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—Charlotte Bronte.

Injuries from friends fret and gall more, and the memory of them is not so easily obliterated.—Arbuthnot.

Every beautiful, pure and good thought which the heart entertains is an angel of mercy, purifying and guarding the soul.

I never knew one who made it his business to lash the faults of others that was not guilty of greater ones himself.—Addi-

Health, beauty, vigor, riches and all other things thought good, operate equally as evils to the vicious as they do as benefits to the just.

I would not have children much beaten for their faults, because I would not have them think bodily pain the greatest punishment.—Iache

A cheerful, intelligent face is the end of culture, and success enough. For it indicates the purpose of Nature and wis-dom attained.

I have always found that the honest truth of our own mind has a certain attraction for every other mind that loves truth honestly.—Carlyle.

Every single action of our life carries in its train either a reward or a punishment, however little disposed we are to admit that such is the case.

In all the relations of life, however inti-mate, friendly and simple, flattery and praise are as indispensable as the oil which greases a machine and makes it work.— Tolstoi.

We should hold fast to principles at all cost, and work directly in the line of our best ideas; thus not only will our consciences be clear and our characters pure, but our lives will be fruitful in the best results.

The first beginning of a remedy is that The first beginning of a remedy possible; besieve that if he can not live by truth, then he can die by it. Dost thou believe it? Then is the new era begun.—Carlyle.

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slaying its thousands. Last year it killed four hundred and fifty-nine brakemen, crippled for life four thousand eight hundred and eighty, and painfully injured thirteen thousand seven hundred and seyenty, making a total killed and wounded of eighteen thousand three hundred and seventeen I na few more years the various railroad companies, all of which endeavor to, in some measure, remunerate its widows and orphans, will have a list longer than our Government Pension Roll. We don't suppose a car-coupler could be anything but dangerous, and a man's only safety who has to handle one seems to be caution. But, alast there is no caution in one who is familiar with danger, and to this recklessness is due much of the fatality that befalls railroad men, as well as those in all other hazardous pursuits. There is a care, but not that third this continuous c

ocome.

Of all the various kinds of theft that which appropriates the product of another's biants would be the meanest but for a baser kind that garbles and mutilates. This last species of stealing is the business of not a small class of a certain order of men and women who are enjoyed in so-called literary pursuits. And what would seem to be still worse is the fact that there are publishers who not only accept bus solicit such work. Mrs. Southworth says it is no new thing to see her stories appear in so thin a disguise as to be easily recognized by herself. But while on a visit their old home, "Prospect Cottage," in Georgetown, she had a yet more singular experience related to her by a sister who occupies the house in her absence. A stranger called and asked to borrow a copy of the "Hidden Hand," ignorant that the novel had never appeared in book form, but only in the Ledger for which it was written. The caller was much disappointed, seeing which, the hady of the house asked if she could assist her in any other way and received the honest reply. "I am writing stories for Mr. —", fine timing the head of a publishing house in New York, noted for cheap novels. "He thinks the 'Hidden Hand's so good that he desires me to work it over into a new novel. I have written a good many think and the provides of the provides and the control of the The utilization of the electric fluid has led to more unique inventions than any other force in the employment of men. A few years ago the ponderous dynamos were looked upon as quite fulfilling the requirements of the new agent just coming into general use; but the indications are that they will not have so long a day as did the originals of our older inventions. There is in London a new system of electric lighting that does away with dynamos altogether. The device is known as the upward battery, the plant being of so simple description as to be accommodated by a space of five or six feet in the cellar. Its management is compassed by turning on a couple of taps and winding up a clock once in twenty-four hours, with which attention the battery goes on automatically and silently, generating and storing electricity day and night. It is said the plant—a battery, including gas retort and acid jars, gas holders, primary cells, accumulators and clock-work apparatus for charging storage batteries—can be supplied for two hundred and eighty dollars. Albert Pietrowski, a machinest of Tremont, N. J., has devoted twenty years of study and experiment to the invention of a motor which is just announced a success. Doing away with stationary engines and boilers, and the consumption of coal, its mission must be to revolutionize our present mode of industry. It runs without fully and experiment to the invention of a motor which is just announced a success. Doing away with stationary engines and boilers, and the consumption of coal, its mission must be to revolutionize our present mode of industry. It runs without fully and experiment to the invention of an antor which is just announced a success. Doing away with tationary engines and hollers, and the consumption of coal, its mission must be to revolutionize our present mode of industry. It runs without fully and experiment to the invention of a motor which is just announced a success. Doing away with the cost of a steam engine, may be constructed at almost a nominal tage flow of

Love, Charity and Spirits.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 21.—A story involving much of the romantic, but more of the practical, is just beginning to gain circulation here among the outer world, though spiritualistic circles in Boston, New York and this city have for some time been cognizant of the material facts in the case. Back in the early sixties James Gordon, then a middle-aged man of considerable property, and Miss Hattie
Downing, a young lady who had devoted
herself to home missionary work, and who
became acquainted with Mr. Gordon by became acquamed with an observable calling on him for a subscription, were intimate friends. Among their acquaintances it was supposed they were more. Gordon was somewhat eccentric in dress, and the young lady's friends frequently

ing the orphanage so prominently before the public, began to develop.

Miss Shelhamer, the Boston medium, who claims John Pierpont as her control, began receiving spirit messages directing her to aid an orphans' home in the West. Many of these messages were said to be from Henry Clay, the Kentucky statesman, but did not state the location of the institution to be assisted. The spirit of James Gordon also sent similar messages. In order to ascertain if other mediums had obtained similar or more explicit communications regarding the charity, notics were inserted in various spiritualistic publications in different parts of the country. In response to one of these notices, Miss Shelhamer received a letter from Joseph Kinsey, of the firm of Post & Co., this city, saying he had received a similar communication from his daughter, who died many years ago, at the age of seven. She indicated, however, that the institution was either in or very near Cincinnati. Mr. Kinsey is one of Cincinnati's leading citizens, a man of wealth, culture and influence. He was for years a member of the Board of Exposition Commissioners, and has held other important public positions. While on his way East, only a few weeks ago, to investigate this very matter, he was stricken with apoplexy on a Baltimore and Ohio train, near Oakland, Md., and his death was expected for some days. He is now able to be about his home.

A few days after his affliction Mr. Kinsey was the recipient of another message from his daughter, through a local medium, in which Mrs. Mackenzie was designated as the head of the elemosynary institution. Up to this time Mr. Kinsey had never heard of the lady, but by means of a directory located her, called and learned her plans. At that time Mrs. Mackenzie had not heard that spirits were interested in her project, nor had she, so far as she knows, received a dollar through their influence. Before Mr. Kinsey old and learned her plans. At that time Mrs. Mackenzie had not heard that spirits were interested in her project, nor had caling on him for a subscription, each initimate friends. Among their acquaintances it was supposed they were more did many year good and the control of the property of the property of the property has the institution as either in or very near Cincinnation and their wedded life was a happy one. They accumulated considerable of this world's good and lived in good style here and in Dayton, beades spending one scars on in London, England. It was while world's good and lived in good style here and in Dayton, beades spending one scars on in London, England. It was while the more than the story in the service of the same than the story of the same than the service in London she became a friend of the Baroness Burdette-Courts, who also offers assistance to the home.

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Light from the Beyond.

As charity unfolds to brightest youth, s purity ripens into truth One constitutes perfection, the other spiritual light, for love is harmony, and knowledge is power. The soul that is filled with love is con-The soul that is filled with love is con-stantly buoyant and happy, for happiness is an effect of love. And the soul that is inspired with truth is constantly bright and animated, for light is an effect of purity. With purity and love, therefore, man has a heaven on earth. Happiness is the result of two conditions—the harmonious vibration of a positive and negative force. vibration of a positive and negative force. Acquiring knowledge is negative, for it is a taking in process, but it leads to a positive state—power, will, soul or mental force. Dispensing charity is positive, for it is an outpouring of spirit—analogous to Divine Nature or God, which constantly gives, imparts, bestows. In conjunction with knowledge it leads to omniscence or omnipresence—an understanding or comprehension of causation. To know causes is to come an rapport with the same, thus seeing or becoming conscious of the effect and cause simultaneously, or existing, like God, both within and without the object, person or thing on which the soul is centered or directed.

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Such is happiness, and to attain this state of existence, man must develop love and purity of conditions. Love consists in doing, acting, giving, imparting, bestowing, and purity in having overcome all the animal or sensual passions, weaknesses, and habits.

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soul, purity so-called, is positive, i. e.,
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constitutes the negative side of the soul
itself, having been created through a
negative process. But love constitutes
the positive condition of the soul, and
when this attains a harmonious vibration
with the soul's negative side, it becomes
analogous to universal conditions—a law
in itself, for law constitutes the accordant
vibration of a positive and negative condition, a force or motion having equal
proportions in volume, strength or activity.
When man's love condition becomes proportionate to his intellectual condition,
therefore, he becomes a law—whether as
a soul freed from matter, or still connected to a physical body, although the
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Intellectual positivity is attained through mental culture—thus neutralizing the animal sensations or feelings of the physical body, and the material or human emobody, and the material or human emotions and passions of the spiritual body spirit so-called—man being composed or body, spirit and soul, and one, it may be said, the creation of the other. The soul is the divine principle—the purified life spark within, and an emanation from God Collinion Nature the assisting the spiritual principle—Chilinio Nature the assisting the spiritual principle of the spiritual possible of the spiritual principle of the spiritual possible of the spiritual possible

culture alone leaves the soul in a cold or chilled state, while reaching the positive condition through love-actions alone leaves it in an ignorant or inexperienced condition of existence. Thus both are necessary, and man has therefore more to accomplish than other or inferior life-

But man, through his knowledge and But man, through his knowledge and power, has opportunities not given to or cognized by the lower creations, except by force of circumstances—these opportunities being his control of mind over matter, or at least how it may be accomplished, and through which he may add a force of activity to his soul, superior to both intellectual and ordinary benevolent actions. Such is abnegation—denying himself the materials or that which the physical body naturally craves for—be it hunger, thirst, sleep, comforts, luxuries or habits to which he has accustomed himself, etc. Self-denial is the highest form of soul motion, and increases its activity two to one over any other purely soul-action—this being moral culture, and superior to both mental and material culture—the latter referring to material progress, improvements, etc. Moral culture is a direct combat with matter itself. It is not like overcoming the material or animal forces in a race, and allowing the latter their full indulgence all the while, but a direct check on them, and allowing the soul to have the race all to itself, thus adding to the soul only and permitting nothing more to be added to the spirit body. But such can only be done when man has obtained a complete knowledge of himself—knows every negative tendency, every discord, every weakness or habit that is in his being. And when this has been accomplished, he has reached self-knowledge. But does self-knowledge always lead to self-culture? Not always. Many know their weaknesses, but can not curb them, because they love to indulge them, and argue with themselves that it is nature's law and should not be interfered with. Many will not regard certain attributes as negative or material, and even look upon them as virtues, believing it to detract from their superiority to allay them. Some have evils, but can not find them, even after finding the same. The latter is not from lack of comprehension or stubborness, but from inability to fathom the same to their foundation—the cause of the evil.

