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#### GEMS OF THOUGHT.

The criterion of friendship is adversity.

Kindness often gives birth to kindness.

Charity is not action; it is life.-Lob-

A good example is the best sermon.-Franklin.

To do no wrong is the truest repent-

There is a vast deal of vital air in loving

A friend to everybody is generally a friend to nobody.

A guilty weight upon the heart takes the

sun out of the sky.

The truest kind of religion is that which actualizes our belief.

Let man restore order within himself,

and chaos without ceases.

Inward purity is the richest fountain of peace and joy .- Disraeli.

What we ought not to we should never think of doing .- Epictetus.

every other stone. - Bartol.

Silence is the wit of fools and one of the

virtues of the wise .- Bonnard.

long where truth is not the bottom.

A single grateful thought toward heaven is the most effective prayer .- Lessing.

Sin seems much more terrible to those

who look at it than to those who do it.

Some people only understand enough of truth to reject it .- George Macdonald.

The best education in the world is that

got by struggling to get a living. - Wendell Phillips.

Comparison, more than reality, makes men happy and can make them wretched.

A merely fallen enemy may rise again, but the reconciled one is truly vanquished.

The saddest thing under the sky is a soul incapable of sadness.—Countess de

There is naught in the world so deserving of admiration as the man who bears misfortune with courage.

It would be a good thing when we are speaking of the beautiful and accom-plished, if we could always add they are pure, innocent, and happy.

It is a maxim worthy of being written in letters of gold, that there is no method so certain of defeating the plots of wicked men against us as by acting upright.

We should never be afraid of expressing those sentiments which our experience has proved to be true. Let this idea prevall and truth will be sure to increase.

### Onesimus Toole;

OR, FROM SHADOW TO SUNSHINE.

A Psychological Romance by W. J. Colville.

CHAPTER III. - WHAT IS THE MATTER.

"I hear strange sounds across the sea,
And know not whence these tidings come,
Say are they borne from some fair home,
Or are they tales of mystery,
Insoluble by man on earth?
Indeed, indeed I cannot say,
But as I humbly bend to pray,
I think I trace their heavenly birth."
—Markwick Payne.

"We left our friends alone in the ground when we were materialists," exclaimed an elderly gentleman in the hall, "but, now since the light of immortality has been revealed to us, we know they can never die; at least, I speak for myself and many friends of mine. Do I understand you to say, Madam, that mediumship is a mortal delusion and that the departed never communicate with earth?"

Mrs. Catsleigh to whom of course this question was addressed, answered as follows: "My dear Sir, I do not think you have quite understood the drift of my discourse; or, perhaps you have attributed to me the opinions of some one else. I am no one's echo, I have studied with three or four of the most widely known Christian and Mental Scientists, and I have dipped somewhat into Theosophy. I am myself an independent thinker and though Truth is like a torch; when shaken it I quote from others, and often refer to something I have read, I never dogmatize on what I do not understand; and for the life of me I cannot see how any intelligent advocate of metaphysical healing is going to successfully refute the philosophy of Spiritualism. As to the phenomena, that is another matter, and I dont care to discuss it with my class because I want to keep to my subject on these twelve afternoons which we spend here, and that is how to get well when you are ill, and what is more important yet, how to keep well when you

are not ill. Herewith one of the medical students arose and put the following essay-question to the fair lecturer: "We know disease is in the air, it is a living creature, we can see it through the microscope. Now, how is your thought or mine or anybody's going to keep parasites out of the blood or Character is a diamond that scratches eject them after they have once entered? grant you nervous fancies can be dispelled by mental methods, but we all know that, and in our college studies we learn to practice mentally whenever men-It is hard to personate and act a part tal cure is practicable. The regular us the fruits of suffering, so long as we remain suffering the suffering tal cure is practicable. The regular us the fruits of suffering, so long as we remain ignorant of truth, so long shall we prove on our methods or teach us anything we do not already know? You are simply taking a fraction out of our perfect system and holding that up as the whole."

Having delivered himself of this gran-

diloquent effusion, Mr. Horatio Bonington Skulle resumed his seat with an air which caused his companion, who evidently thought him a lion to whisper not by any means inaudilily (whispers are rarely unheard at a distance.) "She is squelched

this time.' "Is that a question or an essay?" Began Mrs. Catsleigh in reply, "if we have many of equal length our exercises will certainly not have the fault of undue brevity, but comments aside, I will answer you. My experience with medical men has taught me two things. First, very few doctors even attempt to teach the science of health to their patients, proba-bly because a fashionable clientele could rarely be maintained if truth was very plainly spoken to aristocratic invalids; sec-ond, doctors do not always know quite as much as they think they do, and sometimes what with mistakes in diagnosing, prescribing, and ultimately in the com-pounding of prescriptions, a large unneces-sary mortality takes place. If I am feeling unwell and take a dose of medicine, I learn nothing, I do not know what occasioned my illness, I do not know what I have been taking to remove it; for, I am not a Latin scholar nor have I served as an apothecary; I do not know how the Claudius Cæsar."

evil is overcome nor how to ward off similar attacks in future, I am not a physician but I am a teacher, and doctor correctly translated means teacher and nothing else. Now granting your regular practice is all you claim it to be, it may cure me at a certain time of a pain or local ailment, but it does not instruct me in the science of life. I was an invalid on the doctor's to-day putting quite new interpretations hands four years, often had to be helped upon the old creeds and catechisms? off the stage and then took to my bed for weeks at a time, I never knew what ailed me until I was introduced to Mrs. Amy Pushing whom no doubt some of you know well. After six weeks treatment from her I was well, and now I can defy the elements and eat everything I please. Six weeks with Mrs. Pushing, did for me cannot tell how many eminent physicians never began to accomplish."

Applause ran through the audience at this testimony. Some of Mrs. Pushing's the subject at your leisure on the line I has been an actress, but I think stage dresses and effects a little out of place became quite excited and cheered lustily, when the discussion began to take a new turn. Rising slowly, at the back of the ball, and speaking in quiet but ringing accents, Dr. Enamel Plategold, President of the Teethfilt Dental University, a great authority on occult matters as well as on dentistry said: " Do you know that you are doing very wrong in seeking to interfere with the operation of inexorable Karmic justice; to seek to hinder the working out of anybody's Karma is a fatal error, fraught with disastrous consequences to all

parties implicated."

Mrs. Catsleigh was equal to the occasion, for, literally springing to the edge of the platform, her countenance suffused with animation, her eyes glittering like gems, she replied in positive and thrilling tones: " Does my would-be-opponent not clearly see that his absurd misapplication of the law of restitution or compensation, rules out his practice and that of all dentists, surgeons and physicians, fully as much as mine or that of any Mental Scientist. If every pain we suffer is a result of Karma and we must suffer to the bitter end. Why extract a decayed tooth which gives pain to its possessor? Why apply ether, nitrous-oxide gas, or any other anæsthetic to deaden sensation during the extraction? Why permit the surgeon's knife or the physician's or nurse's pill, powder, lotion or plaster to relieve bodily distress? And (warming to the subject as she made a yet stronger point, and gave a more effectual reply to her interlocutor), why not put down education, for instruction such as I give is mental unfoldment. I teach you Karmaites how to become capable of making good Karma wherewith to replace evil, to use your own favorite Sanskrit word, which the majority of English-speaking people apprehend but dimly. If past existences have yielded to us the fruits of suffering, so long as we reecclectic school in the world; it is neither suffer; whereas, the moment new light alopathic or homoeopathic, all 'pathies are breaks in upon our hitherto darkened focal point at which to rivet thoughts, afterwards, but this is exactly what many irregular, and all pathists are therefore quacks. Now how are you going to imwarmly received by nearly everyone present, though it appeared to have little or no effect upon Dr. Plategold who was evidently sincere, but so utterly weded to the curious theories of a certain cult which seems to see no good outside of Hinduism that he could not understand how Mrs. Catsleigh's answer met the case. Like many others, he persuaded himself that she was a gifted sophist and though he could not repudiate her conclusion there and then in adequate phrases, he fully expected to be able to shiver it to atoms before the next lesson. The tide now began to turn in a distinctly theological direction, the speaker in her remarks had spoken of the divine indwelling light in the soul of man, this she had styled man's veritable savior. Mr. Toole was naturally anxious to know how a woman of her views would than I can make you understand in my deal with the orthodox plan of salvation; somewhat arduous task of opening in midand therefore in no carping spirit, but eagerly seeking information, the Baptist minister addressed her in effect as follows: "You have told us that we have within us change of thought; those who know everythe means of salvation from sin, sickness thing can of course learn nothing more, and death, you have spoken glibly of the essential Christ which seems to me the plawaste their precious time in this assembly. tonic but not the Christian logos, and though you have freely quoted from the Gospels and said nothing whatever against any portion of the sacred Scriptures, I fail to see how you explain redemption satisfac-

