and could understand, and yet man has blindly followed his own intuitoms as superstition for the two motos of the Stores to the interest of the same to the value of these interesting mode they were lowers to bring order from them with the dark garments it ever weaves for the soul. Storm and could understand, and yet man has blindly followed his own intuitons as superstition is the two motos of the Storest on the sould. Storm and could understand, and yet man has blindly followed his own intuitons as superstition is the two motos of the Storest or the sould. Storm and the facts for the facts of the Law that ever works to bring order from the information when the the during the worke allowed and store all blicks the two moto and could and stores the the two moto and stores and was blindly followed his own intuitons as superstition is the two motor allowed blindly followed his own intuitons asuperst

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### "The Invisible World."

Rev. J. Sanders Reed, rector of Trinity Church of this city, delivered a suggestive lecture, last Sunday evening, on the above subject. It indicates that there are some

 and the the iteration is the index of the in IT makes one who has intelligence to see, and heart to feel, sad, to go over this country [Southern California] and see the ruin that has been wrought by what was called the "boom," which struck this part of California is en wy ears ago. How many invested and lost all in that boom. California is all right. But the robbers who have long speculated in God's green earth, got a corner on the climate and boomed it up until people thought heaven a hell compared with California, and then went to selling climate by the square foot and throwing in a small patch of land. The result is, hundreds invested their last penny in paper towns, and as a result are totally ruined. Property has so fallen in price that many would be glad to take one-fifth of what their property cost them, for it. One man said to us to-day that a certain piece of property cost him fifteen hundred dollars, "Now," said he, "I'Tl gladly take five hundred, yes, three hun-dred for it.—Moses Hull, in New Thought.

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### WASTED ENERGY.

What a vast amount of energy has been waste in this world in quibbling about non-essentials in religion. Learned divines have grown hoary

rengion. Leathed of the grown heaty with age in endeavoring to settle the questions of a vicarious atonement, the divinity, transubstan-tiation, original sin, predestination, accountabil-ity, baptism, salvation, heaven and hell, God, Christ, the Holy Ghost, a personal devil, etc., etc., and they are no nearer the truth now than

ever. The entire machinery of ecclesiasticism is the cunning device of men to secure happiness for themselves and their followers at the expense of the ignorant. Not but that earnest and devoul souls have given their lives to the work of ex-tending the domain and power of the Church, but it is only by the inculcation of the simple lessons of how and duffs that they have ever benefited the of love and duty that they have ever benefited the world. These lessons constitute the kernel of di-vine truth; all else is but husk and shell.

while truth; all else is but husk and shell. Take the costly piles of Rome, wrung from the labor of peasants-the Cathedral of Milan, the Church of St. Peters, the hundreds of magnificent edifices representing untold millions of wealth, scattered throughout Europe,-take the vast sys-tem of Monasteries and Convents, with their tens of thousands of pious inmates---and what earthly beneift have they been io the human race? And wherein is Protestantism, with its gorgeous palaces of worship, where wealth and fashion, reclining in luxurious ease, mumble pious responses to an exquisite, ten thousand dollars, side-whiskered and surpliced "...inister of God,"---wherein, we may ask, is such profanation illars, side-whiskered and surpliced "Annisiter of Q<sup>\*</sup>-wherein, we may ask, is such profanatio the simple gospel of Jesus—of the Man of Sor ws, who went about doing good, and had no here to lay his head,—any better than Roman m<sup>\*</sup> What is all this but wasted energy in the state of the set of the What is all this but wasted energy in the set of th of the si uplifting of humanity? Ah, we may all be preachers of the gospel if we

will. We need no altars before which to bow, no holy decorations for our bodies, nor conse-crated temples within which to perform our devo-tions. Our Church should be the world, our audience wherever we can find a human heart that we can inspire with the promptings to a better

life. Where ignorance, sin and suffering abound, there is every good man's and every good wom-an's church. The true minister of the gospel needs no anointing of holy oil, no consecration of priestly hands. The ripched harvest lies all around him; he has but to put forth his sickle and reap.

### ALONE IN AFRICA.

The Dark Continent has been, and still is, a

The Dark Continent has been, and still is, a boundless field for the exercise of those virtues and qualities that make herces and hercines. Many as these have been, we believe there is none braver or more worthy of remembrance among the latter than Miss Martha Kah, of Cheyenne County, of Nebraska, the only living member of the missionary party established in Mamby, in the French Congo, by Bishop, William Taylor. The others, both men and women, in turn fell worthing to continue di likhop, William Saylor. The other, both men and women, in turn fell worthing to the climate, except the Superintend-ent, who, by continue di likhealth, was compelled by output of all her comrades. Miss Kah is far from disheartened. Besides superintending the bouskeeping and teaching five days in the week, he direct the labors of the plantation, which lat-ter finally is of its establishment. It seems myster windoubd be a summer, how such each dowed with whole dives the stabilito in their take, performing in dil he duties at first divided among a dogen or so.

While such living seems a sacrifice of energy and talent, we may not, and must not, judge because none but those so impelled know the force they obey.

THEOSOPHICAL VAGARIES There is a kind of Theosophy that no in gent Spiritualist can seriously object to; it is the kind that recognizes the fundamental truthe Spiritualism, and at the same time seeks for ad vancement in the principles of goodness, and in the knowledge of those things that relate to the higher life of the soul. To this extent all are, o ught to be, Theosophis

The true meaning of the word Theosophymowledge of God, or goodness,—is certainly un bjectionable. But as all knowledge of spiritua things—all principles of divine goodness—may b inculcated and practiced in the name of Spiritu alism, we could never understand the necessity of adopting any other name, especially one that does not enthrone and emphasize the fact of the existence of the excarnated spirit of man as an individualized entity, and its power to return and unicate with spirits yet embodied in the

flesh But the good old words "Spiritualist," and "Spiritualism," are not enough with many They must needs exploiter the jaw-breaking linge of India for names calculated to paralyze the modern Anglo-Saxon tongue, and in the philoso phy of a worthless mysticism, that even on it native heath " has done nothing for humanity, lose themselves in a labyrinthian maze of unsatis fying vagaries.