Knowing the cause,

easterizet, it is just as difficult as finding the causes of other effects not in connection with himself. And such constitute those discords or negative tendencies which exist in the aura or spirit body developed in the past, and which the soul's inferior median because the mental culture—thus neutralizing the animal sensations or feelings of the physical body, and the material or human emotions and passions of the spiritual body, spirit so-called—man being composed of body, spirit and soul, and one, it may be said, the creation of the other. The soul is the divine principle—the purified life spark within, and an emanation from God or Divine Nature—the positive condition of the universe, and intelligent by virtue of constituting absolute motion or activity. The spirit is a purified essence of the physical body, but containing the human passions, weaknesses, etc., as actively existing forces, created through the actions or indulgences of the physical body in conjunction with the life-spark within—the soul, but not through the soul's actively existing forces, created through the soul's last social dividence of the physical body, but not through the soul's last social dividence of the physical purity, but and the soul's and the simpuless take the form of an aura, or spirit body, around the soul, thus imprisoning it, as it were, but which prevents it from returning to its original fount, when released from the material body, and is the cause of its retaining its individuality as a life-entity or a living existence.

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Abnegation answers for both, for man can not deny himself physical wants without the practice of temperance; and combatting the temptations or calls of nature develops will power. The combination constitutes the love condition. But when sufficiently positive on either one of these conditions to neutralize the negativity of the other, man has reached a relatively positive condition, and is relieved from much that is disagreeable in the way of sensing discordant influences or being disturbed by them from outside—only that the dying emotions of old passions will yet manifest themselves in the form of a reaction or after effects. But this wanes as the being increases in soul activity, whether through intellectuality, love action or abnegation, and those who can free themselves on both branches should endeavor to do so for their own future sake—there being no absolute happiness in spirit-life without a positive freedom from animal emotion or self love—even if the latter condition, the positive side of the soul, has but a force of ten to a hundred compared with the intellectual or negative side of the soul. As long as it is spiritualized, as it were, converted into a force having a positive bearing or tendency. When this is accomplished, man becomes what may be termed a perfect being—materially speaking—but spiritual or natural perfection is only attained when the positive or love force reaches the same energy or activity that the intellectual or natural perfection is only attained when the positive or love force rise access of the negative, it constitutes a positive or male life entity, but if the love force is in excess of the negative, it constitutes a positive or male life entity, but if the love force is not soomposition. Few reach this state in the mortal condition, as there is always some variance, and may dissolve the harmony a moment after having reached it by force of circumstances. But once attained in spirit, it is locked in the bounds of eternity, for at the very moment that this takes place the soul com

being.
This constitutes true individualization of This constitutes true individualization of intelligence and may be regarded as soul-perfection, although there is really no end to the latter, as the soul progresses eternally, and as for reaching perfection with God would be annihilation. The soul can not reach this without dissevering itself from its spirit body. This, of course, would make it a purely intelligent entity, but it would lose its individuality by being amalgamated with pure intelligence. God but it would lose its individuality by being amalgamated with pure intelligence, God—like attracting like. But it can attain such a degree of soul-positivity or growth over its spirit body that the latter becomes

such a degree of soul-positivity or growth over its spirit body that the latter becomes lost into a mere nothingness—a speck, and just enough to give the soul a center of gravity to revolve on and through which to remain intact, indestructible and immortal as a life entity.

In this state, man becomes a so-called purified being—a soul having attained the positive condition, and therefore freed from the influences of matter. Purity admits light, and knowledge is power. Love eradicates age, infirmities, disease and the decrepit return to strength, youth and beauty or perfection. One makes it bright and animated, and the other cheerful, buoyant and sanguine—both leading to what may be termed happiness, and which increases as the soul nears the harmonious or law-condition—becoming one with the law putting an end to the soul's development in connection with matter; and once in accord with the laws of the universe, it is not only enabled to operate with the same, but roam about at will from planet to planet, sun to sun, universe to universe, or exercise its omniscience by using the laws and forces as a telegraphic system, or its omnipresence as a telescope.

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When man réaches the ordinary positive condition, he already becomes empowered to receive light in this manner. Posetive intellectuality or purity opens the way for inspiration or a sensing of light through his psychometric powers, and positive will or love opens his mental vision to a clairvoyant view of these things—obtaining impressions of them which finally become clear enough to be seen in their operations, or like a panorama passing before the mind's eye. But either may be perverted or distorted if the negative side counterbalances its positivity. Man may have animal sensation, for example, of one hundred; if this is neutralized or spiritualized by an intellectual force of one hundred; if this is neutralized or spiritualized by an intellectual force of one hundred and five, he has reached positive intellectuality by a force of five. If he has animal emotion of cighty, for example, beside it, and only spiritualized by love actions to the amount of seventy, he lacks ten to become positive in the condition—leaving him in the negative condition by a force of five, and consequently subjected to having his psychometric inspirations perverted to this condition, he already becomes empowered to receive light in this manner. Pos

amount. If he lacks but three, for example, to reach positive emotion or love, he has a surplus of soul-positivity by two, which enables him to exercise his positive intellectuality or psychometric force with out danger of mistaking either spirit inspiration or the intuitions that come to him naturally in this condition of positivity. When the last two are neutralized, he reaches the so-called love condition—having thus freed himself from all that which belongs to the animal or human condition. In this state, he becomes to the psychometric and clairvoyant combined, and when inspired by spirits for light, obtains a mental view of that which he feels at the same moment. When positive in both, he aims for the harmoni-ous—having a force of twenty for will power or love yet to develop in order to become an individualized condition of law, or a law in himself. But this is seldom attained in earth life, and many only reach it after years of spirit life—being due to the extreme difference that may exist in the two conditions, the negative and positive sides of the soul nature, and which is often like one hundred to ten.

The nearer the soul's approach to harmony, the more it becomes accessible as a medium or an agent for spirits' use as such, although any form of spiritual positivity or purity opens its vision to spiritual existence as it is taught by mediums, adepts and other spiritually gifted mortals, whether of the past or present. And those who wish to receive light from the beyond directly, must endeavor to reach it through love actions, self-denial alwill serve as a substitute—almostion and nor cases its activity over all that which is animal or material.

Thus, to become happy, forget self—it is heaven—a condition and nor a locality. Heaven is in every man's own soul, and light exists in the universe ad infinitum. By acquiring knowledge man develops the negative condition necessary to constitute him a law, and by an outpouring of spirit or soul, love, he develops the positive condition necessary for this effect

What is Death?

It is the severance of the spirit from the body and the taking on of a pre-eminently more spiritualized existence. the soul's birth, the resurrection from corruptible, and the ascension to a higher plane of life. It is a release from bodily pain, and a realization oftimes of such felicity as was not, through the force circumstances, experienced while in flesh. Regarding it thus, we see no reason why friends should mourn so deeply when they have laid the bodies of deeply when they have laid the bodies of their beloved ones in the grave. True, they can not for a time, perhaps, help feeling that the dark waves of desolation have swept across their pathway, submerging all their dearest interests and leaving only a barren waste where hitherto all had been bright and joyous.

But this is taking an irrational view of the subject. Shall we mourn because our dear ones have gone up higher? No; our interests are divided, not lost. They are divided between the angel world and this, and we have but to open the doors of our understanding to hold communion with them.

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Surely, then, if we of the earth sphere can commune with these spiritualized beings, if we can bring these angel visitants around us, will they not with their elevating influences prove a continual blessing to us, guarding us in times of temptation and dangers, shedding a divine radiance across the roughest paths and beckoning us ever onward and upward till we, too, shall have reached the final goal?

Then let us rejoice, not because death has deprived us of the earthly body, but because it opens wide the gates of the supernatural realms, conferring upon us the privilege of spirit communion and stimulating us to greater efforts of good.

KLIZABETH M. CAMPBELL,
NANAIMO, B. C.

THE DIET OF STRONG MEN.—The Roman soldiers who built such wonderful roads, and carried a weight of armor and luggage that would crush the average farm hand, lived on coarse brown bread and sour wine. They were temperate in diet, and regular and constant in exercise. The Spanish peasant works every day and dances half the night, yet eats only his black bread, onion and watermelon. The Smyrna porter eats only a little fruit and some olives, yet he walks off with his load of a hundred pounds. The coolie, fed on rice, is more active.

Letter From Onset.

We have now been in this charming lit-tle town three days, and having recovered somewhat from the fatigue of the over-land trip, I will write you just a few notes of the many that might be gleaned, for Onset is a "big place for a little one," and only a volume of respectable dimen-sions would be adequate to portray all of its beauties and substantial advantages in detail. We have now been in this charming lit

detail.

As I sit here at my window and look out upon the polished breast of the bay, fringed with grassy shores or clean sandy beaches, and then survey the grounds, much of them being in sight, I am constrained to say that we will be well rewarded for the labors expended in "a well spent life," should we inherit a home "Over There" as beautiful as this. We have been well received here by the officers of 4the Association who are if the to furnish all the information I desire; by the residents of the camp, many of whom have placed us under deep obligations; by visitors whose attentions and so contresies are never to be forgotten.