torily without a personal redeemer, who

was as truly a historic person as Julius or

"Well, I confess I don't know every- my students and I cannot call upon them thing, and I am not seeking to overturn all, they are too numerous and live too far anybody's religious convictions unless they can be proved detrimental to human wellfare. I cannot accept the orthodox interpretation of vicarious atonement; it has always struck me as dreadfully unjust and thanking you, an revoir till Thursday at are not your ablest ministers and bishops Now as I understand the matter God is never angry, we fancy He is, when we rebel against the light within and then when we adjust ourselves harmoniously to the universe by means of a correct understandof truth and the practise of what we know, we discover that our ideas of God's anger have arisen entirely from our own fears what four years' painful experience with, I and mental darkness. Of course, I cannot cover the whole field of theology in an answer to a question, but I think I have given you the key so that you may unlock

> " Are you never ill," broke in a harsh, rasping voice from the centre of the room, and all eyes instinctively turned in the direction of a sallow, spectacled cynic, a critic employed by the Weekly Venomspleen, a paper devoted to scurrilous attacks on personal reputations, in the interest, of course, of immaculate morality.

"Are you ever well?" queried Mrs. Catsleigh of her sickly-looking questioner; "the way to be well is to think no evil, speak no evil, talk no evil, and WRITE no evil of anybody or anything. We are none of us perfect; I know I am still very imperfect, therefore I do not enjoy entire immunity from distress, but contrasting my mental and physical condition to-day, with what it was a year ago, I may say truly, I am well; I was never so well, never so capable of sustaining exertion without fatigue, never so happy and light hearted as at the present moment; while I thank God for everything, I owe my re covery, humanly speaking, to my dear friend and teacher, Mrs. Pushing, whom I hope you will all meet and learn to know and love as I do."

"What do you mean by God, I don't know of any God; Nature's enough for me?" queried Mr. Henry Jackdaw, a man of considerable ability, but weighted down with an intolerable burden of egotism; sub-editor of the Buried Age, and vice-President of the 'International Society for De-constitutionalizing Religion.'

"What is Nature?" asked Mrs. Catsleigh. " Nature means that which is born as well as that which gives birth. When I use the word God, I do not try to fix in instance, whose Lay Sermons embody my mind the idea of a big man, I mean to much of the deepest wisdom I have come imply simply that all is GOOD, and as across in modern literature, allows prejugood cannot be conceived of in its highest dice to completely warp his judgment sense apart from consciousness I agree with Bulwer (Lord Lytton), in believing that the Coming Race will style the In- a perfect wreck of their investigations from finite all-pervasive Mind, which rules the Universe, the All-Good. God means the claim against prejudice in the strongest philosophy is chaos and we are all simply persons are continually doing whose inarguing in a circle or a maze. 'All is consistency is evidently not in the least Good, there is no Evil,' will be the subject apparent to themselves. I cannot see of my next lesson, and I shall hope to how an unbiased man can attribute to the it is already 5:30 o'clock, and two and one-half hours is quite long enough for any single session, even though the questions are so diversified and represent so many phases of thought. I do not wish to be regarded as a dogmatist, I do not ask any one to accept my conclusions; consideration is all I ask for my feeble words. Not through oratory but by an appeal to the minds and hearts of all before me, do I and shall I ever seek to explain as far as my very limited knowledge will permit the truth of man's real being. I thank you more than I can express for your kind and gracious attention here to-day; you have many of you supported me more summer in a strange place before an un-known audience. Those who come to learn will, I hope, be edified by an interwaste their precious time in this assembly. I invite you all to my reception on Friday evening at the Quicksilver Hotel; you all know where it is, corner of Lemon avenue and Orange street. Come as soon as you can, not later than 8 o'clock, and stay as long as you are disposed to talk; we'll try and have a social time together. I always like to become personally acquainted with

apart, and I am far too busy. My agent, Mons. Alphonse de Kabriet, who awaits you at the door will furnish you with all information you may require. 3 o'clock prompt."

The curtain fell noiselessly as it had risen, and Mrs. Felina Catsleigh disappeared bowing and smiling behind its

advancing folds.

"Well, what do you think of her," was Dr. Maxwell's exclamation as soon as he and his friends were on the street; "she astonishes me, I cannot comprehend how a woman such as she appears can give such amazingly profound and spiritual instruction. I would not have you imagine for a moment that I think her an objectionable woman, but she appears so worldly; look at her general get-up; we know she

at a Metaphysical Matinee."
"I more than agree with you," responded Mr. Toole; "I confess I was almost shocked at first, she was not immodestly, though in my opinion, most unbecomingly attired, and then her affected mannerisms were so completely out of keeping with the time, place, and circumstances; but of course you noticed how quickly the most conspicuous of them left her, when she was without her notes and warmed up with her subject; you are something of a Spiritualist and your aunt is avowedly a medium, though of a very exceptional order; do you think she is under any 'influence,' while speaking, or do you agree with Hartman in his work on Magic,' where when writing on 'Illusion,' he attributes the orator's supposed inspiration to the mental conditions of the audience and quite ridicules the agency of 'spirits' in the matter; you see I've been looking at some of the books on

your table.' "My dear friend, I am very glad to know you are reading in this line; the book to which you refer gives much salutary advice, and were I to eliminate its objectionable portions I would gladly put it in the hands of all enquirers, but as it stands, I must take exception to such statements as the one you have specially referred to. Most specialists read one side and look at matters from one side and from one point of view only. I find this a great drawback, and a serious interference with the merit and reliability of their teachings. Professor Huxley, for when he treats on Spiritualism. The Seybert Commissioners of Philadelphia made discuss the subject with you far more fully; mental efflux of an audience, ideas and sentiments entirely foreign to the opinions of the audience in all respects; to go no further than my own family, my aunt, Mrs. Finchley, has frequently persisted in giving communications to her friends utterly at variance with their opinions and entirely beyond the scope of her own experience, while that queen of platform orators, Mrs. Britten, who was for many years my aunt's particular friend, has been known repeatedly to go before large and bigoted companies of people, and pour forth burning tides of eloquence in direct opposition to their darling theories, to the astonishment of all who heard ber. I never accept anything without proof, but to dismiss a great subject with satirical flippancy and attempt to explain it away by means of a statement utterly at variance with an enormous mass of thoroughly authentic fact, is to impose on popular credulity and betray one's own weakness of position. I repeat what I have said many times, the simple philosophy of Spiritualism unadulterated with cant and untarnished with absurd pretensions, is to me, the only philosophy which does or can solve the problem of life here and hereafter. I believe the action of mind upon mind to be in many cases utterly independent of the corporeal organism which mind uses as a workman employs a

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The Bretherhood of Man-A Basic Principle of Theosophy.