It is a great mistake to imagine that this kind of Theosophy is any improvement on Spiritual m, and the less Spiritualists have to do with it the better will it be for their happiness

Take the idea of "Devachan," as set forth by Madame Blavatsky, the head centre of this objectionable kind of Theosophy, and is it not enough to dishearten every intelligent seeker after th so-called higher truths ? Here is a condition o absolute, blissful inanity, where everything exists only in seeming; -no conscious reality of any thing-no active life of the spirit in busy work for others:-and this Fool's Paradise is the desti ny of the immortal soul for zons of time dition of the spirit in comparison with which : jelly-fish is a veritable Daniel Webster!

We are aware that some of our Theo teachers claim that Madame Blavatsky is no clearly understood in this matter; but the finely expressed English of her latest work, "A Key to Theosophy," tells the story too plainly to d

any one. We have yet to learn that Theosophists p any broader charity, any clearer conception of life and duty, or any better knowledge of truth, than many who are contented with the simple nam of Spiritualism, and with the grand truths it ha revealed to them. At the same time we would hold ourselves in a hospitable condition of mind towards all new ideas, conceding to all the same onesty of opinion and conviction we demand for ourselves. Such has ever been the course of the Its columns have been, and are, freely used by Theosophical writers.

In the pursuit of spiritual knowledge, as in everything else, the old adage holds good, "Be sure you are right, then go ahead."

### ONE LINE.

He or she who does the most effective work in this life, leaves the world better for their having lived in it, are necessarily compelled to confine their efforts and labors to one line of action, on of the many branches leading from the great artery of the world's need. So closely and vitally

artery of the world's need. So closely and vitally are all these related one to the other, that no thoughtful person will exault any one legitimate vocation above another; and just who are work-ing on the main line is difficult to say, since it is only through the branch industries that the im-portance, or even existence, of the one first and great need, is known. Our existence here is so brief that we can not, in the longest life, hardly more than perfect our knowledge of a single science, or fully compre-hend the work in a given field; but it can be done so far as to be sufficient for the day, and generation of one's time. And this, too, with a general understanding of the relations existing between all work, all science, all knowledge and all wisdom. New workers come into their spheres of action with new light, and the perpet-ual growth of thought carries humanity along ual growth of thought carries humanity along with an ever increasing capacity of understanding

and acquisition. In past ages much valuable time was lost in discussing theories, and even persecuting for their sake; now-a-days theories, if based upon truth, are soon tested, and either put into practice or cast aside, according as they be. Those not thus reduceable cost no one his head or happiness.

### STRENGTH IN IGNORANCE ?

There is no country on the globe from which the educated and progressive world hails a good the educated and progressive world hails a good report with more satisfaction than it does from the benighted Russian Empire. These are few and far between, and what is worse, they are al-ways and speedily counteracted by others of evil import. The signs of enlightenment that now and then become visible through the public prints, are of a kind with those that are always failing in dry weather-they mean nothing. The determination of Russia to maintain the intellectual darkness of her masses is shown in many ways but in none more plainly and em-phatically than her opposition to German immi-gration, and the reason assigned therefor. Be-

sides the efforts made to prevent the use of the German language in Russian territory, the au-thorities have taken extreme measures to keep the obnoxious Teatons out. They propose te effect this exclusion by imposing a tax of on thousand dollars on every German head tha

entect this exclusion by imposing a tax of one thousand dollars on every German head that dates invade the realm of the Crar. The one and only objection to German immi-gration is that the new comers are, as a rule, *im-clificent*, and carry with them the ideas of a lib-ral tendency. Poor Kuusia! She certainly knows that ideas of intellectual and political freedom are ilready rufe among her people. They will *even*, Germans or no Germans.

### "THE LORD

"THE LORD." What a scapegoat ignorant human beings make out of the supposed overruling Divinity! Not the ignorant alone, but their leaders, coun-sellors and teachers, are just as ready to shift the results of human stupidity, carelessness and altifesness upon the shoulders of an invisible Cause, Divine Providence, the Lord! It is a great pity that the Nineteenth Century has no better means of appealing to the good in-stincts in mankind, than had Pagan Rome with its many gods and human oracles behind them, who brought about submission to any proposed measure by direful threats and predictions of ca-lamity upon all malcontents. Those in author ity *knex* the oracles—those who spoke through the modern lips, and believed accordingly. It is difficult for so to credit any more the ignorance of those church functionaries who talk to their fooks to-day, of Divine wrath and vengeance up-on their sins, because it is so utterly senseless for and allivits being to cendemm His own works and afflict His own creations.

Archbishop Gross of Oregon, says la grippe is "visitation from God," and has ordered a "visitation from God," and has ordered a ree days' fasting and prayer throughout his ec-sisatical jurisdiction, to ward off the scourge "view of which scourge the wicked should op cursing, drunkenness, and other like flagrant has," His Grace should also have advised them clean up, inside and out. Cleanliness is more to clea erful than prayer.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

-Bishop W. Beals has been re-engaged by the Spiritualists of St. Paul, for the month of Febru-

-A lecture on Nationalism will be delivered by W. J. Colville, in Masonic Hall, Alameda, this evening, February 8th, at 8 o'clock.

—We have received a portion of Dean Clarke's reply to his critics on the question of Theosophy, which we hold back until next week, when we are promised the rest of it. There is no need of making two bites of a cherry.

-Marshal Wheeler, the thinker and astro 

-Mrs. Ada Foye will not return to San Fran cisco at the time she intended. The demand for her services is so great in the West that she has gene back from Denver to Topeka, Kanas, Hei present address is P. O. Box 185, Topeka.

-Will. A. Mansfield, the independent slate-writing medium, of Casadaga fame, arrived in Denver, on January 184, in response to a call from a circle of business men. He is located at 162a (California street, Denver, where he is kept busy. He has calls to visit other Western cities, busy. He has calls to visit other , to which he doubtless will respond.