The first riend to meet us here and bid us welcome was Mr. Laws, formerly of San Francisco. With him we have had many pleasant chats. Mrs. Laws is absent from Onset, in attendance at the bediside of a sick sister.

The friends of Mrs. S. R. Stevens will be pleased to learn that she is not only well, but doing well here, practicing her mediumship. She expects to return to California at some time in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Thompson of Philadelphia who, while sojourning in San Francisco last Spring, occupied the platform in Washington Hall so acceptably, complimented Mrs. Wilson and myself with a reception in the parlors of the Glen Cove House last evening. There are very many pleasant people here from all parts of the Union, but it gives us special pleasure to meet those we once knew id California. Ar. A. A. Wheolock arriven here to-day, ria the Northern Pacific. He was very much surprised to find that we had beaten him in the journey. In his remarks on the platform to-day he had many kind words for us, the people of California, and the glorious country that we possess:

I have occupied the platform three times since our arrival. The people seem to prefer hearing of California rather than Spiritualism. The GODEN GATE and Carrier Dore have come in for a proper share of our consideration. I find people here who never heard of either publication which is strong proof of long continu

subscription at some Golden Gate. Gote Gate. With kind remembrances for all my friends, I am most truly yours, H. C. Wilson,

ONSET BAY, Mass., Aug. 15, 1887

A New anti-poverty society: Omaha philosopher—"Want to join our anti-poverty society?" Anarchist citizen—"Been waitin' to join the anti-poverty society ever since I heard of it, but I ain't got the \$1."
"Don't cost a cent. All you have to do is to sign your name to this paper."
"Hurray! Gimme the paper. What does it say?" "It's a temperance pledge."

TRIBUTE TO W. J. COLVILLE.

Floral Offering and Address from Boston Metaphysical Class

At the closing session of Mr. Colville's Metaphysical Class, 478 Shawmut Aven Metaphysical Chas, 470 Shakhilut Avenue, Boston, just prior to his departure for Cal-ifornia, a God-speed address was presented to him by Miss S. C. Clarke on behalf of the class, together with a beautiful bouque of flowers, which was fastened by ribbons of typical colors. The bouquet contained one artificial flower (white), concealed in which was a valuable gift, to which allusion is made in the-

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It is on the plane of sense alone we find bereavement. Have then, thine elevating thoughts, dear friend, fallen on such barren soil that here to-day are faces seen that sadness express a sense of coming loss that fills the human eye with misty tribute of our gratitude that now since that blest ministry has been ours, our spirit sight discerns that union of the soul which neither time, distance or space can ever change or dim.

We had but five senses a short time ago; thou hast revealed to us rare intuitions; power has opened the sixth seal and still thou pointest nobly onward to the seventh, the Atma, the Nirvana of blissful union with that immost, ineffable glory we call God.

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Can we hope the law of sequence, the operation of the Karma will enable us in some far distant age or incarnation to lay at thy feet the largess of the debt we owe, the harvest of the lives thy seed sowing has made fruitful, or shall we only careful be to pass the cup of life to thirsty lips, to bear on the torch of Truth (lighted from dead coals thy inspired breath has fanned to a flame) if peradventure, we may open eyes more blind than ours?

The debt we owe to thy faithful and most generous service only the realm of spirit can disclose; but while in this mortal dream of sense we still crave material expression of our gratitude, and therefore offer fittingly to you a group of fragrant flowers, beautiful in themselves, dearly prized as reflections of the Mind Diving-each separate flower an individual, thought of God—each form and tint, O matchless Artist, designed by Thee—but we would have them in your sight, our teacher and our friend, emblematic of those flowers of thought now opening with promise of beauty and of fragrance in your pupils' lives from seed your thoughts have scattered there. Each flower breathes a different message. If tints were tones, a full choired anthem it might sing, for here even color speaks with a language all its own. It speaks of love, wisdom, and truth. Here rich pinks suggest hope's pure light (hope that you'll soon return); here heliotrope, combining in its sweet, pale ray, red and blue, the union of love and truth, breathes our devotion to the Truth, for which we give our willing lives, while fern and expressed a read and a control and truth. and truth, breathes our devotion to the Truth, for which we give our willing lives while fern and evergreen around foretells the place thy memory will hold in our affections.

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We heard the other day that artificial flowers, as gifts from friend to friend, are more strictly metaphysical, as typical of all pleasures on the plane of spirit that do not fade but are enduring; and so in the very center of our offering we've placed one flower that is strictly metaphysical; we have made it white as the pure white ray that streams from out the heart of the Deity from which all separate rays and attributes of his glory proceed and are included.

If this white flower should prove to have a heart of gold, please, sir, accept it as a marriage dower that should unite our lives, our aims and purpose in one high and holy service for the great family of humanity. And as you now go forth across the broad, broad breast of our fair land to thy mission in another corner of the world's great vineyard, we bid you a strong Godspeed. We do not say farewell; there is no separation to the children of our Father, to co-workers in the grand altruistic field—we only ask that as you go, you will bear with you by this the grand altruistic field—we only ask that as you go, you will bear with you by this the grand altruistic field—we only ask that as sustance, the remembrance which shall rever fade—that our love, our prayers, our hearts are all, all yours forever.

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It is utterly impossible to say to you, Miss Clark, and to you all, what we would like to express, as words are always too feeble to portray the feelings and emotions of the soul. But let us here assure you that whatever you may have received from you, your own recompense has been tacabing, we have been teaching, we have been taught; if helping others, we also have been taught; if helping others, we have also been helped; nor giving in the structure of those who gather together day after day wipes away all errors of the states in the pure light of spirit.

Whenever you come together in numbers small or large, whether meeting in these parlors, or in some quiet room where two or three are gathered together, the influence of each thought and mid belps us to express what we could not possibly do but for this aid.

One thing is often commented on concerning our work, that we are able to speak almost incessantly without fatigue. We have learned that the more we have to do, the more we are able to; the less of truth, and to all we wish the trust deeply imbued in our hearts as to be inead whether we shall see all your kind faces again; we shall meet you in mind, help affectionately remembered, and say they are citation and gratitude we are powerless to impart.

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we have to do, the more we suffer from from liability to fatigue; the absence of work is the cause of suffering languor. Always occupy yourself somewhere; the more we dwell in this higher thought, the more we dwell in this higher thought, the more we enjoy; therefore you have been the kindest of friends and benefactors before bestowing this kind, gracious, loving present.

We are very glad there is one false flower in the bouquet. It is singular that all earthly things seem inverted; that which seems false on the plane of sense is true on the plane of spirit. Though less enduring, the other flowers are most acceptable in mind; they shall endure until they are photographed on the tablets of our spirit consciousness. These lovely externals shall remain in their beauty just as long as the consciousness, there to remind us of this expression of your kindness.

You kindly refer to our journey to a distant place. We will say that when lecturing in various parts of California we found the active interest in the cause exceedingly great. We may see more activity in Boston, but the people in the West are taking an earnest interest in that which has proceeded to the West from the East, and they ask you to send them teachers and laborers. Boston has the reputation of being a psychic hot-bed, a spiritual conservatory; the flowers grow here until ready to be transplanted. You are at the center working out your thoughts; send laborers into that vineyard to represent you.

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How long we may remain, it is utterly impossible to say. Our experience since last October on the whole has been extremely pleasant; we remember no season's work more pleasant, with so few annoyances. We have made new and honored friends that will be life-long friends. The majority of the old friends are with us, save those who have either cast off the mortal form, or removed from midst.

All the friends we had and the new ones are represented in this offering. This array of ribbons which we can keep embody the various types of mind. Here a very dark red represents the decided people, bold, enterprising natures who give death blows to error—the walls of Jericho would fall at the first blows of their trumpets. Here lighter red represents the very bright, cheerful people of great zeal, in harmony with those of darker hue but more buoyant. These carry with them an exhilarating influence of joy and ecstacy. Here all shades of blue betoken constancy, as seen in the forget-me-not, the sapphire, turquoise and the vault of heaven, the type of the constancy of our friends. Here is gold, the type of wisdom, knowledge, an abundant store that can never be cast aside. Pink eloquently speaks in hope, power, knowledge, wisdom, truth; therefore, for all of us hope is in love, courage, wisdom, and so we hope in God. And as the many colors of the rainhow hold all other rays, so the one enduring flower, white, is chosen most fittingly to hold them all.

Some little buds here have not opened yet. They will blossom out and become successful workers. We shall expect to hear very good accounts of the opening out of these buds. Some here are fully blown, representing those in the fullness of their career, so the bouquet takes in all our friends as if every one had said something of their career, so the bouquet takes in all our friends as if every one had said something of their career, so the bouquet takes in all our friends as if every one had said

of their career, so the bouquet takes in all our friends as if every one had said something of their own.

Your extreme liberality has been so great at times as to be almost embarassing to the recipient. On the plane of sense you had given so much before this, we only hope you have received as much pleasure in giving as we in receiving could possibly gain.

If the bouquet had been unaccompanied with any monetary gift, it would have been fully as welcome as it now is. Adding generosity to generosity, you have done more than you were called on to do. Your extreme liberality not only at the present time, but in former years, fills us with a true sense of your kind heartedness which words can not express, not alone for this gift, but for all the gifts of all the days gone by. We may in coming time together in ways we can not now express. We expect to founds and bring out a magazine; it will contain an epitome of our work, and as it takes but a week for a magazine to travel here, we shall not be separated in spirit, and some time I hope we may meet in bodily presence.

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We say to our friends farewell, for you have given us the best and noblest fare, so we hope you may fare well on the bread of truth, and to all we wish the truest happiness. Your kindness is so deeply imbued in our hearts as to be indeachele. We trust we shall see all your kind faces again; we shall meet you in mind, bring you very near in thought. You will all be affectionately remembered, and so we accept your bountful gift with an appreciation and gratitude we are powerless to impart.

Land and Labor Reform.