In this so-called practical and utillitarian age, when nations tremble with the tread of marching armies keeping step to the advance of a boasted civilization, armed and equipped with the last results of man's inventive genuis for the distraction of human life; the age when mighty navies plough the seas, bearing concealed within their impregnable and iron-bound hulls, the stern messengers of death; this age of national rivalry for the supremacy of trade and power; when diplomacy, the oilytongued and smooth-planed agent of deceit and craft, directs and controls the intercourse of nations; the age when financial interest is almost the only standard of adjustment of inter-national controversy; when wealth is the magic key that unlocks all doors and bids entrance to its possessor; the age when the statesman's hands are not always free from the contact of illgotten gain, and whose constituents are likewise contaminated; an age when the private citizens is adjudged "shrewd," and "smart," and "successful," when he acquires wealth by under-handed and dishonest means, dishonorable and detest-able, withal, though keeping within the letter of the law, while violating, nevertheless, its spirit, and ostracised by the code of all honest men; the age when prisons, jails and asylums multiply in the land far in excess of its increase of population, and crime and debauchery revel unchecked and unstayed throughout the land, hovel and palace alike contributing an equal share, and which hovel and palace exist because of the dominance of a social system founded upon might, not right, and which system is become top-heavy, presaging its own sure fall; an age when the daily Press, that power which should wield for the truth and high ends, is prostituted to a record of poisonous sensationalism and besotted immorality; the age when the home itself is invaded by the giantweed selfishness, and that sacred spot whose atmosphere of all others, should be sweet and pure with the altruistic and holy attributes of the divine passion, becomes tainted with the feted breath of unfaithfulness and disloyalty; in this age does it not seem out of place and doing violence to accepted standards to even introduce that lofty sentiment, yet to be realized in national and individual life, "The Brotherhood of man?"

Let us see. Let us ponder over its exalted meaning and endeavor to discover if there is well-founded reason for hope in its ulimate realization. What is the true and inner meaning of these oft repeated words, uttered with loud voice and flippant

tongue. There was a time when only the "Dreamer" would have dared to utter them in all earnestness, and voice their possible realization-a time in the past which, compared to the present, was even more inauspicious of the promise of their fulfillment. But, that time is gone, and we of to-day are merged and merging into an epoch when the reality of the senti-

ment is nearer fruition; nearer, but not yet.

These "Dreamers" of every age are but the true prophets of time and event to come. They, with the intuitional and re-fined vision of the seer, sense the potential future and its holdings with that sure knowledge born of their own consciousness of their time, for without their insight to in that they are the children of that future, whose keener senses and finer natures over-leap the present which fails to hold them, so that they live ahead of time and, in their broader comprehensiveness, merge the present into the future.

Let us, of the duller senses, not deride these far-seeing ones, even though their seeming wild sayings and vague prophecies clash with our prideful and boasted "common sense," for a retrospect of the past may not only substantiate their general position, but work discomfiture to our own. They of the lofty heights have larger range of vision than those on lower planes and contact spheres and orders unknown to the plodding sons of earth. Let us not, then, arrogate to ourselves the superior position; but, rather listen with reverent ear to these voices of the future.

The Brotherhood of man! Words potent with the meaning of the grandest and loftiest possibilities of the race. Words, whose full conception and true understanding, makes the heart to beat with accelerated action, flooding the whole being with an uplifting sense of sympathy for all mankind; which, streaming out to our fellows on the rays of a mellower light, and born in upon their consciousness with the spirit of fraternal love, creates that bond of divine fellowship which cements the race in a Universal Brother-hood; the only true tie and relationship of time and eternity. Is this but a flight of imagination? Then, is imagination the most real of all, since it is the true substance of what shall be, and but portrays its own ultimate realization upon the true true its own ultimate realization upon the like sensitized soul of the child of the future. F. W. Newman.

Imagination is as real as all else that is, is a stage of actuality—the blossom that pre-cedes and gives the fruit.

The Brotherhood of Man! The state

that yet shall be, is a sentiment co-existent with the life of man himself, and dimly fore-shadowed in all history his ultimate high achievement. In barbaric times it was stifled beneath the incasements of egotism, selfishness, brutality and ignorance, 'tis true, but, yet, war there, and even in that primative state, a "stroke of nature" caused it to break forth and assert its presence in some rough and uncouth act of kindness or relief.

As is traced the evolution of that which constitutes the man, embodied within the physical organism, which organism is the outward indicator of internal condition of progress and its true register, it is seen that, as human thought became refined in the crucible of experience, the sentiment of Brotherhood in man, hitherto lying dormant and inactive in his nature, grad-ually but surely awoke and enlarged until it naturally exercised itself in spheres without himself and his immediate kin; ater, including, though in a lesser degree, his neighbors. When man began treating his nearest kin with the same consideration that he gave himself, was the initial breach made in the dense crust that enclosed him, and it but remains to time and the tutelary influences of larger de-velopment along the line of acquired and acquiring experience, for that divinely inspired attribute to expand so that it includes the race.

According as man knows himself and realizes that he, though a unit, is, yet, a component part of the Great Whole, and that the unit is not greater than the whole; and also that the whole is incomplete with-out a union of all its parts, he will then know that for absolute UNITY, that final and last perfection, it is imperative that all the units be equal before the highest Law of Equality upon the most elevated planes

of his real being. To make possible this exalted state, the unit—the individual—must develop all the potentialities of his own nature, and it is asserted as the fundamental tenet of a certain Philosophy, that the best way to achieve that high end lies in the pure and honest effort to help others. Only in the exact ratio than man abandons the false idea conveyed in the words "mine" and "thine," land realizes the true idea of the commonality of possession of all by all, will come into actual operation as a living and vital principle of human intercourse that lofty sentiment embodied in the phrase, "The Brotherhood of Man." Then, and not till then, will the destiny of man, writ on the scroll of eternity, unfold and fulfill the prophecy uttered in the infancy of time, which proclaimed him a potential God!

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#### Is Maternity a Failure?

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE:

There is as great a difference of opinion upon this subject as upon the question: "Is marriage a failure?" The intimate relation of the two questions to each other make both equally entitled to consideration. By the failure of either relation, I mean, the non fulfillment of the actual object of either. A marriage is not a failure in so far as simple performance of the ceremony between two individuals changes their former relation to each other; but should they not regard the solemn vows they have taken to "forsake all others, knowledge born of their own consciousness of the inherent capacity of all created things. They are the leaders and saviours failure indeed; likewise, the mere bearing of children is the smallest item in many much that is, in fact and possibility, and arduous duties of maternity. Mother love unseen and unknown to ordinary man, is inherent. If mothers could be roused the race would languish and fail of the to a sense of mental, moral and physical rerealization of its own ideas of progress and development and sink into final stagnation in the next generation. No mother who and oblivion. How know these "Dreams less har shill would milliagly as it was not been established."

The colony is to be, or has been established. It is taking place while from two development and sink into final stagnation in the next generation. No mother who are in most all and place while from two writers who states that "Christ and his Especially is this true when I know that to eight persons were standing listening to eight persons were standing to eight persons were standing listening to eight persons were standing to eig Dream- loves her child would willingly see it grow ers" of the future and its possibilities, but up idle, vicious and depraved; but many of them do not begin early enough to sow the seeds of obedience, honesty and truth, in their young hearts. The very strength of a mother's love, when not controlled by common sense and good judgment, has caused many a bright child's ruin; the weak mother begins by indulging the child in its infancy, when it is too late she realizes that she has made a mistake that it is next to impossible to remedy. There certainly is a grand failure in the motherhood of those drunken creatures called women, who in the debased indulgence of their vile natures forget the sacred duties devolving upon them, and allow their helpless offspring to suffer for the common comforts and necessities of life. And the wretched mothers who cast their precious offspring upon the highways and by-ways of life, to live or die as a chance fate may decide, certainly fail most lamently to fulfill the sacredness of maternity. But for those who discharge all their holy mother duties faithfully and well, surely the "gates

of heaven shall stand ajar.' SAN FRANCISCO, March 12, 1889.