-The snow blockade wrought serious havoc with the delivery of our papers in this city last week. The entire postoffice force was so occu-pied in assorting and delivering the letters of the delayed mails that they had no time to a titend to papers; hence many of our subscribers laid their failure to receive the G. G. on time at our doors,

—In sending out notice to subscribers of the expiration of their subscription, we utilize back numbers of the paper, which we stamp and mark with date of time to which their subscriptions are paid. This we find the most economical method of malifestice sensitive are been subscriptions. of notification, especially as we have always on hand large numbers of unused copies of the G. G.

—Our correspondent, Dr. G. H. Stockham, of Oakland, author of "Reminiscences of an old Spiritualist," etc., was united in marriage with Mrs. Dr. M. D. Wilson, of the same place, on Sunday, the 26th ult. Although past 76, our correspondent is as active as many a man of 50, and his wits as keen. It is nonsense to think of growing old. Man ought to score 100 years, and would if he lived un to the teachings of Spiritus. growing old. Man ought to score 100 years, and would if he lived up to the teachings of Spiritualism

-Our old journalistic friend, Calvin B. Mac —Our old journalistic friend, Calvin B. Mac-donald, has come to the defense of Maria B. Woodworth, the evangelist, who has created no little sensation lately among our neighbors across the Bay. He delivered an address in her behalf at her tent, which has been published in pam-phlet form, a copy of which is before us. The author seems to have lost none of his former vigor. Speaking of the Oakland clergy, whose church donre were closed to Mrs. Woodworth, he church doors were closed to Mrs. Woodworth, he says: "In an and diabolical conju "In all my life, I have never seen such a olical conjunction of cold-hearted Pharisees nital blackguards for the distress and f a Christian woman." 'and congenital blackg 'undoing of a Christian

-A New York correspondent of the Aleyone of Jan. 15 writes: "It is rumored in Theosophical "circles that Mabel Collins, the author of "Light 'on the Path,' and "The Blossom and the "Fruit,' is about to come te America as soon as f evil "Fruit," is about to come to America as soon as now "her delicate health will permit. She has re-bublic "cently invoked the ire of Madame Blavatsky, "and so violent was the Madam that the strong "arm of the law was called in to quench the tu-"mult. Luckily the storm has nearly passed, for "one moment believe such statements as were "in the derogatory to her character, and of such a Be-" in ature that all London was set agog." MR. COLVILLE'S WORK

Ark, Cohrindan 2, and 2, w. J. Colville Spoke to ince very large audiences; morning and evening in College Hall, ro6 McAllister street, San Francusco, and afternoon in the Synagorue, Oakland. The morning and afternoon discourses were on "The Light of Intuition and the Light of Reason." Alluding to the recent antiversary of the birth of Thomas Paine, and its celebration here and elsewhere, the speaker took occasion to comment on the real merit of Paine's work, and also to explain its inefficiency when judged in the light of a succeeding epoch. Paine was a needed iconoclast; his lot was cast in revolutionary times and breathed a destructive spirit, still the "Age of Reason" in many places is an affirma-tive rather than a negative contribution to religi-ous literature, for while its author thoroughly re-putates revealed religion, he most ably argues the case for "natural" religion. Modern scenlarists are, far too apt to extol negation and belaud those who destroy but can not build. In many instances while culogiting Paine they throw out the very best elements in his creed, for he was an uncompromising dest, and exposed the failacy of atheism. "I believe in one God, and hope for happiness in a future life," can not have emanated from a mind imper-visous to the reasonable doctrine of a Divine Unity. The errors of artificial man made Paine On Sunday last, February 2d, W. J. Colville

Jnity. The errors of artificial man made Paine unsparingly denounced, and in his reactionary state of mind he quite naturally failed to see the beauty of the interior sense of the scriptures whose letter he often denounced. Reason is not

beauty of the interior sense of the scriptures whose letter the often denounced. Reason is not everything, and those who think an age of reason alone would be a golden age, are pitiabily blind to those necessities of human nature which are far deeper than the merely intellectual. Man has a heart which will not be divorced from the head. Head and heart must alike be satisfied; therefore, no merely mental philosophy can ever be sufficient to satisfy the affectional needs of human nature. Intuition is the greater, while reason is the lesser light of man. Intuition explores, reason analyzes. Reason deals with what intuition discovers, and it is on the questien of experience and the validity of testimony, that mistakes are extremely common in materialistic circles.

mistakes are extremely common in materialistic circles. Spiritual experience is more real than physi-cal experience, as the spiritual sense is far more reliable than any material perception. They do, indeed, err grievously who seek to limit the possible range of human experience to what is derived through the five bodily senses. In the evening, the hall was crowded to listen to a lecture on "Immorality," in which the lecturer answered Mr. Harcourt's tirade against Spiritualism, in telling language, and was not backward in protesting against the iniquity of putting forth cheap shows of legerdemain as proofs against spiritual mainficstations. The body of the discourse was, however, devoted to a very practical aurey of the principal facts re-vealed by Spiritualism, the chief of which being the demonstration given of a continued human life in the invisible state, and the impossibility of immediately changing one's character by reason

inte in the invisible state, and the impossibility of immediately changing one's character by reason of dropping the material robe. Whatever may be W J. Colville's teaching on Theosophy, his presentation of the philosophy of Spiritualism, bereft of all oriental accretions, Whatever may be W J. Colville's teachings on Theosophy, his presentation of the philosophy of Spiritualism, hereft of all oriental accretions, must prove to all his listeners that he, or the in-telligenees directing his utterances, do not in-dorse the dogmas or opinions characterized as "labyrinthine maxes" by the editor of the GOLDEN GATE. There is evidently a view of Theosophy not taken by many of our friends, which shows an underlying basis of truth upon which all modern systems which contain any de-gree of truth are essentially based. The music and poems at both services were very pleasing. Miss Lang sang a beautiful prayer in the German language at the evening service. W. J. Colville's instructions in Spiritual Science, are filling the hall on Wednesday and Friday evenings. The admission is only ten cents, and a great deal of valuable information is furnished. On Sunday next, February oth, W. IJ. Col-ville's subject at toa 54. Au, will be "Gathering up Fragments of Beauty and Truth." Text, Deb win serve 24. At 7200 B. W "An Ethical

up Fragments of Beauty and Truth. up rragments of Beauty and Truth." Text, John vi, ver. 12. At 7:30 r. M., "An Ethical Study of the Theories Propounded by Henry George." Everybody cordially invited; voluntary collections for expenses. W. J. Colville lectures in Oakland, Sunday

W. J. Colville lectures in Oakland, Sunday and Tuesday, at 3 P. M., and Thursday at 7:45 P. M., in the Synagogue. In Alameda, Tuesday, at 7:45 P. M., and Thursday, at 2:45 P. M., in Masonic Hall, Park street. In San Jose, Satur-day, at 2 P. M., in I. O. O. F. Hall. Subject this day, February 8th, by particular request, "Cain and Abel, or The Division of Races in the Bencincing".