In the Golden Gate of August 13th
"A Settler" makes some very broad,
and to my mind, unfair and unjust statements upon the question of "Capital and

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Now, I have been associated for a quarter of a century with land and labor reformers, and I have never yet heard of one advocate taking any one's land, at least without paying him for it, much less his cattle or any kind of personal property.

Our friend, "A Settler," says he has thought much upon the vexed question of Capital and Labor. If so, he ought osee by this time that the whole trouble lies in unlimited land tenure. By various forms of locating land enumerated by "A Settler," a nan may secure possession of four hundred and eighty acres of land, besides an indefinite amount of "lieu and School lands." Would our frend argue that there are four hundred and eighty acres for each adult person in the United States, or that even though there were, that it is possible for one half of them to possess themselves of the same?, Does he not know that fully two-thirds of the rabbe lands of this State have passed into the hands of monopolists under-Spanish. Mexican and railroad grants.

he not know that fully two-thirds of the ratble lands of this State have passed into the hands of monopolists under Spanish, Mexican and railroad grants, augmented largely by lieu, school, overflowed, desert, soldiers, and all kinds of theiving schemes to alienate the lands from the people? "My sympathy is and ever will be with the oppressed," says "A Settler." I would not dispute this statement, but it is the only sentence in his lengthy communication that would leave one to have the least suspicion that he is the possessor of such a virtue. Referring to the Knights of Labor he says: "Go into their homes and what do you see? The husband is at the saloon on a strike, smoking, drinking, etc." Such representations are, to speak very mildly, very unjust. Where he will find one of the class named who frequent saloons, there are ten who do not. "There are many wrongs which ought."

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"There are many wrongs which ought to be righted—a change is coming," says "A Settler." Yes, but if we can judge by the spirit of his communication, he is fighting against the change instead of for it. He talks much more like the wolf who is up the stream than like the poor, helpless lamb who is compelled to drink the muddy water coming from the wolf, and who is devoured for daring to assert the fact of his innocence.

"What a man has bought and honestly paid for is his own," says "A Settler." This sort of argument is very old; but like many other things of antiquity is not true, and consequently in the wild savery has gone, and no one own the "Nigger" now; and perhaps in forty years from now Haggin and Carr, and their likes, will not be allowed to own eight hundred thousand acres of land, or as much as their millions of gold can purchase, while millions of human beings are crowded into filthy attics and cellars of overcrowded cities, and kept there by monopolists.

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the exorbitant prices asked for land by monopolists.

It is to be hoped that our friend, "A Settler," will inform himself regarding the principles advocated by Henry George and other Land and Labor reformers, so that the next time he writes be can do so in a more just and intelligent manner.

The main point advocated by George is to place all the taxes on land, so as to make land and homes for the people cheaper, and so that the rich man shall not hold his thousands of acres unimproved, while others who improve by the side of his land and make it valuable, are fined for so doing in the way of a tax which the land shark escapes.

EEN FRANKLIN FRENCH.

BEN FRANKLIN FRENCH. Los Angeles, Aug. 25th, 1887.

From an Old Pioneer

An old pioneer friend of mine, whom I have not men for over thirty years, wrote me not many days ago from Olympia, W. T., and among other good things he says:
"My conversion to Spiritualism dates back to 1853, and in all my long and varied experience I have never regretted taking this forward step, for to me this knowledge of the future is one of the knowledge of the future is one of the grandest and most beautiful things that God has ever given to man. The future life is to me a fact, a knowledge, no longer a belief, but a settled, positive fact. I have a sister in the Summer Land whom I know to be a teacher there, with whom for the past six years I have been in communication with, receiving information of incalculable benefit to me. I have been on question of the genuiness of these communications and they are of more value to me than all the gold of earth. Now, I think this is good, coming as it does from a wealthy banker. Thus we find the good angels everywhere making themselves known, and sometimes where we least expect it. Only last Sunday a gentleman who, with his wife, belongs to the

Episcopal church, stated at our public meeting that although he had seen much of professional mediums, had witnessed many wonderful manifestations, but nothing he had ever received equalled that which occurred and was occurring in his own family where the possibility of deception and fraud had no place; and I know of several mediums in families who would not consent to be known in public, who are doing in their own quiet way a work truly wonderful and thus the work goes bravely on, nor the power of man can not retard nor hinder; thus the great battle is being fought and the victory is sure, for with God and truth on our side, who can successfully be against us?

C. A. REED.

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A Letter from Mormondom.

Two copies of your excellent paper have just reached me through the kindness of my mediumistic sister, (Mrs. Baltress) residing in Ogden city. The feast ness of my mediumistic sister, (als.) bar-cam), residing in Ogden city. The feast of reason and flow of soul from my valued friends, "Lupa," "N. F. R.," "W. J. C.," "M. P. O." and other writers brings me *en rapport* with the untiring efforts of many contributors to the GOLDEN GATE, as well as in sympathy with their efforts to meliorate the condition of earth's inhabitants.

I could wish that I had something in-I could wish that I had something hi-teresting to write of the spiritual status of Salt Lake City, but the vexed question of Polygamy, and the endeavor on the part of the government to settle it, seems to be the absorbing topic of the day. To tell the truth, before my arrival here I thought the truth, before my arrival here I thought it almost inhuman for any government to snatch husbands and fathers from their families, fine them several hundred dolars and imprison them for months or years, when they had been led into such meshes by their renowned leaders through a blind faith that they were doing good service, taking Old Testament Scriptures of Daniel and Solomon for examples. It seemed to me that it would be more humane to allow those already married to remain together until the end of mortal life, but to prohibit any more polygamous marriages from henceforth; but after listening to the recital of the many woes and heartaches endured by Mormon wives, my views have changed, and I now feel that the hotter the battle the sooner it will be over, and when the true inwardness of Mormonism is brought to light it will be clearly seen that it has been a well concoted plan to make the rich richer and the poor poorer, and to propagate their species no matter how unworthy the parentage or incompatible their temperaments. A dozen children is about the average for one mother, making complete slaves of them, especially among the poorer classes.

The leaders of this tremendous farce are one by one passing away. It was my province to attend President Taylor's funeral. The packed tabernacle, floral offerings, music and speeches indicated the regard and reverence with which he was held by his people. He had been so long in hiding from the meshes of the law (having seven wives) that the eulogizers of his many virtues (on that occasion) held him up as a martyr to his principles. Several are on the underground at present. J. Y. Cannon for one, whose palatial residence stands as a rebuke to unjust ithing, etc., etc.; but I will turn to the beautiful shaded streets and rippling waters on either side, and look froward to the time when ignorance and selishness shall pass away, and to the time when those who have been the supports financially of the leading lights of Spiritualism in the past here shall arous to a conscio it almost inhuman for any government to snatch husbands and fathers from their

in the present and tuture to unstop the ears of the deaf and to open the eyes of the blind.

The Spiritualists here have let the Opera House and Liberal Institute go out of their hands, but anticipate the time when one of the wealthliest who is engaged in mining shall strike a bonanza and then build a hall.

When, Mr. Editor, would you fulfill your mission were you to wait for a bonanza? When would we have had our great camp association had we waited for every thing to have been just as the most fastidious would have it?

The little ball which was set in motion under the direction of spiritual guides has assumed wast proportions, so here, what to some would have seemed an herculean task, with little or no financial aid, audiences of conquering minds listen, and mediums are being developed, and the sick not only healed in public but in private, and if our health does not fail we shall expect to say that it has been good for us to be here, and in a little while hear the welcome come up higher.

Fraternally, Mrs. F. A. LOGAN, SALI LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 28, 87.

Spiritualism.

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When an outboddex minister in When an orthodox minister in good

standing begins to talk like the Reverend gentleman quoted above, it would seem time to call a halt. The Elder admits materialization, but claims that the spirits gentleman quoted above, it would state the test in the total a halt. The Elder admits materialization, but claims that the spirits are agents of the devil. We presume that the devil has out sub-agents or middlemen, in the spirit world, who go around showing themselves up to a select few, and we further presume that the Elder would think the devil in a regular crantery merchant's businessi this own father, mother, or other dear deceased relative had materialized in his presence. We have not yet been allowed the privilege of witnessing a materialization of the dead; have not been so fortunate as the Elder in that respect, but whether they are agents of the devil or not, so the spirits had the appearance of being good spirits, it would matter not, we would go a long way to see the same, and forever after worship the devil. It is a pretty strong admission coming from the pulpit of an orthodox church that the wearer of the devil's agent—the must have been in deilish poor business to be around when these agents made their appearance. We have known a great many true Spiritualists, but never yet knew one who would associate knowingly with the devil's agents. We are Spiritualist enough to know that a great many noble and worthy people have conscientiously espoused that faith, and think that the Reverend gentleman insults all such. We wish we were sufficiently advanced to know what the Elder seems to know, that Spiritualism is based on truth—devil or no devil.

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There is no standing still in this life. either going forward or backward. either adding to our stores of wisdom and goodness, or we are diminishing the stock we are sup posed to possess. If the former, then we are alive, and on the right path—the path that leads upward to the better life; if the latter, then are we in a condition of spiritual decay or death

We look around upon the world, and how many men do we see bent upon the eager pursuit of gain; and women, the moths of fashion and idleness, living to no noble purpose, what a picture of death in life is here presented. N spiritual growth or unfoldment; no bright, beau tiful life, filled with the fragrant blossoms of duty, or usefulness. Living solely for to-day, indifferent to the wrongs and wretchedn nd in the world. Is it not sad and pitiful?

Man lives and grows only in proportion as he good. Love is the fulfilling of the law of life. All unkindness is death. To think unworthily or meanly of another—to do wrong by thought or deed-is to becloud the spirit-is to die-no forever, thanks to the Good Father, but to come forth to the resurrection of a future awakening after long groping in the dark, searching, pain fully and in bitterness of spirit, for the light

Man is here for a purpose, and it is reasonable to suppose that that purpose is a worthy one It can not be that the Good Father ever planned this mortal existence for the gratification of man's selfish and ignoble desires and appetites. a life would naturally and necessarily be a per version of every idea of Infinite Goodness. He is here to unfold his godlike attributes and fit himself for an existence upon another plane of life, where no earthly lesson will profit him ex cept those radiated with love for humanity.