The attempts which Paley and others have made to solve this mystery [design in Nature] by rising from the laws to the cause, are evidently futile, because to the eye of reason the solution is as incomprehensible as the problem.—Buckle.

Boston Reminiscences - Rev. Theodore Parker-Charles Sumner.

Long time past, among the forties, there was a summer residence at Nabant owned by one of the merchant princes of Boston, no less famed for its lavish hospitalities than for the renown of its guests, numbering among the latter such men as Webster, Everett, Storey, Sumner, Clay, Channing

was usually increased by additional com-pany, "invited," as Mr. Parker said, (though that was usually the period in which he could not join them), "to help banish the dismal spectre of the puritani-cal sablath. "Sunday," he remarked, is a blessed day when we get rid of Jewish superstition and, like Christ, look upon every day of our lives as one of 'holiness

Religious, or rather polemical discussion, was what Mr. Parker generally endeavored to avoid. But one Sunday when his temple in Boston was closed for repairs, and he had gladly sought the relief of Nature's more beautiful temple at Nahant, he was drawn into a discussion that turned on the subject of "Revivals," a camp-meeting of that sort then being held on the neighboring main by a sect called Dunkers, which some of the visitors at Rock House

had from curiosity attended.
"I know," said Mr. Parker, "that these and similar self-styled orthodox or evangelical religionists generally regard me as an avowed disbeliever, it not a downright infidel; but I am indifferent to such opinion when I have the approval of my own conscience, and I allow every one the same freedom that I claim for myself-to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, so long as the manner of that worship does not interfere with the rights of others. As to theological discussion I never knew much good come

out of it yet."
"But," said Mr. Sumner, more for the sake of further drawing out the great theologian, " is there not some truth in what Burke says, 'he that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and our skill; our antagonist is our helper?' And if this be true in matters of general import, why should it not be so of religion, that bridal of the earth and sky?"

"I regard philosophy," replied the Reverend skeptic, "as the love of wisdom; religion, as the wisdom of love; and love rarely springs from contention, however it may strengthen our nerves or our skill. In bridal seasons, discussion had better be deferred till after the honeymoon. During such event the spirit and the bride do not take to argument. My desire is generally to avoid that society in which it is dangerous to speak and painful to be silent, unless some manifest call of duty demands the contrary. Such sense of duty seems to have brought the Reverend Dr. Lyman Beecher to Boston with the avowed purpose of crushing out our new heresies by his Calvanistic theology. Honest doubt arising from the spirit of inquiry is far pref-erable to superstitious faith founded on fear. Ignorance is not true devotion, nor the mother of it; and faith, in my opinion, which is not founded upon reason, is not

faith but folly."
"But, Mr. Parker, you believe in the Bible, do you not?" asked one of the elderly ladies present, a great admirer of Dr. Beecher.

"I believe the books of the old and new Testaments to have been written by them inspired at all times. I believe that this life should be neither a pleasure nor ethics are immortal and need no warrant many of these have not been within a hunfrom inspiration, no mandate from a revealed God, no sanction from a superadded looks wicked, vicious. Wickedness is "sin," promise of personal immortality and of rewards and penalties beyond the grave. I believe, as Christ says, that the Kingdom of Heaven is within us; and more I do shall have their part in the lake of fire.' not care to know, since I think it useless to attempt to discover. The fact is, in my humble opinion, that the wisest and best of us know little or nothing of the great secrets of our being which in 'his ignorance of the coming hour,' are not confided to the blind heart of man. The highest and best knowledge that any one can possess is that of himself; and hence many a man passes as a saint because he never worked down to the basis of his haver worked down to the basis of his character, never got to the 'hard pan,' or 'bed-rock' of his golden existence. We have too many theological shams to get at what has been aptly called 'the bare man.'"

"I feel deeply impressed, Mr. Parker," said Mr. Sumner, "with what you say about this being the age of expediency or shams, and that principle is too largely and

shams, and that principle is too largely and too generally sacrificed to success. There is where I consider the education of the period so radically wrong. The main ob-ject instilled into the mind is not how best to discharge the duties of life by bringing conscience to its work, but how soonest to achieve the rewards and emoluments of labor. In this respect, it seems to me that, instead of 'bettering to the good,' we are yearly tending to the bad.

" In the matter of churches, I hold the opinion that all true religion will subscribe to the creed expressed in those noble words of Ruskin: 'There is a true church wherever one hand meets another helpfully,

of promoting holiness of life and bringing sinners to repentance as useless and su-

objects mentioned, there would be less ground for objection. But is that the cause? Nearly every particular church or write up the May picnic, and that from

the spirit that thy mind can grasp,' which, wish to be a member of the Southern Cal though coming from Satan himself personified, is pregnant with truth. Our natural religions are generally levelled to a plane with that of surrounding physical and social organizations. Men always should be brought down, Mr. Owen, and and social organizations. Men always were, and always will be divided in opinions and beliefs, especially upon matters relating to the supernatural; and my belief is that we had better let them remain so than provoke anger and hatred in attempting to convert them by other than rational and natural methods.

"This diversity of religious opinion is well illustrated by the effect of light. It comes down from heaven pure, colorless, an apparent unity; but as it strikes upon different objects, certain portions are absorbed and others reflected, giving us the wonderful and varied colors of the land- gon, on the evening of Sunday, January scape. So truth like light is one in its nature though many in its effects. The same truth is reflected from different minds in diverse hues and differing senses of thought; not from any difference in the truth but from difference in the minds on which it is thrown, some absorbing one portion while reflecting the other, and vice versa. In this property of mind and truth we are assured a healthy independence of thought, and that interesting variety which adds pleasure to social and intelligent, as it should also to religious life. As to Christ, the hill top was his chamber, and darkness was his bolted door.'

SAN FRANCISCO, January, 1889.

#### The Summerland Picnic.

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE:

I think the plan to have a picnic at Summerland, in May, is a good one. And with your permission, will say to the Spiritualists of Southern California, that at the camp-meeting in San Bernardino last October, we formed a Southern California Camp-meeting Association, and resolved that the next camp-meeting should be held at Los Angeles. But I think it would he a good plan to change that resolution from Los Angeles to "Summerland," so far as the place is concerned, and agree, through the executive committee as to the time. All, therefore, who favor such a scheme, and have not joined the Association, will please do so at your earliest convience. And notify the subscriber or President of the Southern California Camp-meeting Association, inclosing in stamps, or other-wise the annual fee for membership (fifty cents) which will give to you a vote, as to the place where and time when our next annual camp-meeting shall be held. And also upon all other matters pertaining to the best interest of our cause in these ends writer. The sounds of writing continued of the earth.

My judgment would be to concentrate all our efforts as far as pleasure and profit are concerned upon the Summerland project, inaugurated by Mr. H. L. Williams man inspired by God; but I do not think and Col. J. J. Owen. To me it is very odd to hear Spiritualists railing out against this project and against the place where dred miles of Santa Barbara. To me it the sitting, some were dancing to the and "be sure your sin will find you out.

The old local Methodist preacher read a text from Revelation thus: "All lawyers And when reminded that the text read all liars," he tossed his head and said, "The mistake as to the parties is so small it makes but little difference," etc. Now those parties who have been telling about "a great salt marsh, embracing about half this method. - Theodore Parker. of the Summerland tract," and that "the balance is in gorges and gulches;" whether they be "lawyers," or "laymen liars," it is "all the same in Dutch." So they had better lookout, not for the "salt marsh," but for the "sulphur lake," or else John was a little "oph.

Is it envy? Is it inate meanness? Or is it the dog-in-the-manger-spirit? Is it spite? Judge ye.