Beginning." A PLEASANT OPENING.—Over 150 people as-sembled at 931 Post street (close to Larkin), on Monday evening, February 2nd, when the prem-ises were formally dedicated to the work of teaching and healing through the power of mind. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Thompson, Mr. Redstone and W. J. Colville. Vocal and instru-mental music was furnished by Miss Milwain, Miss Lang, Mme. Bishop, Mr. Whiting and W. J. Colville. All the exercises passed off very ea-joyably, and the plentiful and delicous refresh-ments served after the musical and literary exer-cises, were rendered the more palatable by reason of the delightful flow of social converse which prevailed. The rooms were beautifully decoof the delightful flow of social converse which prevailed. The rooms were beautifully deco-rated and are very nicely fitted up. W. J. Col-ville commenced a class on Wednesday, Febru-ary 5th, at 10 A. M., which meets every Wednes-day and Friday at the same hour. Miss S. C. Clark (formerly of Boston), who is a very suc-cessful healer, attends to treat patients on Tues-day from 10 A. M. till 12 M., and on Friday from 2 till 4 P. M. Other healers attend at other hours. All letters, etc. for W J. Coloitle hours. All letters, etc., for W. J. Colville should henceforth be sent to that address.

-A reverend gentleman was called to order in the New York Presbytery for saying that no one

person in a thousand ever read the Westminster confession. If he had said not one person in a thousand who has read it believes in it, he would have come still nearer the mark.

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### St. Andrews' Hall.

OF GOLDEN GATE:

Retrotor of GoLDEN GATE: Wednesday, February 5th.—The evening being a very fine one, the Hall was crowded as it used to be before the stormy weather that has just passed. The meeting opened with a song enti-tled, "Spiritual Liberty," by Mrs. Rutter, ac-companied by the audience. Prof. Smith then gave a very eloquent inspiritual address, on the subject of Spirit and Matter. Mr. Hodge of Was-consin, followed with a short address on the same subject, it being treated in a very eloquent man-er from a spiritual standpoint. Prof. Seymour consin, followed with a short address on the same subject, it being treated in a very eloquent man-ner from a spiritual standpoint. Prof. Seymour followed, and gave a short address on the subject of the evening. Dr. Adams, who was one of the first organizers of these meetings, was then called for, and responded with a ten minutes' address. The usual notices ware read by the secretary, and then Prof. Wheeler, of Portland, gave a fine and pleasing way. After a song, the 'Sweet By-and-pley,' by the audience, Mis. Wheeler came for-ward and gave a number of fine tests, all being recognized by the persons receiving them. And here we would like to say we are glad to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are going to remain with us for some time, they being grand and no-ble workers in the cause of Spiritualism. Dr. Hodge gave a test to Mrs. Rutter, describing he ister actuarily, in every low gave a number of and Mrs. Charlier of Spiritualism. Dr. Hodge gave a test to Mrs. Rutter, describing hand Mrs. Grainer of Onkland. Mrs. Howard closed the meeting with a short address. The meeting closed at 10 o'clock to meet again next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. This Society meets at 2:30 and 7:30 F. M., every Sunday at St. George's Hall, goo Market street. All invited. d to to remain id and no-dism. Dr. scribing her rumber of

### Progressive Spiritualists.

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The Mediums' and Conference meeting at Met-opolitan Temple was ably conducted by the Vice-President, Mrs. Lena C. Cook, who occu-sied the time in giving tests very satisfactory to

Vice-President, Mrs. Leans ... pied the time in giving tests very satisfactory to the audience. In the evening Prof. Dawbarn gave one of his best lectures, subject, "Manhood versus Ant-hood," showing the many resemblances between the traits of ants and human beings, quoting from many authorities to substantiate his asse-tory authorities to substantiate his asse-atory authorities to substantiate his asse-atory and the substantiate his asse-atory and the substantiate his asse-tion to the substantiate his asse-ant and the substantiate his asse-ant and the substantiate his asse-tion to substantiate his asse-tion to substantiate his asse-tion the substantiate his asset of the research of the neutron to keep the anni-based on in \$56, Alama March, Genery, Sher-taylor, thomas Nash, John Colwell, David and ster Kordy Waters, Susan Sceley, Annie Mar-ta and Lange Friedlander, Duncam Bell and many others. The most of them were acknowledged the met Sunday's lecture by Frod Dawbarn will be "Science and Love." S. B. WHITEHEAD, Scretary.

### Fraternity Hall, Oakland.

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE.

Entron or Golman Gara. The First Association of Progressive Spiritual-ists, of Oakland, met last Sunday to hold their sual exercises, Dr. Macsorley presiding. The meeting was opened with singing by the audi-ence; also, a poem was read and invocation given by the President. Mrs. Cowell also gave some termarks and experiences, after which Mrs. Pat-terson's controls gave some interesting remarks and tests, which were recognized. There was a goodly number present. A circle was formed atter the meeting. Mrs. Weir gave some fine tests, which were recognized. There was a meeting meeting was attended by a large rudience. After the usual exercises Dr. J. B. Temple was introduced as the medium for the test stroughout the audience, also names, all leng recognized by the persons receiving them. The Att Sunday evening. Prof. Seymour, speaker and phenologist, has promised to be with us and accurpt the platform. Doors open at 7 P. M. Yours, etc., Mrss. Davis, See'r.