The necessity of learning the earth-lesson well, and profiting to the utmost by the experi ences of mortal life, would seem to be of sufand prompt them to make the highest and best elves while on this plane of exist

Alas! how few there are who do not prefe death in ignorance and selfishness, than life in the higher purposes and aspiration of the soul.

"ANOTHER WHISKY MURDER."

Such was the heading to a murder item tha Such was the heading to a murder item that appeared in one of our dailies a few days ago. The case was that of two young men who had been friends from infancy, but who, inflamed with liquor, fell out about nothing, came to blows, and then one shot the other to death. Both of these young men were married, and now two families are plunged into darkness and despair through their drunken folly. And the taxpayers, who refuse to shut up the whisky dens, will be called upon to foot another round bill, as in the cases of Goldenson, and others of his class.

class.

We wonder if the tax-payers ever stopped to consider what a whisky murder (and that is about the only kind we ever have) costs them. In the Goldenson case the transcript on appeal to the Supreme Court alone, it is stated, will cost about \$1,500, exclusive of the cost of reporting and transcribing. And this is but a small part of the expense of the trial and conviction of this is.

of the expense of the trial and conviction of this man. It is safe to say that the cost to the people in money from each murder caused by rum is not less than five thousand dollars.

But the cost of the rum traffic to the people is by no means confined to capital cases. These, in fact, constitute but a small part of the fearful burden of expense they are compelled to bear. There are (in this State) our two State prisons, and our three insane asylums, all filled, mainly, with the victims of rum. And then come the scores of almshouses and orphan asylums, scattered about the State, containing many other thousands of the State's wards, all deriving their support from the people, and nearly all the legiti-

There are (in this State) our two State prisons, and our three insane asylums, all filled, mainly, with the victims of rum. And then come the scores of almshouses and orphan asylums, scatered about the State, containing many other thousands of the State's wards, all deriving their support from the people, and nearly all the legitimate fruits of our llcensed liquor system.

Still, these are not all the expenses to which society is subjected by the liquot raffic. Look at the homes of beggary and want scattered over the land—of children growing up in idleness and ignorance to swell the non-producing class. Evry such person must needs be supported at the expense of the producing classes. If he give nothing of use or worth back to the world, as a remuneration for his support, he becomes a drone upon society—a burden to be borne by the thrifty and industrious.

In every way we may look at it the liquor traffic is an evil and a curse. It hasn't one redeening virtue. Some day the people will come to their senses, and, rising in their might, sweep to their senses, and, rising in their might, sweep it away. Maythat glorious day be not far distant.

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By slow and painful steps the h ascends the heights of knowledge. The lessor of wisdom needs to be repeated over and over many times,—its lines and precepts need to be drilled into the obdurate understanding, before they take root in the individual soul, and become

a part of its being.

And so it is that our speakers and writers for the press—all who are engaged in the noble work of dispelling the clouds of ignorance and dark ness that befog the world, and lifting man u hemselves ever repeating, but with new forms of expression, the old, old story of the bette Like the story of the Cross to the re ceptive and devout nature, it is ever new—the story of love and good will to humanity—o discipline and subjection of the animal man to the higher or spiritual nature—of the necessity of right living and right doing to secure happiness here, or hereafter

These lessons have to be presented in man ways. To some they are the living waters— the bread of life; to others the seed that fall upon barren and stony ground. But wherever they find a lodgment there spring forth the fragrant vine, the beautiful flowers of virtue the rich fruitage of a well ordered and ha

Because our labors ofttimes come to not shall we therefore cease striving, O fellow workers in the vineyard of God? Shall we not press forward to the goal, though the burden be heavy, and the way be beset with thorns? The world needs the truth. Human souls, a countles multitude, are passing on to "the pale realm of shade," with their earth duties all undone. Who is there so well fitted to point the way, as those whose feet have trod the long journ have crossed the dark river,-and returning to their loved earth, and those to whom they are linked in inseparable bonds, give forth through mortal instruments, the higher knowledge the have acquired.

Let us rejoice that the way of life is open a

never before, and that from the open window of heavenly homes is streaming forth a divinradiance that is thrilling the world. Voices of inspiration are heard from a thousand platforms magnetic waves of thought from the upper world are breaking in upon the consciousness of tens of thousands of sensitives; and the burden o this mighty, intelligent impulse, is "peace and good will to man.

BOTHERED.

A skeptical and intelligent friend, from a Southern city, visited one of our slate-writing nediums, a few days ago, taking a pair of his was alsets with him. We met him a short him hereafter, and made inquiry as to his success. "Did you get writing within your own slates" by one or two others." "Was it satisfactory?" "Well, our work of the we asked. "Yes, no..." "Well, not woo others." "Well, not wholly." he said. He then gave us an account of his seance. He assured us that the writing was done open and above board, and he could not see how it could possibly be done by the medium. "It is very surprising," he said, and vet there was one circumstance that bothered

him.

He then went on to say that the medium requested him to write a few names of spirit
friends upon slips of paper, and fold them up
carefully, which he did. These ballots, or
pellets, were placed unopened upon the slates,
and messages signed by the names written thereon
were found upon the inner surfaces of the slates.
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The ballots and slates were not out of his sight for a moment.

But the circumstance that naturally troubled him was this: Upon one of the pellets he had intentionally written the wrong initials of a spirit friend, and the name signed to the message was signed by the same initials as those he had written. This he could not understand. He had nevertheless seen sufficient to induce him to have the interest his interest him for the written. sue his investigations further, which he as ured us he intended to do

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This was our friend's first experience in this
direction, and we could have wished, until he
had become more familiar with the nice laws and
conditions governing these occult forces, that he
had not attempted any deception upon his part.

The investigator of this phase of spiritual phe-nomena, who seeks communion with his spirit friends for the first time, is apt to expect too much. He should know that no spirit can write

but writing by spirit power—the power of the medium's spirit? And if his own spirit can accomplish such wonders, why may not some discombodied spirit do the same?

Investigators should approach this subject fairly and honestly. The first point for them to settle is the fact of the independent writing,—not that the names of their friends are not given correctly, or that the messages do not contain internal evidence of coming from their spirit friends.

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If any spirits come and write, they must come in accordance with a law of spirit intercourse with mortals, and this law must be a general law of which all spirits can avail themselves whenever they learn the way.

Whoever seeks for the truth of spirit return, patiently and honestly, will surely find his reward. But he must not be too eager, nor too exacting. That an intelligent message can come from the other side of life is a no greater mystery than that we exist here and can communicate with each other.

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A good brother, anxious to convince his father of the truths of Spiritualism, writes us as follows: My father and I are engaged in a mild controversy about Spiritualism. He is a pronounced materialist tax you will perceively, while I as a pronounced materialist tax you will preceively, while I as a first poly to my last letter to him, and I you will find his reply to my last letter to him, and I you will find his reply to my last letter to him, and I you will find his reply to my last letter to him, and I you have a sea to be a some through the toto. Letter a him and the same through the toto. Letter a him and a who will acknowledge the same whenever consist and who will acknowledge the same whenever consist of the fact. He is an upright, honest man, thoroughly so, and a kind indiughen father, and I am anxious to have him become convinced of the fract. Fefered to which is a long some than the consecution of the fact. The letter referred to which is a long some than the consecution of the truths of Spiritualism.

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The letter referred to, which is a long and nicely written defence of materialism, opens with a dissertation on mesumerism, odic force, etc., in which the writer endeavors to show that these forces are identical with Spiritualism, and if identical, then, he says, "In the matter of "salate-writing, up goes mesmerism and down "goes Spiritualism."

This is a summary, if not wholly satisfactory way of extiguishing a philosophy that numbers among its adherents millions of the best and wisest of our race, and that is gaining ground among the intelligent classes of to-day far more rapidly than did a belief in Christianity in the early ages, or the Copernican system of the universe in later times.

The odic force or fluid is the machinery or leverage made use of by the mesmerist to work his wonders upon the physical body—controlling the brain and nerve forces of a fellow mortal, causing the mind to think as he wills, and producing a cataleptic condition of the body, rendering it insensible to pain, etc. The mind of the mesmeries is the controlling power in such cases.

Now, why may not the disembodied spirit use the same leverage to produce its manifestations? The odic force is not intelligence, neither is electricity intelligence, and yet both may be used to convey intelligence. They never work independently to any intelligent purpose. There must always be an intelligence. They never work independently to any intelligent purpose. The must be produced by an organized must be produced by an or

possibility of disembodied spirit writing.

I will gladly furnish them (the spirits) slate and peacil, for pen, ink and paper, and if they will let me see them write, in broad daylight, see the pen mova, the ink flow, and words form on the paper, without the aid of mortal hands, then I will be ready to exclain, "Lord (Spirit), I believes belo thou mine unbelied."

In a letter from his son does the father require any such verification before he is willing to accept it as genuine? But if he will visit San Francisco we can direct him where he can see such independent writing as he requires. Mrs. Francis, of this city, a well known slate-writing medium, will hold a slate before him, with a small bit of pencil thereon, and he can see the pencil writing "without the aid of mortal hands." It is very difficult for the spirits to do this, and there are but few mediums through whom it can be done. If they can write messages between closed slates, then If they can write messages between closed slates, then they can write them outside, where I can see it done.

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Now this is an assumption. How does he know that the writing can be done outside the slate? We have shown that with some mediums it can be so done. But much better results can be produced between closed slates, or upon the under surface of a slate placed in the light upon under surface of a slate placed in the light upon a table, darkness being a condition essential to the best results. "But," does he ask, "why is darkness necessary?" We might answer by asking, Why are certain and exact conditions necessary in all chemical experiments? It isn't for us to question the conditions which nature requires question the conditions which nature requires for the performance of her works. Light is positive—darkness negative. It is found that light destroys the nice conditions requisite for these manifestations of spirit power. But when one is permitted to hold the slates in his own hands, in the full light of day—slates upon which he known there is no writing—what matters it whether he sees the penell move or not? The message is there, and it must be the result of some intelligent will, and that it is not the will of the medium may be readily ascertained by any investigator.