If Mr. Williams should happen to real-

ize fifteen cents an acre more than his land cost him, why should people envy him? If the GOLDEN GATE, as the agent of this grand movement, should realize a few farthings above the actual cost of the space in the paper, I have an idea that Mr. Owen might, for and in consideration of those farthings, send the GOLDEN GATE to some poor, deserving widow. Now, without the least interest in, or care for the movement, or the men moving in it, beyond the general conviction that it is a movement in the right direction, and that the men are correct business men-and in proof of this conviction, I and another party have taken and paid for eight lots and my intention is to build and occupy and that is the only Holy or Mother as soon as convenient. And, if during ing to do so to-morrow. - Diderot.

Church that ever was or ever shall be."

"Then," said the evangelical lady,
"you consider our grouping together in religious schools or churches for the object

the few remaining years that I have left of a somewhat long and eventful life, I can contribute to the health interests of the place, or to the higher educational life. place, or to the higher educational interest there, I shall be glad to contribute those few years thus; not for what it will pay me in tol. pererogatory? "
If," replied Mr. Sumner, "the efforts may afford me to unfold, more and more, that part of my organization that we of churches or religious schools, as you not never be buried at Summerland, or any never be buried at Summerland, or any

sect believes its own creed to be the safest, if not the only safe formula for salvation, thus usurping the power of God himself.

"You may not have read Goethe, that North in "peace, love and harmony" and Parker. This establishment shall be called "Rock House," though that was not its name.

From Saturday till Monday the party was usually increased by additional company, "invited," as Mr. Parker said, I will take my large tent up and we can have a two or three days picnic just as well as not.

T. B. TAYLOR, M. D. March 12, 1889.

Strange!

At the regular Sunday evening meeting of the First Philosophical Society of Ponland, Multnomah county, State of Ore-20, 1889, the exercises were to conclude with independent slate-writing, through the mediumship of Mrs. M. C. Squires.

The lady stated that she had been in during the week and was not fully recovered, and that the condition of the atmosphere was all against any good results in a mixed assembly. Knowing this she did not bring any slates as she did not wish to try the experiment under those restraining conditions. A lady in the audience arose and handed the writer of this a slate—a common book slate—stamped "Crystal book slate, N. Y. Silicate-Book Slate Co. 191 Fulton street, corner Church." He gave it to the medium, another lady contributing a few crumbs of slate-pencil.

The medium passed the slate around to all who wished to inspect it. The crumbs of slate-pencil were dropped between the pages and the slate closed, and a ticking could be distinctly heard, but upon opening the slates only a straight mark, about three inches long, was found upon the inside of the slates. The audience left disappointed!

After the audience had dispersed Mrs. Seip insisted upon the writer and Mrs. Squires holding the slates for communications. After some preliminary talk they complied. They seated themselves to one of the small tables used by the "Rebecca Whist Club," in the hall. The writer placed the slate in under the table with his thumbs touching each other, his inder fingers touching those of the medium. They held it but a few moments when the medium jerked the slate from under the table and said in an excited voice, "They are writing." The slates were then held above the table, and others present in the hall asked to come and isten to the writing. The slates were ust the same.

To give it in detail would be as follows: First, the slates put in under the table by the writer after examining them, then taken out and held in full view with four large lamps burning; the slates being given out of the hands of the medium to another person, the sounds of writing still continthe writing. At the con music of the piano, some were talking, some watching the ones endeavoring to get the writing.

The following are the messages: "Truth crushed to earth will rise again. Many are called but few are chosen. You should have profited by the teachers we have sent you. She may also speak to you through slates with proper conditions; as distasteful as it now seems to her, she is to proclaim

"Many are here to speak cheerfully through others." (This sentence was written in back hand.

"Let the good work go on .- Charles Dinsmore.'

"The lady is not a public medium, she is engaged in dress-making and gives no sittings.

"The slates will be photographed and an endeavor made to see if the signatures can be identified.' We, the undersigned, being first sworn,

state the foregoing to be substantially true, the messages being verbatim. Signed:
N. C. Boatman, M. D., Portland; John
W. Squires, Portland; Morris S. Liden, affirmed, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. M. C. Squire, Portland; Mrs. J. Reed, Portland; Mrs. S. Seip, No. 20 Dehum Block, Portland; Mrs. C. L. Bissell, Minneapolis, Minn.;

Mrs. M. A. Peterson, Tacoma, W. T. Subscribed and sworn to before me, Notary Public for Oregon, the day and year above first above written.

C. A. REED, Notary Public. MORRIS S. LIDEN, Scribe.

Few persons live to-day, but are prepar-

ship of the scribe of the Order in earth-land, Mrs. E. S.

Children of the Order, let Saidie's words reach the citadel of every heart, not to please the fancy of men, not to sound great Wisdom guides turn their footsteps eastward? As in the long ago there was a you. need of greater spiritual light and knowledge among the sons of men; so during the years that are but now passed, has there been a greater need of soul-unfoldment that mankind might better understand the glorious truths of life, which closed and barred against greater knowlthe past to meet the requirment of wonder seekers, nor to fill the hearts of her children with a mythical light, which the first breath of worldly wisdom may extinguish; but as a mother may seek her own, she seeks her children in the valleys of their incarnation, to lead them into the heavenward paths. It is a law of life that souls must redeem each a certain portion of and until they have so redeemed themselves, earth will again, and yet again receive them as dwellers upon its shores; until they are able to claim their inheritence in the land of souls, they must solve still another problem of life in material robes. Saidie's love for humanity has brought her hither with a gospel of peace within her heart, and many of the children of the Order rejoice in the light from higher spheres, and are happy in receiving from which their messages are filled. If, but the temple of wisdom has faint counterpart in the hearts of the few, Saidie says "It is well," for she looks forth with prophetic vision into the years that are to come, and sees the fulfillment of promise, and of the cherished plans of the angel host, which time will unroll and circumstance bring. Into your hands, children of light, Saidie lays her messages of hope; she trusts the hearts who have faithfully obeyed her voice, and have borne so far, the heat and burden of the day. Could she bring before your mind a panoramic view of the light beyond, it would cause a passed off its stage, crowned with well de-

she bids them be loyal.

faithful ones, who listen to the voices that the atonement of Christ, are irretrieveably speak in love to the soul.

highest and holiest prompting of your soul. Let the mark to which you aim, be set

conditions which keep them in a state of braced the offers of salvation.

bondage, forget not the dark deeds which Now, the truth reveals that

From The Sun Angel Order of Light, these might be changed to anthems of joy. In the far away future, only will be heard Written for the Golden Gate, by Spirit Saidie, leader the glad chaunting of the Angels of Light, of the Oriental Band in the heavens, through the mediumwho have ever sought to lead the children of error into ways of truth. And among the glad throng Saidie would welcome each and every child of our beloved Order. The home-coming for which you long is not so far away, even now its light reaches truths in your ears. Do Saidie and the your souls. Be ye firm and steadfast, and the light of higher heavens shall not fail therein, and we gladly avail ourselves of Peace be with you,