### GOLDEN GATE.

### Progressive Lyceum.

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rectly or indirectly through those who attend le Lyceum: The carrisks in Sunday were perhaps a little dirating their speakers had given some dirating their topics, and the other perform-topic included a little song by a very little girl, a Adwordh who sang "KillY Sittling by the 're," a pretty little verse by the small wins, lise and Geneviere Recd; a recitation, "Dot allse Baby of Mine," by Leon Willis Recd; de-mation, "The American Flag," Bertha Reed; nd a primo solo by Mamie Knightland. The laft group also had some pleasant words, all the ose pleasant by not being lengthy. This, with some specimens for the cabinet, closed the sino, when the Lyceum was dismissed by Mrs. .E. Forsette, the assistant conductor, Mrs. L. Balos. The absence of three conductor, Mrs.

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### Mrs. Logan's Meetings.

Barte of Gauss Garts.
In St. Gorge Still, goop Market street, San-dy at 1A. M, was largely attended and partic-bated in by several earnest speakers and me-diums. After an invocation by Mrs. Logan and appropriate tennics, Mesidames Cook and Rutter use well with piano accompaniment. Mr. Nector and Googy, and illustrated very mi-nitaby fields of Uafoldment and of Cobesion, Attractions and Repuision, the development of vords, etc., etc., His anniable wife was then intro-option and geospace and the seven intro-duction and Repuision, the development of vords, etc., etc., His anniable wife was then intro-duction and area services and read two of where characters orrectly. Dr. Temple spoke on where character correctly. Dr. Temple spoke on example and the development of the ensued as the was invited to recite, but the joint chain to be inspired at the me character and gave a very lengthy per-ternation and gave a supporprise the part introduced the meeting until near the logal that was an appropriate the part of logal in mapplication. Dear little state hangelet hand an application. Dear little state hangelet hand and the state meeting until near the logal that was an appropriate beer of logal in mapplication. Dear little state hangelet hand and Hill, Thirteemat here near Broaf.

Sittion, and closed the meeting until next Suby at 17 Otock. IN OAKLAND. Grand Army Hall, Thirteenth street near Broad-way, Oakland, Sunday at 2 o'clock meeting opened by Walter Hyde, who sam "Gentle Words," with piano accompaniment. Mrs. Logen conducts the meetings in this Hall the same as in San Francisco, griving all to set that the meeting is theirs. Prof. Evens metical apoem and gave tests. Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Dyer made intersting remarks. Walter Mrs. Dyer made intersting remarks. Walter theid as the existing experience, and Dr. Dyer closed the meeting with remarkable readings. At 7:30 Prof. Evens recite also acknowl-siged to be correct. Mr. Potter also acknowl-siged the accuracy who listened with latter's, the based and incidents which were acknowl-siged the accuracy who listened with latter's, the based and the scalar who were acknowl-siged the accuracy who listened with latter's, the based and hour. Meetings in the same place next Smaley.

Harmony.

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We hear much said about the harmony of the spheres and the music of the rip-pling of the brook as it works its way along towards the ocean, where the ceaseless waves kiss the shell-strewn shores of time of the spheres and the music of the np-pling of the brook as it works its way along twards the ocean, where the ceaseless wares kiss the shell-strewn shores of time —and why should there be more harmony in all these lesser lives than there is in the life that constitutes a human being, whose composition contains the germ of immore than answer is echoed back from the pul-aning heart of Deity, you have not lived wo to the highest light of your own Defini-tions and the Assession makes his asses-sent in the name of the ownere who is si-later.—hence out of tune—bedience to the voice of Nature's divine laws that are ver giving lessons to carth's children of the avail have had to pay sixty-nine cents, they now have three cents additional, and fifty couse of their navere, hence, become higher spheres to the children of the early and part of their nature; hence, become ins givint and in truth they will find them-

selves in the much-talked of heaven, and realize the spiritual meaning of playing on the golden harp, and the harp of a thous-and strings, etc.; and as fast as Spiritual-ists become in harmony with themselves by obedience to Nature's divine laws, they will cease to abuse any other person, let said person be right or wrong. Then they can truthfully say they belong to the Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood and sisterhood of men and women. Amen and Amen. Amen and Amen. SUMMERLAND, March 3, 1890.

### Titles in Summerland.

### EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE:

Among other reports derogatory to Summerland, instigated by ignorant or malicious persons, was the report pri-vately circulated, that the titles to lots were defective. It is to be hoped the fol-lowing letter from one of the leading firms acting as Attorneys and Convey-ancers in Santa Barbara, will quiet any ancers in Santa Sarbara, will quiet any feelings of unrest which may have arisen in the minds of lot-owners or intending purchasers. The original draft of this certificate is framed and hangs in the Postoffice at Summerland, where it may have be all corrons interested. be seen by all persons interested.

be seen by all persons interested. [corv.]
 "H. L. WILLIAMS, Santa Barbara, Cal.— Dars Sir.—At your request we have examined your abstract, made by Faul R. Wright, and con-tinued by the undersigned, relative to the tract of land embraced in the town of Summerland, and are of the opinion thereform that just prior and at the time of laying out and platting said town, the ille to the whole tract was vested in you subject to a Deed of Trust, given to H. C. Campbell and VRacords, but free from other incumbrances or adverse claims appearing of record.
 "This Deed of Trust was released as to said Town of Summerland, by velsase executed De-cember ro, 1858, and field in the Recorder's office on January 16, 180, bout, in the meantime, you had sold a great many lots, and you ask what effect the existence of this Trust Deed had on the convenances made tiles are as good as though the Trust Deed had never ex-isted.
 "All taxes assessed to you on said property, to date, have been naid.

"All taxes assessed to you on said property, to date, have been paid. "WRIGHT & DAY, "Attorneys at Law."