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THE GOLDEN GATE, a weekly spiritual paper published at San Francisco, Cal., is before us. It is chack full of news from the Golden State, and is worthy of a place and welcome in every home.—The Gassadagam.

THE RIGHT IDEA

Ideas make the individual. Then how important is it that young minds receive correct impressions of the life around them, and the obligations it imposes, the duties it calls them to perform. Commissioner Anderson of the Rail-road Commission, sojourning in this city, has with him a son, nineteen years old, a Harvard and the state of the received and the state of the road Commission, sojourning in this city, has with him a son, nineteen years old, a Harvard graduate, who has been fortunate in his only training, for he is reported as saying that the greatest pleasure in any one's life is the knowledge that he has done a kindly Christian act for a fellow being.

This life seems especially constituted to call forth such sentiments, and it is a happy thing to hear a young person express those feelings that come not to all who are old. To feel this greatest of joys, is only possible to one who has exercised the means of attaining it. When we hear about the "bitterness of old age," it always seems to us it might have been sweetened, seeing the countless opportunities that one meets at every step in life for relieving some human burden, of dissipating some human woe. If one has not material means, then a smile, a kind word of inquiry, and an interest that may bring the urgent relief, is in the possession of all to give, it kindly disposed.

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Money.—Money is a great means in this world—indeed the chief means to all great ends, at the present day. Everything comes as well as goes by its power, and by it the world moves, no less in a material sense than a mental and moral one, for everything is maintained and prospers through its agency. This is the good side of money, and it is almost beyond measurement. As the good use for this medium of exchange multiply, it will expand until the base and lesser side shall become almost insignificant. The time was when there was comparatively little use for money outside of the home—before the genius of invention and science had awakened to arouse the world to new life and usefalness, new ventures and new possibilities. The man or woman who can command a few hundred thousand dollars, has a power the world had no conception of fifty years ago. The mighty forces they can set in operation and control as they will, is something to be considerd by those just setting out in quest of possible fortunes. Among those of our country who have come into possession of large means through literary channels, Mrs. Gen. Grant stands well up in the list. She has just received a check for thirty-three thousand three hundred and eighty-four dollars, as additional profits on the sale of the General's "Memoirs."

"Memoirs."

ROOM FOR ALL.—Let the good work go forward. With Bro. Morse at the Temple, Bro. Colville at Old Fellows' Hall, Mrs. Whines Hro. Colville at Old Fellows' Hall, Mrs. Whines Hall, and a score or more of excellent public mediums, the good people of San Francisco are not likely to suffer for lack of spiritual nourishment during the coming months. As tastes differ, the people will naturally go where they are best pleased. There is a field for all our speakers, and there is not the slightest occasion for any friction, because of the number of meetings. They are all working for a common end. The only rivalry that should exist among them is that noble rivalry to demonstrate who can best work and best agree. A tidal wave of spiritualists to prove to the world the good will and brotherly love that lie at the basis of all reform, and all true spiritual work.

A MUSICAL DREAM.— The Eton boys celebrated the Queen's Jubilee in their own way, and closed the musical performance with a Latin Ode, "Post Lustra Decem," which has an interesting origin for those who believe in the modern revelations of spirit power. It is strictly to the Pall Mall Gazette that the work and music were both actually decembed. on the authority of the Pati Mall Gazette that the words and music were both actually dreamed by Dr. Warre, who it is said possesses not the least scientific knowledge of music; and yet mu-sical experts declare that the tune is an excellent piece of recitative. This "curious circumsizal experts declare that the tune is an excellent piece of recitative. This "curious circumstance" may remind some of Rousseau's dream, but it will show to many more that the good Queen Victoria has, more loyal subjects that those she now counts in her wide dominion though the Gazette attributes the production to the effect of the imagination, heightened by the occasion.

Noble Deed.—We have heard several stories showing the kind and generous nature of Robert Bonner, but we never heard one that pleased us more than the one just at hand. It is said that this famous publisher had, unknown to Mr. Cobb, carried a twenty-thousand dollar insurance on the life of the late Sylvanus Cobb, Jr., for the benefit of his family. Nothing warms the cold heart of the world like such reports of unostentatious generosity. We believe one deed of the kind inspires as it gains publicity, and the gratitude of the recipients of such noble favor is sufficient to speed it on the wings of the wind. This and similar instances should help us to keep sight of the better side of human nature, and not let the belief crystalize, which is sometimes warranted, that the getting of money imparts its own metallic nature to the NOBLE DEED .- We have heard several storie of money imparts its own metallic nature to the sibilities and sympathies of men

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE FAIR.—The Twentysecond Industrial Exhibition of the Mechanics'
Institute opened on Thursday with appropriate
eeremonies, including an address by that prince
of executives, P. B. Cornwall, and a grand oration by that inspired farmer, lawyer and statesman, Hon. M. Estee. The exhibition will
continue one month, and, of course, everybody
and his wife, including "his cousins and his
aunts," will naturally want to be there. The
exposition contains many new features and attractions, this year, and is altogether a most worthy
representation of the art, skill, and products of
California.

REGULATED LIVES,—The human body is but a bundle of habits, and it is possible to so train it, with all its functions and faculties, that i become like a machine for obedience and exacti it, with all its functions and faculties, that it become like a machine for obedience and exactitude. Capt. John Ericsson, inventor of the "Monitor," seems to be one of the disciplined, and though eighty-four years old, still devotes twelve hours of the twenty-four, as he has done for thirty-seven years, to sedentary work of the closest kind. His unfailing energy is attributed to his strict temperance in eating and drinking. While the latter is always important to bodily vigor, we think man's prolonged woe of his mental faculties is due to the strength of his spiritual nature, that is made strong by the supremacy of the will. There is no reason why the immortal part of man should not subordinate and rule the perishing body, so long as the latter can subserve a useful purpose. Life in any state is a science, and there are primary degrees to be learned here, that when accomplished seem remarkable to those ignorant of its possibilities. The man who can will himself to sleep can prolong his life till its material work is done, or put in a shape for others to resume when he i gone.

America is much larger and vastly more important than England, but Americans take more interest in English affairs than England takes in American affairs. Can it be that it is because there are more snobs on this side of the water tham on the other?—SAVANNAH NEWS.

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It must be remembered that our great country is fully half occupied by foreigners from all lands. Sift out the pure, unadulterated Americans, both young and old, and we venture to say there would be found very little snobbishness, or aping of English customs. Young America is a mixed product, and rapidly becoming more so, a fact that must be considered in discussing its growing admiration for the pomp of royalty. But in point of real, substantial interest, England, and all other countries, turn to ours as their one sure hope; America is the star of their destiny.

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Among the millions who are forced to our shores by stress of circumstances, thousands of well-to-do, and even titled personages, are among the throng, some to behold the wonders of our free land, natural and artificial; some to secure a share of our broad acres, and the herds that feed upon them, wealthy Americans having revolutionized the Old World prejudice against their plebian-made ducats. If the impecunious lords and dukes that come to the United States to renew thair fortunes, or perhaps secure them first by taking our rich girls for wives—for money, we should, say,—if these same persons would come among us in their true light, seeking some honest means of earning a livelihood in a land where all honess work is honorable, it would soon be apparent in all circles that our exteem of such independence far exceeds our supposed weakness for titled idlers.

Moreover, our social and political institutions, while far from perfect, are yet the observation and study of all other governments. We are young, fair and fascinating, and the contemplation of our grand achievements by our mother country is a cause both of praise and jealousy.

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W. R. COLBY'S MEDIUMSHIP.—We are always pleased to be able to say a good word for all deserving mediums. And such an one we have ever found Mr. Colby to be. His gifts are not only of a high order, but he practices them with an honesty of purpose, and in a manner most convincing to the skeptic. He will receive no pay for sittings when names and messages are not satisfactorily given. Unless the communicating spirit is able to give his or her name in full, he has learned that the message will be more or less unsatisfactory, and he will not receive it. He makes that the test of the spirit's power to communicate. We have thoroughly tested his mediumship and know him to be a grand 'medium for independent slate-writing, automatic writing, ballot reading, and other interesting phases. He has a good, honest way with him—a genuine geniality of manner—that is always pleasing to the investigator. Mr. Colby has a host of friends in this city and Oakland, where he is best known, and he is doing a noble work for Spiritualigm. land, where he is best known, and he is doing a noble work for Spiritualism.

UNAPPRECIATED POET.—Persons with great reputations can say very common-place things without being criticised, because we suppose it is a condescension for them to say anything more than is absolutely necessary, save on memorable cocasions. While all know that Von Moltke is not famous in letters, it does seem as though he might labave "mustered" up a more fitting reply to lthe German poet who complimented him in verse. Von Moltke wrote: "Esteemed country-'man, I thank you for the patriotic poems, and "I hope you may live to write poems and make "baskets for many years." If the poet thus addressed combines the mentioned handicraft with his verse-making, he will probably take a hint from the little note, to bestow double attention upon the number of baskets he may fashion in a month and never to let the practical give place to the ideal.

A New Lectureer.—Miss Ada Campbell, a UNAPPRECIATED POET .- Persons with great

give place to the ideal.

A New Lecturer.—Miss Ada Campbell, a talented lecturer on liberal subjects from Australia, is now stopping in this city. She is most highly endorsed by the Australian press, as a speaker of rare gifts. She would be pleased to hear from liberalists from other cities, with a view to public meetings. Her present address is 311 Taylor street, this city. Following are a few notices from the press. Lysticlum Times says: "Miss Campbell possesses a clear emphatic style of delivery, uses, much graceful geature, and "exhibits considerable histrionic power." Brisbane Observer says: "Miss Campbell is a clever "elocutionist, and her action and facial expression are such as only the highest dramatic variets exhibit." Powerly Bay Independent says: "Miss Campbell has a clear, rich, resonant voice, an animated expression, and a wonder-"ful command of language, blended with his "trionic abilities of the highest order. Miss "Campbell proves herself the ideal of a locturess."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Fred Evans will return from his week's va-

The admission will be free to the birthday reception to be given to Mr. Colville at Assembly Hall on Monday evening next.