SAIDIE. J. B. FAVETTE, President and Correspond-

A Voice From The Spirit World. My Dear Brother Norton:- At your rehave waited beyond the gates hitherto kept | quest I very gladly avail myself of making known to the inhabitants of earth through edge. Saidie brings not the histories of you, something of my experience since passing from earth to spirit life, and also as far as I may enlighten the thousands of mortals in the churches to whom I ministered for so many years honestly endeavoring to teach them what I then believd to be the truth in regard to spiritual things, but which I have learned since entering matter, ere they be free from the fetters spirit life was so far from being correct, with which materiality has bound them; that I feel it my duty now, as this is the first opportunity I have ever had since leaving the mortal, to make known as far as I may tion of the spirit of Bishop Calvin Kingsthat the fundamental doctrines of all the Orthodox churches are based upon a sandy foundation and must, as a natural consequence, be swept away by the promulgation of eternal truth. I now speak of the doctrine of the atonement of Jesus Christ for the sins of the world. This doctrine we their guardians the light and wisdom with fully believed and honestly taught to the best of our ability and were finally sacrificed ourselves in following out the line of duty as marked out by the authorites of the M. E. Church, and passed away in a foreign land far from kindred and friends, cut down in the middle of my days by the exposures unavoidably met in the line of duty assinged to me in following out my part, as one of the superintendents of the Methodist Episcopal Church of America. And now, as I find I can correctly convey my thoughts by impressing upon the brain of the writer, I will here state that I have learned from experience that there is no new wonder to spring up in your mind. such thing as salvation through the blood Children, can you estimate the number of Christ. Imagine, if you can, my great who have acted well their part in life and surprise and disappointment, when the time arrived, according to our faith, for me to be welcomed by the blessed Savior Then look at the number who have be- into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord come fettered with conditions of lesser and Savior Jesus Christ, into that city good, those perchance, who, deep within where the walls are of jasper and where their heart of hearts, long for the better the good of all ages with the 144 thousand things of life; but seem bound down by should ferever join in the song of redempcondition, which is oft the child of cir- tion, "Unto Him who hath loved us and cumstance, and ask your inmost soul, washed us from our sins in his own blood, whence the difference. Why the possi- to Him be glory forever and ever, amen. bilities of the one, and seeming impossi- Now, my friend, permit me to inform you bilities of the other? Question within that I have not only not had the privilege yourselves. Is there a power All-Wise, of meeting Jesus Christ, or God the All-Good able to redeem the victims of lesser good, able to bring all the children have been admitted through the mediaof this planet into a condition of peace tion and atonement of Christ, neither have and harmony with himself? Then, were I met any one during the many years that CORNELIA AUGUSTA HARPER, Pres't and Teacher that possible, how best can it be accom- have elapsed since leaving earth, who has plished? Can not the good, the true and seen them, and what I have here stated is wise, lend their light to the darkened the universal testimony of all spirits with world? And will not our light be received, whom I have associated in the spirit world. and suffered to make clear the ways where- But I will here state that all those who live in pitfalls are concealed, where danger pure lives while on earth, who do all the rocks rear their jagged heads, obscuring the very light of day. Spirits have given friends who have preceded them in spirit freely of their love, have given as from life into the beautiful spirit land where they their standpoint they must give; and yet, are provided with beautiful homes that have beyond these are higher heavens to which been built and ornamented by their good these must attain, and which in time they and charitable deeds, a land far surpassing will reach. But, Saidie has seen where in beauty and grandeur anything found on lesser good has obtained the mastery, has earth, a land of flowers and beauty of seen where oppression and wrong hold which one never tires, with all the facilities sway o'er the hearts of mankind. She necessary as aids in progression through has seen where the teachings of the an- which we may advance from sphere to gels from higher spheres is needed, to sphere through all the ages of eterinty, help tide the frail barques of life o'er the approximating nearer and nearer to the rough seas of undevelopment, and also great source of all good, viz., God. A where the hearts of the masses are yet un- very important work of spirits as a means prepared to receive the full light from of progression is in returning to earth higher heavens. Therefore she has banded friends and assisting them by impressing her own together with the golden band of them to do good and to refrain from evil, filial love; has raised in their midst the even among those who do not recognize standard of Right and Truth, to which them and are unwilling to believe that they can return. And many are employ-Her voice has been heard in the land, ed in lecturing publicly through the organproclaiming the glad tidings of peace and isms of sensitives called mediums, thus ove, she has lain in your hands her mes- disseminating the truths of Spiritualism and sages of love and cheer, has held out as a warning the people of the errors taught in reward of well doing. But the promise our the name of Christianity. Another great father gives each faithful child, of an inheritance of Light, in celestial spheres, the doctrine that as the tree falleth so so it whither she oft journeys, and in the sunght bathes her soul, returning to bless there is no hope of progression in the the hearts of those she loves, with more future state, and that all who die in an than a mother's love. Children, Saidie's unregenerate state, who have not availed promises are only to the true in heart, the themselves of the offers of salvation through office at 558 Sixth Street,......Oakland. lost, without any possibility of improve-Let no Spirit, mortal or immortal give ment, but to be forever cast off into outer to you a rule of life, not in accord with the darkness and despair. This is perhaps as great a mistake as the doctrine of the atonement and salvation by faith; because it is gh, for Saidie assures you that the deeds a fact that a large majority of the race, of this life, make many echoes in that to even in the so called Christian countries, come. The unfortunate who suffer through pass into spirit life without having em-

Now, the truth reveals that every soul have brought a midnight darkness to their is a part of the great Infinite Spirit, and a soil. The shadows return again and just God cannot condemn a portion of again, to mar the happiness, which should be perfect and complete. The soul's deep unrest is long in passing, even when redemption is recorded, upon the banner they bear into the higher life. Many sad requiems are sung, within the quiet recesses of the heart, and angels would that

spirituality is the best passport to happiness in the great future.

CALVIN KINGSLEY. TOPEKA, KAN., January 12, 1889 .-We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have read the communication made by Bishop Calvin Kingsley on December 30, 1888, through Milo Norton of Topeka, Kan., and we unbesitatingly endorse as true the statements and opinions advanced the opportunity offered us to join with him in renouncing the doctrine that we formerly taught as ministers of the Methodist ing Secretary of the Sun Angels' Order Episcopal Church, and we earnestly request our friends who are still inhabitants of earth to investigate the claims of Spiritualism and the doctrines of continued life after the death of the body and of spirit return and communion with mortals.

D. P. MITCHELL, J. J. THOMPSON, Formerly of Kansas Conference, NIRAM NORTON, JOHN O'NEILL,

. W. CLOCK, Formerly of Erie Conference.

I hereby certify that the within and foregoing circular letter signed Calvin Kingsley, was written by me without any premeditation of the subject treated on by me, and that it was given to me as fast as I could write it word after word by being impressed upon my brain, being as I have every reason to believe fully satisfactory to me that it was given through the inspiraley, D. D., formerly one of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church of America. And I will further state, that I myself, have been for over fifty years a member and steadfast believer in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church, until within the last six years I have been compelled to change my belief by an accumulation of evidence, perfectly irresistable during the said period mentioned, so that I now concur in the sentiments given in the foregoing letter of Bishop Kingsley, MILO NORTON. D. D. TOPEKA, KAN., formerly of Meadville,

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#### EDITORIAL FRAGMENTS.

What must be the rich man's feelings when he first wakes up in the world "beyond the sunrise," Better oblivion than such a fate. How many chained to "night's plutonian shore."

\*\* The invisible ether around about us is threaded with spiritual currents, connecting our own spirits with the outlying world of spirit forces in the universe-with all that is good, if we will, or all that is ill-currents that bring us into harmony with the shapes and shadows of moral death. If we would be well in body and mind, if we would dwell in harmony with our own souls, we must find these higher and purer currents and float upof rest to which they lead.

Who values life for its sensuous enjoyment and his true disciples now? pleasures only, will wake up some day to a terrible realization of the fact that his ships, that sailed away in early life with such bright hopes, have all been lost at sea-gone down with their -to return to him no more forever. The young woman who lives to be admired for her physical charms, at the expense of the more enduring graces of the spirit-who delights in the adulation and flattery of brainless dudes-feeds her soul upon husks. Spiritual starvation with her is only a question of time.

We once heard a good preacher, "thank God, "that he possessed a religion that was not "founded on reason or common sense." We concede the right of every human being to believe as much or little as he on; in fact, belief is not a matter of volition. We believe or disbelieve simply because we can't help ourselves. Hence, who does not see that to punish a man forever for what he cannot help, would be an act of injustice entirely inconsistent with the character of the Supreme Being. It is such fables and inconsistencies as this that the Christian, coming into the new lights, would naturally cast aside.