### " JANUARY, 1800."

"JANDARY, 1590." As the Ortega Rancho was included in the Pueblo Lands granted by our govern-ment to the City of Santa Barbara, which city conveyed the Rancho to the pur-chasers through whom it came to H. L. Williams, and, (as is shown in the fore-going certificate from a prominent firm of Conveyancers), is entirely free from all mortgages or deeds of record, also from all claims for taxes, all persons interested may feel assured that the titles to all lots in summerland are entirely free from clouds, and as secure as if held by direct patent from the United States government. T make this statement public to assure stratgers and my correspondents that the titles are flawless. To those who know of he honorable record made by Major Wil-liams throughout the Civil War, (com-mencing when he was a mere lad), and in highly responsible positions in the U. S. Treasury service; and to the residents of Santa Barbara, where he is highly es-teremed as a business man of strict integ-rity and high moral principles, no assur-ances of his sterling honesty are neces-ary. I write this without Mr. Williams'

In and the stering honesty are neces-sary. I write this without Mr. Williams' knowledge, as an act of justice to a gentle-man and carnest Spiritualist, with whom I have the honor to be associated. In re-gard to those who make unscrupulous at-tacks upon honorable workers in the field of labor for Spiritualism, in any direction, I will only say, "By their fruits ye shall hnow them." Justice will eventually pre-vail despite all envious and unscrupulous opposition, for Summerland is progressing rapidly, and its mundane and spiritual promoters are clad in the invincible ar-mor of lofty aim and integrity of spirit. "For the fauture in the (near) distance." ALEERT MORTON.

### Summerland Taxes.

There seems to be some misunderstand-There seems to be some misunderstand-ing regarding the paying of taxes on lots in Summerland, for this year. The opinion has obtained that I was to pay them; this is true as to all lots sold after March 1st, 1889. The law fixes that day as the one upon which we have a second of the second for the second

### GOLDEN GATE.

### OUR QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

MRS. HARRIS--Are the teachings of Theoso-phy opposed to Christianity? The Bible cannot be thrown lightly aside, and any teaching that will not harmonize with the life, example and precepts of Christ, will hardly be accepted by the Western ations. Theosophy may be received by Asiatics--but can its expounders show that a Christian nation will be benefited by importing Aryan ideas and sowing them broadcast? Why not devote the same energy by spreading the traths of Christianity? Task these questions in no spirit of criticism, but for information. AN INQUEER.

AN INCOMMENT. Theosophy maintains that the under-lying truth, and essential element of all great religions is one, and looks upon creeds and dogmas as an expression of the development of the age which gives them birth, consequently, Theosophy is not opposed to the principles of Christian-ity, while it surely does not endorse much of the 'teachings' which pass for Christ-ianity at the present time, and sees noth-ing in the precepts of Christ that would warrant them in so doing. It is not the life, example, or precepts of Christ, that Theosophists would igore, but the inter-pretations that have so distorted the teach-ings of Jesus; the dogmas of vicarious atonement, and foreordination, are foreign to theosophical thought, while the doctime of innate sin (except as inhering in the personality, and due to acts and thoughts of past incarnations) is looked upon as en-tirely inconsistent with any idea of justice. That children should be born with natural tendencies which lead them into sin, and then be saved from the consequences of sin through, or by the violent death of an innocent man, is a dogma far from theos-ophical, which makes each person respon-sible for his condution in life, that which we name good and evil resulting from past incarnations, or else because of the accumulative Karma of humanity culmin-ating asis folten does, in calamities which bring sorrow to a great number of per-sons. No; Theosophy is not opposed to the Christ principle, and by many Theos-look upon the wars, bloodshed, and crime of every form which has resulted from the wrong interpretation of the teachings of jesus as the result of some mistaken idea which led this master. of the hour to vol-untarily give up his life after three years of ministry, leaving the grand truths he gamered to be distorted by ignorance and supersition; however this may be, (for we are not called upon to decide the ques-iton), is it not a fact that the eastern and the western world would do well to lay aisde all local prejudice and look for the unin

of these great souls which responded to the demand of the age which gave them birth. It would be hard to imagine a theoso-phist who would for a moment think of throwing the Bible aside, since it holds for him such a world of truth; the trouble is that it is real in the letter and not in the spirit of the word. With the key which Tbeosophy offers, the Bible is a revelation which is so grand that man may well shrink from the light revealed. Of course, the same is true of all bibles more or less. If one reads the bible for the truth therein contained, and not to prove some opinion or dogma, or to find some way whereby he may escape the con-sequences of evil doing, he will discover that it is replete with wisdom hidden in parable and allegory, truths pertaining to the past and present of our earth which are revealed to the true seeker by the prophet initiates of olden times. Still, the Theosophist finds these same truths revealed in other Bibles, and real-izes full pint at we must look to the wis-dom religions of the past, to eventhat time so far back that history was in its youth, before we shall find the tap root of the wisdom of our Bible. Since truth is not created, but *ever is* to those prepared to the ceive it. The last question, "Why not devote the same energy to spreading the truth of Christianity" May we not answer

created, but *even* to those prepared to receive it. The last question, "Why not devote the same energy to spreading the truth of Christianity?" May we not answer this by saying that since Theosophy teaches that the truth which underlies all religions is the same, it would seem that our efforts do spread the raturns of Christianity; how can it be otherwise? but we have no stored-up "energy" to "de N vote," to the spread of dogmas which seem unjust upon the face of them. Kven now, the death-knell of Calvanism has rung, and the doctrine which would bring in-nocent children into this mundance xist ance foreordained to eternal punishment, will son be an error of the past. "Great bodies move slow," but the church that has held these dogmas is now moving from A centre to circumference in regard to the millions of *heather*, that a good and just God would invent some way out for these poor unfortunates," others declaring "that to give in a this point, would require the reconstruction of their creed." What a calamity! Well, the world does move and the saw hod dor. Derhaps it may not to bout of the way to suggest that the "er-pounders" of Theosophy can by living its principles, thereby making themselves liv-ing axamples, soon show even a "Christ-in nation the benefit of importing Arpan ideas and sowing them broadcast." Sure-

ly the fundamental principles of universal brotherhood, reincarnation, aud the law of Karma, if properly taught, must be prod-uctive of great good, and since these doc-trines are found in the Christian bible, they should be known to Christians. S. A. HARRIS, F. T. S. Berkeley, Cal.