Mrs. Foye left for Chicago last Tuesday, and will lecture in Denver on Sunday next, and the two following Sundays at Chicago.

_Prof. O. S. Fowler, the eminent phrenolo-st and author, passed on to the other life Aug. th. Truly his works will live after him.

-Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mozart, who have re-med from their European trip, expected to sail om Tacoma, W. T., for San Francisco, Friday,

_Dr, C. C. Peet has gone to Springfield, ass. He writes us that his health was very nor during his entire stay in Colorado. He shes to be remembered to his many friends in

Caluoma.

—The Golden Gate Religious and Philosophical Society will give a reception to Mr. and Mrs.
J. J. Morse, and their "little preacher," Mrs.
E.L. Watson, at one of the halls in the Alcale
Elding, on Monday evening next, Sept. 5th.

—The St. Nicholas for September is at hand ladened, as usual, with rich treasures for the young. This beautiful and instructive monthly ounght to be a regular visitor in every family. It is an educator, inspirer and savior of the young.

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—Mrs. J. J. Whitney will re-open her Fall and Winter series of public platform test scances [tring Hall, Sunday evening, Oct. 2d. She relief enter upon her work with enlarged power, and no doubt with renewed public interest in her

—Mr. J. J. Morse's engagement by the Golden ate Religious and Philosophical Society ter-nated on Sunday last. He was immediately engaged for an indefinite period. It is un-vessary to say that the society is well pleased ath his ministrations.

—We publish elsewhere the excellent program prepared for Mr. Colville's opening services on Sanday morning, afternoon and evening, and also for hisbirthday reception on Monday evening near. Dr. Morton is giving his best managerial thought to this coming work of Mr. Colville, and that always means success.

-The Path, a monthly magazine devoted to the brotherhood of humanity, the study of The-esophy and the occult sciences, is always a most welcome visitant to our table. The latest edi-tion, like all others, contains much food of a scientific and spiritual nature for the aspiring soal. Published in New York. Price, \$2 per vss.

The September Ettoric has its usual amount true spiritual food therein. It commences a iss of important articles on the re-discovered science of Understanding," an able contribution from the pen of A. W. Moore, which res a new meaning to "The Iliad" and "Od-wy," and other of the classics. It also contains a following thoughtful articles: "The Lunous Presence," "Man's Cyclic Evolution," Practical Instruction for Reaching the Highest and of Human Attainment," by Hiram E. Liter, and many other literary gems of esoteric ought. Published by the Esoteric Company, & Shawmut avenue, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Foye in Chicago.

Mrs. Ada Foye, the distinguished platform test medium, has been engaged by the Young Peoples' Progressive Society for the Sunday evenings of September 11th, 18th and 25th. The lady is well known as a wonderful test medium, and her appearance here is looked forward to with many pleasant expectations. The Young Peoples' Progressive Society are highly elated and impatiently await the appearance of one whom they consider as their dearest friend. A musical and literary entertainment and public reception will be given in honor of the lady on Friay evening, the 23d, which is hoped to be a grand success. The public are always invited to our meetings, and skeptics are given a cordial welcome. Mrs. Ada Foye, the distinguished plat-

THE phenomenon of pictures upon win-dow panes that has been exciting and per-plexing the denizens of Milford, Bracken dow panes that has been exciting and perplexing the denizens of Milford, Bracken
county, is being repeated at Bachelor's
Rest and Pickerell's school house, in this
county. The windows of a number of
private residences are handsomely ornamented with red and blue tints, interlined
with the pictures of men and beasts—one
pane of glass representing a picture of
animals entering an ark. Curiosity is at
ever heat, and several of our citizens
visited the phenomenal section yesterday. Several panes of glass were removed and brought to town, and after,
being washed and cleaned, the illustrations disappeared. Further investigation
cased. The pictures appear the more
berfiect and distinct just at sunset. It is
generally believed that the sun's reflection
upon some unknown substance casts these
shadows upon the glass, and, like the
shadows upon the glass, and, like the
shadows upon the glass, and, anticipate all sorts of calamities. Some twenty
years ago similar manifestations were wittessed in other sections of this county,
and great fear and anxiety pervaded the
community; but the incidents were almost
forgotten until recalled by the present
mysterious pictures.—Falmonth (Kr.) A Trip to Los Gatos.

On leaving San Francisco and the cold, drizzling fog on Saturday morning, I felt as though I had chosen a miserable day for my trip. But these thoughts were dispelled as the rapidly speeding train rolled out of the fog into the glorious sunshine of Santa Clara county. Groups of excited men, aye, and women, too, were discussing the great California boom fever, and every one appeared, by their conver-sation, to be interested in buying and selling lots. Quite a number of young and old passengers seemed to forget their fish stories and recounted the most remarkable land sales ever known. On arriving at Los Gatos I was kindly received by that genial, whole-souled gentleman, Mr. F. H. Baker, who, with his conveyance, was awaiting my arrival. After four miles of grand mountain scenery, and of course the usual dust experienced on mountain roads, we arrived at the "Mountain Home," the beautiful ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Baker. Our arrival was greeted with shouts of welcome from that goodhearted, hospitable lady, Mrs. Baker, Our arrival was greeted with shouts of welcome from that goodhearted, hospitable lady, Mrs. Baker, who, with her good mother, Mrs. Philbrick, soon made me feel at home. Mr. Baker's ranch consists of two hundred and four acres of the richest and best located land in the Santa Clara county, with an orchard of the choicest fruit. His land surrounds the San Jose Water Company's reservoir.

The climate is all that could be desired. On arising between 5 and 6 A. M. you will find the warm sunshine greeting you, which reflection on the lake or reservoir shines like a sheet of silver, surrounded by the rich foliage of the trees, and backed by those grand and picturesque mountains, makes a scene never to be forgotten.

I have not seen the least vestige of fog from 5 A. M. to 10 F. M., and am told that it is unknown in this part of the mountain. There is excellent hunting, fishing, boating, and everything that tends to make a vacation enjoyable to our weary city folk, or enough rich, cultivated land to gladden the eyes of the would-be settler.

The few days of my vacation are spent in pony riding over the mountains, Muster Harry playing the violin, Mrs. Baker the piano and guitar, and Miss Ada plays the same instruments, and is also a remarkable painter. She is often controlled by various spirits to paint, and is also a good medium for predictions.

My surroundings are so very pleasant that I regret to leave them, but I suppose I must leave here on Sa

NEWS BREVITIES.

The balloon for the Paris Exhibtion of 1889 will carry one hundred persons.

There are six hundred and seventy-two colored preachers in the city of Raleigh, N. C.

Latest returns from Texas indicate that pr bition has been defeated by more than 100,00

Mrs. Ellis, an American lady, is physician the Queen of Corea, at a salary of \$18,000

A straight line can be drawn through seventy-five miles of the Indian River, Florida, without touching shore. It is called the straightest river

Alexander T. Stewart, New York's "m hant prince," died in 1876. His estate een in litigation ever since, and a fresh la it arising from his will has just been begun.

Miss Della Beck, of Apollo, Pa., is the heaviest irl in the Keystone State. She is only sixteen ears old, and weighs 403 lbs. Miss Beck is said be as active and graceful as the majority of girls

GOLDEN GATE. St. Andrews' Hall...—The Union Spiritual Society at St. Andrews' Hall, 111 Larkin street, held another "boom" meeting on Wednesday last. Next Wednesday, the 9th inst., Judge Swift will deliver a thirty minutes' address. Subject: "The Morality of Spiritualism." The Gollowing mediums will participate in the scance: Mrs. Jennie, Mrs. Babbitt and Mrs. McClellan. Go early for a seat. The admission is free. The social and dance before referred to, will take place on Friday, the 9th inst. The sale of The social and dance before referred to, will take place on Friday, the 9th inst. The sale of tickets is limited, and a few are for sale at this office. Price, twenty-five cents, lady and gentleman. The literary part of the program consists of very choice items; it is as follows: Song, audience; remarks, general introduction, Mrs. Wilson, the President; song, with guitar accompaniment, Mrs. Jennic Clark; recitation, Mr. H. J. White; duet, piano and piecolo; remarks, The Union Spiritual Society, Judge A. Swift; song, Mr. J. H. White; song; trio, three young ladies. Dancing until 11:30 P. M. ng until 11:30 P. M.

THE PROSPOSED MEDICAL LAW.

The old school doctors are trying to get a law passed to protect them, for if they don't get legislation against it, their business is gone. The following letter show how vital it is to them to have such laws passed.

ANOTHER MIRACLE

MUSKEGON, MICH.—DR. A. B. DOBSON, IAQUONETA, IOWA—My Daw Friend:—I esem it not only a pleasure, but a duty that I we, not only to yourself, but to the public, o set forth some facts respecting my mental and physical condition during the past year. In ee early part of the year 1853 my nerrous symbocame so very much affected, that I was nable to sleep. The restless and sleepless continuo continued to that extent that many nights a succession I was unable to close my eyes, I of which was reducing my physical powers and also affecting the mental, in fact the whole ructure was becoming weaker and weaker each seconding day, and during all this time I was eaking the various patent medicines, and continuing the best medical ability that I could find, Michigan and Northern Minnescta, but all

CAMP MEETING.

The Oregon State Society of Spiritualists will hold their Camp Meeting at New Era, Clacksmas county, commencing September 15, and continuing two weeks. Good Speakers and Test Mediums will be in attendance.

D. B. SCOFIELD, Pres. Mrs. E. A. DEAN, Secretary.

. W. FLETCHER, 6 Beacon Street, ss., gives diagnosis of disease from ; also business advice. Terms, \$2.

Do you wish to develop as a medium, jult, by letter, J. W. Fletcher, the Clairvoy Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. Six quest illowed. Terms, \$2.