"O, the horrors of old age!" exclaimed, a bright lady friend of the writer recently: "To "feel that one's youthful charms are fading a loving God. "away, and the once fair features becoming "wrinkled with age-is it not terrible?" Not at all, we replied, if one's spirit has profited as it beauty like that of a beautiful spirit. The woman who, at fifty, has not come to realize this fact has lived to a poor purpose, and now learns too late that she has "built her house upon the sand." No one, with the brains of a chickadee, in the case of Allen vs. Morrill, involving the can look into the face of a truly spiritual woman validity of land located with Sioux half-breed -one who has grown with her years into the higher graces and glories of true womanhoodand ever detect a wrinkle there. But it is a sad thing when wrinkles come upon the spirit.

To denounce one's errors of belief, is not the way to correct one of those errors. You must show him something better in your own belief, something that will appeal to his higher spiritual nature. In the bitter denunciation of the churches, as practiced by some Spiritualists, they are but putting far away the conversion of church members and religionists to the grand truths of Spiritualism. You cannot hurt a fellow man in the most vital part of his nature-his religious opinions-and expect him to love you. You cannot lift a man up by knocking him down. You can win him, if at all, only by showing him the better way, and by walking therein yourself. Don't extol your own religious opinions over those of your neighbor, except by showing and comparing the fruits thereof. This standard of excellence would naturally make us humble. What have we done? What are we doing?

" Shall I give up my religion-the religion of my ancestry-the religion of the Bible-for a belief " in Spiritualism?" Inquires some anxlous soul first brought face to face with some unanswerable fact of our spiritual philosophy. By no means, we answer. You need give up nothing in your religion that is of the slighest value to you-not a principle of the Golden Rule, nor of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. The fables of your faith -such as a belief in a lost world, a vicarious atonement, a literal resurrection of the body, eternal punishment, a personal devil, etc .- these you will naturally outgrow, because they are all inconsistent with the constitution of the Universe, and man's higher spiritual unfoldment. "But the Bible teaches these things," do you say? Well, the Bible is the work of man, in its makeup, at least, else no "revision" would be necessary. There is surely much of it that could not possibly be the "word of God," or of that divine inspiration which is the same in kind through all ages and forever.

\*\*\* It is not Christianity, but the perversion thereto find that his pockets have been picked by the of, that the skeptical world can justly condemn. burglar Death, of the keys to his safe-when he | Christianity, as embodied in the simple teachings realizes that, forevermore, he can have no more of Jesus, is one thing, and as diverted and perhandling of his gold! How it must sicken his verted through the channels of human selfishness, soul to see his accumulations scattered by profil- pride, ambition and the lusts of the mortal mind, gate heirs, or wasted in unprofitable litigation. is quite another. The philosophy and higher teachings of Spiritualism simply divests Chrissuch we could all name, whose souls are thus tianity of its crudities and imperfections, and restores it to the world in all its original purity and beauty. What is there in the practice and teachings of the "Man of sorrows," who "went about doing good," and who "had not where to lay his head," that is in anywise in common with the aristocratic religion of a modern fashionable Christian Church? They are as far apart as with the life of all divinity, or into fierce discord the East is from the West. Jesus came to his disciples, in bodily form, after his transition to spirit life. Does he ever come to the haughty, purse-proud believers in him now-a-days? In mortal life he healed the sick by the laying on of Mme. Marie Bishop sang, "The Angel's Sereon their crystal surface into the beautiful harbor hands, and plainly taught that "greater things than these," should be done by those who followed him in spirit. If he told the truth then who are

### NOT DESIRABLE.

It is related of Sam Jones, that in a sermon preached in a Southern city, he offered to give rich cargoes of golden promises and possibilities \$500 to anyone who would sign a sworn statement that he did not want to go to heaven; and that an aged gentleman present took him at his platform. offer, whereupon, the doughty preacher backed

man" may well be excused.

an number," playing upon golden harps, and

Surely, that is not a very profitable kind of \$1. for one to be eternally engaged in. Be sides, how could the loving wife, for instance, put any heart into her music, knowing that the companion who blest her earth-life with his love and protection, but who had the misfortune to be out of Christ," was wailing with the damned in day meetings are constantly enlarging; the local fall ill, all pay is stopped until a cure is wrought. everlasting torments?

itual growth, of love and duty-such as spiritual- very liberally patronized, and the opening of the Chinese Doctors never question their patients for ists believe in-is all right. That is the only College on April 1st, is eagerly looked forward to symptoms, and the patients respect and estimate kind of heaven that seems reasonable or desirable. And this kind of a heaven we can take along with us. No sensible person would reject such a heaven. It is the only heaven consistent with the constitution of man, or the wisdom of

### INDIAN MONEY.

Our government seems to have adopted the ought by its earth experiences. There is no idea that money value changes with the different classes who use it; hence, it issued a currency to pay the Union soldiers, had another for people at home, and yet another for the Indians.

> This injustice is still working out its results, the latest instance of it being at Wallace, Idaho scrip, the decision of the Secretary of the Interior, proving that this money issued to the Indians is worthless except to them. Wallace having been located with this scrip, the result was the jumping of the entire town by those ready and willing to profit by Uncle Sam's dishonesty. A compromise was, however, effected, and property owners were allowed the lots with buildings on them, but no one was to have more than four lots. The direct result was a division of property, and many poor persons were made well off. a pity that such wrongs do not affect the ones who cause them, but they seldom do, in this life. tive tribes of this country. They have been deceived, lied to, and robbed from its beginning. our so-called civilization encroached upon their domains. They are given money that is not a that they are not taxed.

mysteries not explained by the motto on our gold sprung up since the truths of Modern Spiritualism closely examining a piece of Indian scrip.

W. J. COLVILLE'S WORK.

On Sunday last, March 17th, the morning services in Metropolitan Temple were grand and added to the vicarious teaching of getting rid of impressive in the extreme. The jubilant strains the consequences of sin by casting it upon an inof the organ, the joyful songs and thrilling discourse on " Liberty," at the earlier service, contrasted most impressively with the touching pathos of what followed. As the triumphant nusic was scarcely beginning to cease, a funeral procession reached the doors, when suddenly the pealing notes of the great organ magnificently manipulated by Professor Eckman, changed into minor cadence and a solemn stillness reigned over the vast assembly as the solemn, yet hopeful and inspiring words which introduced the requiem service, commenced. The choir sang "O Paradise," exquisitely and without accompaniment. W. J. Colville then offered a sublime invocation which was followed by "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," superbly sung by the soprano voice, with full organ accompaniment. Mr. Colville then gave the funeral address, ending with a beautiful improvised poem. The choir then sang another hymn, the benediction was pronounced and the long procession slowly filed out of the building to the strains of Verdi's requiem. A more impressive service has rarely, if ever, been held. The usual large congregation was considerably augmented by friends of the departed sister, Mrs. Babbitt, who was greatly loved by all who knew her. The flowers were lovely in the extreme.

On Sunday next, March 24th, at 10:45 A. M. luring the regular service in Metropolitan Temple, Mr. Colville will speak on "Real Life in the terialistic Misconceptions."

On the following Sunday, March 31st, the 41st Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism will afford a good opportunity for the statement of plain facts concerning the history of the movement. Everybody is freely invited to these services; a plate at the door receives the offerings of visitors who wish to assist in defraying the necessarily large expenses.