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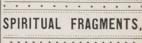
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tenement she never wanted to come back to earth again. However, sconer than she expected, she had the opportunity of testing the strength of her determination, for she left her body here a few years ago, when, in-stead of carrying out her resolution ex-pressed in the mortal, she was but too glad to return, and that within twenty-four hours after her departure; and gave specific directions regarding the disposal of her body, quite different to those given prior to her advent into spiritual life, and what may be considered—by many—won-derful to relate. She is an excarnated spirit, exerts through another medium the ame power she possessed when in the form. She uses her hands to spell out communications by the alphabet in pre-cisely the same way through another organ-ism, as she did before she passed away, so that I can—almost at any time—put my-self in communication with her. She lis-tens to our conversition when in the pres-ence of the medium referred to, and often chips in—as the saying is,—to prove her chips in-as the saying is, --to prove her presence, and that she hears and under-stands what we are talking about. How true the saying, "that what we do in se-cret shall be known on the housetops" of the spiritual realm.

(To be continued.) Oakland.

Dr. J. R. and Mrs. Edith E. R. Nick less have returned to our city after a so-journ of two months in Santa Cruz. They have taken rooms in the Davis block, corner of Washington and Eleventh streets, Oakland. It was their intention after finishing their engagement in Santa Cruz, to make a tour of Southern Califor-nia. The poor facilities and uncertainty to postpone this trip until some future time. Through the earnest solicitation of many friends in this city, they have been persuaded to remain with us and resume the work so successfully commenced on last. California hall, on Clay street, or: ner of Eleventh, has been engaged for six months. This hall, since it was occupied by the Spiritualists before, has been re-fitted with new carpets, fine hangings, newly papered, and is now the neatest hall in our city, and centrally located. Meetings will be commenced on Sun-day evening next, at 7:30 o'clock, on-sisting of lecture and spirit descriptions. The services of Miss Hill, who so ably many friends in this city, they have been

conducted the music at the late camp meeting, have been secured to take charg of the music, which is surely a guaranty of its success. We bespeak for these meet-ings success, and know that none can listen to the words that fall from the un-conscious tips of this gifted sensitive and hear the delineations given of departed ones and their messages to their friends, but believe in their sincerity. Dr. and Mrs. Nickless are both power-ful spiritual healers, and will treat those wishing their services at their rooms, Nos. 13 and 14, Davis Block. Mrs. Nickless will give sittings daily (Saturdays and Sun-days excepted), between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3, P. M. Mrs. Nickless has not given sittings for a long time, but will do so during her stay in Oakland. R.

Friendly Words to Brother Mackie. OR OF GOLDEN GATE

In your issue of January 4th, an article appeared from the pen of J. W. Mackie, on the condition of the "Soul of Believers

Mr. Mackie's early education is not u like many others, who are just a little in doubt—although, (like doubting Thomas,) have put their fingers in the nail-holes. Their experiences in later years upsetting old beliefs and creeds, yet the memory of the old church, the bald-headed minister, the high-backed pews, the old and bent deacon, the sced-cakes and dill, or sprigs of peppermint, (at intermission,) have left ever to-be-forgotten chasm.

a never to-be-forgotten chasm. "Break or destroy the vase if you will, The secont of the rose will hang round it still." If I recollect aright, when I first met J. W. Mackie he was a member of an Occult class beld in my parlors, the presiding priestess, Mrs. Emma Harding-Position. He was then stepping out of the "old fatth" seemingly. During a short conver-sation I had with him at that time, he in-formed me he could not believe in Spirit-ualism without further evidence, although he had passed through strange experiences. I have not had the pleasure of meeting him for several years, but I am pleased to see by his writings that on "rare occa-sions" he has had the proof of spirit iden-tity, has been convinced of the actual presence of some loved one from out the mysterious. I am sorry he still flounders in the mire of uncertainty. "If has not established the fact that we have a real life beyond." What II were capable of replying to his many questions, but would say a genteman as profound and learned as he, should chew the kernel, not the busks. I have no doubt but many early believers in Spiritualism can remember when communications "fell short to them," yet they have persevered and lengthened and broadened conditions, parit to reach them. One must realize that spirit communion depends muck up-on the matter they have to work through. When even one spirit has returned to indensitod, recognized and welcomed, what must be the unspeakable joy resound-ing through the arches of the bigher havers. I may, (as be desires,) be able to give some light as regards the nature and claims of the "Sun Angel Order of Light." The Order of Light is the School of the Angels, where the principles of life are "Break or destroy the vase if you will, The scent of the rose will hang round it still." <text>

Secret of Happiness

BY H. H. BRIGHAM, M. D.

Few, very few, live up to the happines that it is their privilege to enjoy. The multitude are living on their miseries—the wrongs they have suffered, the injuries that they have endured. This unprofitable accumulation is their capital, and is the subject of conversation upon any and all occasions. They live with their faces toward the past, and only select from it the sorrow and suffering. It is really as great an attainment to forget as it is to remember, and fraught with quite as many blessings; and not only that, but it is a duty—a duty we owe to others as well as

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ourselves. To be happy we must live for to-day, forgetting all the unpleasant experiences that we bave encountered, and recalling only such remembrances as will intensify the enjoyment of the present hour. The present alone is ours, and all the happi-ness we can extract from it is our rightful possession, while we are privileged to let the unpleasantness alone, and pass it by unnoticed.

the unpleasantness alone, and pass it by Many people act as though they were obliged to accept all that life offers—the bitter with the sweet, the unpleasant with the pleasant—only giving the former the preference, in order that they may have something to fight, overcome and destroy. The result proves that this method of treatment nourishes and strengthens it, while simply ignoring its presence, passing it unnoticed by, weakens and enfeebles, until it dies a natural death. As the bee sips honey from every flower, no matter how poisonous the wead or noxious the plant, he heads it not, and takes only that which will increase his store, passing all the rest by; so may we, following his example, if we choose, train all our faculties to seeking and appropri-ating only the good, the true and the noble. To live above the ills of life, its taunts.