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To those who may be disposed to contribute by will to the spread of the gospel of Spiritualism through the GOLDEN GATE, the following form of bequest is suggested:

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The pathway of mediumship is not an easy one, for although it may be strewn with roses that delight the eye and perfume the heart of the faithful worker, yet he will find beneath the bloom and richness many hidden thorns that can sting and tear his sensitive spirit. It is a mistake for a medium to set forth in life with the idea that he is to receive only smiles and approval and weighty recompense for his labors, and it will be but the lapse of a little time before he will find beneath the single medium to prize his spiritual gifts merely for the material benefits they can bring to him, or for any one to desire the power of transmitting communications from the spirit world because of the personal gain that may accrue to him. Such a desire will only attract a class of selfish spirits with prize his spiritual gifts merely for the material benefits they can bring to this, or fold within themselves those qualities or powers essential to the successful practice

inginer needs of numanity and cater only to the lower propensities of those who seek their counsel.

It does not follow that a medium is not to be paid for his work. The minister in his study, the editor in his sanctum, the scientist in his laboratory, all give their best thought, energy and labor to the world; they require and receive substantial recognition of their services and are enabled to pursue their beneficent career because of the compensation thus received. But neither the earnest preacher, the honorable editor, nor the enthusiastic man of science gloats over the monetary returns for his work to the eclusion of higher and more ennobling thoughts from his mind. Should he allow his thoughts to dwell upon the amount of money he was to receive for the execution of a piece of work, and to plan over and over the display he would make when that money came to him, neither the minister nor the editor would have the power of presenting the grandest conception of any lofty subject to his followers; and his very best work would by unaccomplished while such unworthy matter occupied his mind.

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So with a medium, in giving his time and vitality and labor to the world; he must receive a recognition and recompense for his services that will enable him to live and to pursue his career; but if his thought be given up to the consideration of the emoluments of his office, to the desire of greater popularity and more money, he will be unable to perform the best work of any form of mediumship, and the service of the consideration of the emoluments of his office, to the desire of greater popularity and more money, he will be unable to perform the best work of any form of mediumship, earnest, sincere desire to serve mankind—on either side of life—in the cause of truth, will bring a power and add a luster to the humblest form of mediumship that will bless the one who possesses it. While there are those who covet mediumship for merely personal ends, there are many who desire its power because of the good it is capable of doing; and such minds should be encouraged in their search for knowledge. They believe that Spiritualism has come as a blessing to mankind. That for every medial instrument the world has produced there are thousands of spirits who wait impatiently to make use of them in service to mankind; and these kindly hearts are awxious to become developed in mediumship that they may swell the number of instrumentalities for spiritual work. The thought of personal benefit is overshadowed by the great desire to be of use, and such lives as these will afford the very best inducent to the spiritual world for the unfoldment of whatever medial qualities thy may possesses.

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To the mind anxious to unfold its own inherent faculties for wise and loving service to its kind, we give the following advice: Do not sit in promiscuous circles; do not seek the aid of developing mediums of whose power, magnetism, babits and experience you know nothing, but whose advertisements happen to meet your eye. These means for development of mediumship are worse than useless.

Select some one, or more, congenial, sympathetic friend to sit with you at stated intervals and at a regular hour. Be punctual at your sittings; partake of no food for at least two hours before they occur. Have your apartment well ventilated—but comfortably warm,—dimly lighted and free from all stale or unpleasant odors. Music and singing are not essential, but are agreeable to attending spirits. Flowers or fruit, if fresh, bring a delightful aroma to the unseen operators who will find strength in such an atmosphere, but should not be allowed to remain in the apartment if wilted in the slightest degree. The sitters must exercise the qualities of patience, perseverance and good nature to an unlimited extent, for they may have to sit for months without receiving any indication of spirit presence; and yet his seeming useless proceeding may result very beneficially in the end, for many times the spirit operators are silently at work consolidating their forces, magnetizing surroundings, acting upon the inner life and power of the mortals present, and in other ways working up to the grand moment when mediumship bursts into light and usefulness.

The sitters must come to the seance room with clean bodies and with undisturbed minds. Thought is active, and the more passive the instrument the more powerful will be the operations of the spirit upon it. Care, anxiety, mental uncasiness of any kind, not only set the molecules of the brain in rapid motion, but they also affect the elements of the surrounding atmosphere, causing them to vibrate with irregular intensity, and if at work the task of the spirit theorems more arduous than it would be were the minds of the sitters in a tranquil state.

It would be well for the sitters to give heed to their experiences. Should one perceive lights or objects floating before his vision he may mention the fact, for by giving expression to these and like experiences the power is strengthened and the friends on both sides encouraged to continue their efforts.

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than the other, as a preponderance of any particular force will not facilitate the work.

Finally, it depends upon the character, purpose and aspiration of the sitters whether mediumship will prove a blessing or a detriment to their lives. If they desire the companiorship of wise and good spirits, if they invoke the presence of the pure for purposes of instructiveness and spiritual helpfulness, whatever comes to them from the "other side" will prove of rare value. If our friends sweep impure thoughts from their hearts and entertain kindly, charitable opinions of their fellows, if they cultivate sweet and ennobling thoughts and aspirations, they will prepare a lovely place for the good and true to enter from on high. But impure lives, unholy desires and worthless aims will never attract lofty, whole-souled spirits. Such can not be dragged down to the level of polluted minds, and the only spirits who will come with adulation and encouragement to that class of seekers after mediumship will prove to be of a lower order than that which they profess. If, on gaining the development of mediumship, one is content to have it exercised under the direction of good spirits, if he is conscientious in the discharge of duty, and humbly desires to serve humanity, he need not fear results. However lowly his station he will find friends and helpers. For his time and labor he may charge such a fee as his conscience approves. This is his right and due, but he will not exact homage nor will he demand great recompense, for he will realize that his work and its recognition are such as the world can neither give nor take away, but which the angels alone can guide and control.

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or the Golden Gate.]
The Voice of the Soul

The galling chains that free the soul Sink deep in silent thought,
And where those troubled waters rolk
Love comes to us unbought—
"I love thee."

And bend in sweet control,
The sitest air will whisper still
The words that softly roll—
"I love thee."

If I were mountain, grand and strong—
If I were ocean deep,
And to my beart these words belong,
My soul should ever speak.
"I love thee,"

Then let the briny waters flow,

Let earth and air combine,

And let the wines, that conward go,

Bring back these words divine—

"I love thee."

The Stream,

The Stream,

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A fair child plays by the mountain spring.
Cooling the songs the bobolinks sing.
Not at hought of guile or shadow of care.
To chough the innocent brow so fair,
Hearn as light as the gooning.
No taint of sin nor shade of care.
To cloud the beautiful too we fair.
And the spring flows on.

10 citied the beautiful retwo so fatar—
And the spring flows on.
A lithe youth walks by the spatkling stream,
Watching the silvery waters gleam,
His heart still pure as its waters are,
Univend by the ruth of a single care,
While the stream flows on.
Deaming as one in a morning dream,
Laily watching the laughing stream
Sporting its way in the noonday beam—
And the stream flows on.
A strong man stands by the river side,
Thoughtfully watching the fertful ide.
His shoulders stooped by the toil of years,
His treads trow bent with the lad of care,
While the stream flows on.
His statute bent by the moil of years,
And the side with sig athering cares,
And the side flows on.
As old man waits on the ocean shore,

And the tide flows on.

An old man waits on the ocean abore,
Counting the years that have gone before,
Waiting there for the ship to come
To bear him away to his final bome,
Longin I'v waiting the ship to come
To bear him across to his long, long home,
While the day grows dark in the evening's glon
And the tide rolls on.

Alone.

BY MORKET J. BURDETTE.

I miss you, my darling, my darling;
The embers burn low on the bearth,
And still is the air of the household,
And husbed is the voice of mirth;
The rain plashes fast on the terrace,
The wind past the lattices moan?
The midnight chines out from the misster,
And I am alone.

I want you, my darling, my darling;
I am tired with care and with fret:
I would neatle in alience beaded you,
And all but your presence forget
I get he had no the happiness given
To those who through trusting have grown
To the fullness of love and contentment;
But I am alone.

I call you, my darling, my darling;

Eut I am alooe.

I call you, my darling, my darling;
My voice schoes back on my beart;
I stretch my arms to you in longing,
And lot they fall empty apart.
I whisper the sweet words you taught me
The words we only have known—
Till the blank of the damb air is bitter,
For I am alone.

For I am alone.

J need you, my darling, my darling, my darling, my darling, my these table of the first searning any very heart aches the load that divides a unweighs harder—I abrink from the jar that it makes. Old don'tes mise up to best me, Old don'tes make my troubles their own O come through the darkness and save me, For I am alone.

Keep Out of the Past.

Keep out of the past ! For its highways
Are damp with malaria gloom;
Its gardens are ser, and its foreast as drear,
And everywhere moulders a tomb.
Who seeks to regain its lost pleasures
Finds only a rose turned to dout,
And its store/bourse of wordferful treasures
Is covered and coated with rust.

Is covered and coates was reas. Keep out of the past. It is haunted; He who in its avenue gropes Shall find there the ghost of a joy prized if And a skeleton throug of dead hopes. In place of its heastful fivers Lie pools that are stugnant with time, And those graves gleaming while in the ploo Cover dreams that were slain in their prime

Cover dreams that were slafe in their prime.

Kee poor of the past! It is losely?

And harren and birak to the view;

In free have grown cold and its stricts are old,

Time, turn to the present, the new!

To-day leady ou up to the lill-toops

That are kined by the radiant sun?

To-day slady so to not—all life's hopes are in hi

And to-day holds a prize to be won.

'Tis Hearts That Wed,

"The man I marry must wealthy be,"
The maiden said:
And planned her marriage delightfully
Within her head.

"The girl I marry must beauteo: s be," The young man said: And be pictured her seductively Within his bead.

But on a day did the maiden find One man to be The only want of her beart and mind, And poor was he.

And on a day was the man impressed One girl to gain Who alone coald bring to him joy and rest, And she was plain.

Thus both discovered their matches wrought Not by the head, But that, awaking in ways unthought, 'lis hearts that wed.

Letter from Onset.

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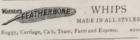
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