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steeged of the spirit while noticing the materialized form, to present themselves in their former earthly characteristics. The first thing an investigator has to do is to satisfy himself or herself of the hon-eity of the medium, and his or her moral character; for rest assured this latter trait has much to do with the psychic manifes-titions. This is one of the facts I have learned. Another fact learned, is that the thoughts and general character of those in steedance has much to do with the char-ater of the medium, one seance is by no means sufficient. I have heard so many, knowing it all, who have had a sin-gle seance and proceed at once to pro-nounce judgment, which is generally ex-pressed in the one word "fraud," that I sometimes feel heart sick for poor human nature so superficial as to suppose one could give a correct judgment relative to the sublime and stupendous truths in-volved in materialization, on the strength of two hours investigation. I am attending, in company with a lady friend, a series of seances, with the well dave seances, which have proved far more intersting and instructive than I an-ticipated at the outset. The medium sits in a correct of the toom, the doors are locked and darkened with heavy curtains, also the whole. So one to us in illuminated clothing. Sometimes they are, or appear to be fully materialized. They also spak frequently by independent voice, seldom using the trumpet. Fre-quently two come at the same time; my mother and sister have done so several times, both speaking at the same time. Our spint friends call the seances a school, sine both mortals and spirits are both tachers and pipils. We have been vis-ited by Aristolte, Zoroaster, Buddha, Chrishna, Moses, Elijah and Confucius. Thes anders and spirits are both tachers and pupils.

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This is one of the facts I have heard is the print sinder of the control the power at the anside that the s pictor of tradit, which a little more care on the part of the control would have been avoided. I would suggest that to spread the cur-tains wide open so that all can " see the medium," is not sufficient in a very dim light to satisfy any one not hallucinated, that the object in the chair, is the medium, so much does it appear in the semi-dark-ness like a bundle of clothes, and it would be better if to the sense of sight was added that of touch, or that the medium and control should both walk or move at the same time. I pen this in a spirit of kindness for the good of the cause, I have a high appreciation of mediums, especially those who are often persecuted for truth's sake, on account of the ignorance and skepticism of investigators. Psychic phenomena have, and still are doing much for Spiritualism in Southern California. We have had one or two lec-tures for several months, yet the work is carried on by the loved ones on the other abused mediums. BEN FRANKLIN FRENCH. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27, 1890.

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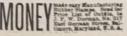
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Is the work of the manner and It goes to a brother, grapp firmly his hand, Makes him feel he has helpers in every land; That his welfare and happinen all have in view, That hands strong and willing and hearts brave and tru Are close by his side—a fracterial hand— And engraved on their banner is Christ'S New Comman Nators.

Written for the Golden Gate.] The Angel of Death. BY HELEN MARION WALTON.

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Leave this vertexbed, dismal sight. Have you heard the lingering chines (of the pleasard Christmass times, Sweep acreas the unidight dism, Dropping out its rythmic lymm, Echning o'er the crate grim, Stonding by the new moon's first Came a voice melodious clear Falling on my listening ear. Not to the the Summers came, Kower 'its well we dubbed thy pame, Tho' thou arts both Falt and lame, For long years none are to blame; Not tarty till life's race is run, Faltent till your work is done, xw. N. Y., Jannary t. 1950.

### The Forsaken.

Lie POTBERGN. This poem, written by "Stella" (Mrs. Kitella Anta with at the age of fourtees, Poes aid was "the most unifol hallad of the kind ever written. We have read he remarked, "more than twenty limes, and always his creased administor."] It hath been seid, for all who die There is a tear; Some pining, bleeding heart to sigh O'er avery bier. But in that bour of spin and dread Who'd wastch life, her departure.

Who'd watch life's last departing ray In deep despair, And soothe my spirit on its way With holy prayer? What mourner round my bier will come, In weeds of woe, And follow me to my long home, Solemn and slow ?

When lying on my clayey bed, In iev sleep, Who there, by pure affection led, Will come and weep; By the pale moon implant the rose Upon my breast, And bid it cheer my dark repose, My lowly rest?

Could I but know, when I am sleeping Low in the ground, One faihting heart would there be keeping Watch all night round, As if some grow hay shrined keenath That sod's cold gloom, 'Twould mitigate the sames of each And light the fomb.

Yes I in that hour, if I could feel From halls of give And Bearty's presence one would steal In secrecy. And come and sit and weep by me In night's deep noon, Ohi I iwould ask of memory No other boon.

But ahl a lonelier fate is mite, A deeper vor, From all leve in youth's sweet time I soon must go; Drawn round me my pale robes of white, In a dark soot To sleep through death's long, dreamless night, Lone and lorgot. Sailing.

Where lies the land to which the ship would go? ar, far ahead, is all her seamen know: and where the land she travels from? Away, ar, far behind, is all that they can say.

On sunny noons upon the deck's smooth face, Linked arm in arm, how pleasant here to pace Or o'er the stern reclining, watch below The foaming wake far widening as we go.

On stormy nights, when wild northwesters rave, How proud a thing to fight with wind and wave I The dripping sailor on the reeling mast Exults to bear, and scorns to wish it past.

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To the Resche. ENTRY OF GOLDEN GATE: Risking the consequences of "coming too often" and getting kicked out for be-ing "too fresh," we rise to say that after reading the replies to Dr. Clarke's attack on Theosophy, and with the welfare of the Cause we love at heart, will offer an humble indorsement of all he has had to say on that subject. His words have the ring and bis thought the clearness of a morning bell. Let us hope the echo will reach far and wide. Gallant "sentinel," you should not receive all "the enemy's" fire alone; but they have only succeeded in showing bow harmless they are, when contending against your matchless aim and destructive missiles. However, in the light of the glorious record of our worthy editor, we trust, with which confidence, in the accuracy of his vision as to just where "the line "is, and that be will "the wor "it, "let the chips fall where they may." There is a certain class of writers on this "side issue" (Theosophy), whose stunning ambiguity is too much for "an initiate child in the lowest round of pro-gressive thought." If there is enough sound timber in them ALL to hang ONE of of us children ? Yours, fraternally, NELL MERKILL. REDDING, CAL, Feb. 3, 1890. A "Vegetarian" Answered.

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