Last Sunday evening, March 17th, at Metaphysical College, 106 McAllister street, notwithstanding the drenching rain, a large audience was in attendance. The music was a great treat, though the stringed orchestra was not present. nade" in faultless style; Mr. S. J. Tully, with his clarinet was a most valuable acquisition; Miss Adelina Powers sang Tambilotte's " Veni Creator" very finely, and the hymns were well rendered with accompaniments on three instruments. W. J. Colville's lecture on "Lessons from the Life of St. Patrick," was a merited tribute to the Irish nation, as well as a forcible presentation of advanced spiritual ideas. Altogether, the session was a very enjoyable one; the decoration, all green and white, was very pretty, a profusion of choice lilies adorned the

On Sunday next, March 24th, at 7:30 P. M., Mr. Colville will lecture by particular request on At first blush, it may seem a very heartless and | "The Soul and its Successive Embodiments in wicked thing for any one to do-not to want to Human Form." During the week Mr. Colville's go to heaven. But when one considers the kind and Mrs. Wilson's classes are always largely atof heaven which the saints of Sam Jones' faith are tended; the former are held on Tuesday and expected to occupy, the aforesaid "aged gentle- Friday at 10 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; the latter on Monday and Thursday at 2:30 P. M. A grand Imagine an immense choir, "whom no man concert, introducing many very pleasing and novel features, will be given Saturday, March singing hosannas to the Lord of Hosts forever! 30th at 7:45 P. M. Admission 25 cents; 5 tickets

In Oakland and Alameda, W. J. Colville's work is progressing beyond the most sanguine Oakland Synagogue the audience can hardly obtain seats on Sunday afternoons, and the week press is favorable, giving long and able reports of This is a direct premium upon close study, wide A sensible heaven—a heaven of work and spir- the addresses. In Alameda, Tucker's Hall is research, and exercise of common sense; and by many friends.

On Saturday, March 16th the concert given by Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder and Mr. Colville, was an unrivaled success; "everybody" was there. Tucker's Hall, gallery as well as floor, was crowded, and the concert itself was the event of the season. All the artists were at their very best, and were enthusiastically applauded, many of them received deafening encores. The following ladies and gentlemen participated: Mrs. Chandler and Miss Sackett (soprani), Mrs. Batchelder (contralto), Mr. Coddington (tenor), Mr. Batchelder (basso), Miss Kate Lange (pianist), Mrs. Longstroth (elocutionist), Mr. R. H. Whitney (cornet virtuoso) and W. J. Colville, who sang two ballads and gave an impromptu poem. It would be invidious to single out any one number for special praise; everything was superbly solos being in perfect harmony. So great is the enthusiasm excited by this brilliant musical treat that the Alameda public simply clamors for another appearance of the same performers at no distant day.

### BE CAREFUL.

The writer of "Undertones" in the San Francisco Chronicle, says some singular things with-This would not be considered bad by many, in out much thinking, we suspect, which is the way these times; but that is not the point here. It is of the world. He says: "Wickedness is honest." · · · "Wickedness is never to be doubted." · · "Goodness is the condition of mankind Our government never has dealt justly by the na- "before he is found out. Wickedness is his "state after." Now, if "wickedness is honest," what is there to "find out" more than is openly and driven like herds of animals back, back, as shown by its honesty? Honesty has nothing to conceal that would be called "wicked."

ligion has always told man that he was bad- August, when he will return to San Francisco.

otally depraved from birth, and this is mainly what ails the world to-day. Its self-estcem and self-respect have never been cultivated; this, nocent man, has made the world a hypocrite. But for all that, when "truly found out," mankind is not "wicked," but good, and it is grow-

ing better by being told so. This is not visible on the surface of things, where all is in a ferment and turmoil and strife, by this purifying process going on deep down. One who writes for the public mind should be careful about the veins of thought he or she may open. Of all things, one should not speak lightly of the virtues and morals of the race. If one has no faith in his fellows it is not well to taint young minds with evil suspicions. There are plenty of subjects that do not lead that way, and they should be chosen.

#### TIME.

We know very little about it, indeed, but to suit mortal convenience, and satisfy man that he has fixed periods in which to move, act and have his being, we have divided that appalling, unknowable something into parts called seconds, minutes, hours, days, months, years, centuries and ages. With the two last periods we have little to do as mortals; as immortals, everything in us is wrapped in their mystery. The other portions of time, humanity passes mainly in a blind way, not often giving a serious thought to the present hour, so fraught with weal or woe to the struggling millions that know not one another, save as the elec-Spiritual World; an Advocacy of Reasonable tric spark speaks round the globe. Those even Spiritualism as Opposed to Theological and Ma- at our doors are held aloof as strangers, more often by prejudice than uncongeniality. The precious days go hurriedly by, and we know not what sweet moments of pleasure they take from us forever. What opportunities of making another happy and helping one to keep in the straight and narrow way, for there is no force so potent to good being as human sympathy, and kind will, God's charity, and tenderness that work through human agency? We pass too much time in studying to avoid whom we think not so good as they should be, and pass judgment, fearing not "lest we be judged." But we and they, their sorrows and temptations are passing away, and soon the world shall pain them no longer by its coldness and false judgment. It comes sometimes to each, in the silence of midnight, who thus helped to darken a human life, the awful consciousness of willful wrong. It is ance, Sunday evening, March 31st, in honor of fearful then, in the deadly solitude to wander up the Forty-first Anniversary of Modern Spiritsthe vogue streams of probability and conceive the alism. This will be an eventfut meeting in the consequences we may be responsible for, not only history of San Francisco Spiritualism. Admisto ourself, but to those we have studiously wronged. We can comprehend a future without end easier than the vast eternity that has gone by.

### HEATHEN PHYSICIANS.

save in retrospect?

Oh! if that awful past should ever turn back

its flood of error and sorrow upon the world, no

dead legend of calamity could form its parallel.

Who thus can tell the dark desolation that comes

o one, whose life is filled with remorse when he

reviews the void of days that were, but are not,

A writer in Chambers' Journal says: "The med-'ical art in China is mysterious and empirical," for the reason that the profession is regulated by rules almost the reverse of those which prevail in Christian countries. However hard this difference may seem, the heathen Chinese are certainly right, and far in advance of us as regards the requirements made of physicians. But really, on second thought the Chinese doctors must have an easier life than any of their professional brethexpectation of the friends in those cities. At the ien in other lands, since they are required to keep their patrons well. While this is the case, the Doctor receives a fixed salary; when patients the medical attendant too highly to venture a

word of information. Could anything be more sensible and more just than this heathen method? Surely the mission and business of physicians should be to keep people well. Could they do this, their lives would be bettered in every way; their nights would be passed in sweet, refreshing slumber, their salaries would come in regularly, and their days would be filled with joy at sight of their

healthy patrons. If their livelihood depended upon it, Christian physicians would soon fit themselves for the duty of keeping their patients well; and since we have adopted and are teaching so many heathenish things, we could show no better sense than to take this one, best of all. Many persons are learning to be their own physicians, and surely nothing is better worth one's time and study. Health is rendered; the concerted music as well as the this life's chief blessing, but it depends upon such variety of conditions for each one, that few become well enough acquainted with all to maintain perfect health. But physicians, who make disease and remedies a life study, should master all possibilities, fitting themselves to keep others well, as the "little brown man" does.

FRED EVANS IN MELBOURNE,-The Harbinger of Light, of Februa.y 1st, contains an interesting account of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans' reception in Melbourne, Australia, by the Victorian Association of Spiritualists. Mr, Evans' first seance in Melbourne was held in presence of Mr. Terry, President of the above-named Association, and a few members of his family, with the most satisfactory results. His second seance was held in presence of twenty-six persons, when some of the very best manifestations were produced-such as writing in various colors upon a slate over cross lines previously made upon the In the second proposition he holds all mankind slate; such as we have witnessed many times in legal tender outside their reservations, and treated in the estimation of the law, which declares a his presence. The hostile and intolerant attitude in every way as bad as dumb animals, except man innocent until proven guilty. The law is of the Colonists towards all spirit phenomena, right, but Mr. "Undertone" is wrong, inasmuch together with the enervating nature of the cli-Just why a dollar to one person is not the same as his ideas would tend to destroy all the grow- mate, makes the work of any medium in that to another in point of exchange, is one of the ing faith in the goodness of man, which has only country anything but a labor of love. Hence, Mr. Evans finds the drain upon his vitality so great as to seriously affect his health. He is and silver coins, but might be discovered by have been preached to the world. Orthodox re- looking forward with delight to the coming

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

-Spiritualists from abroad will find excellent rooms at a moderate price, at the Elmer House, on Bush street, a few doors above Montgomery

-The grand old Banner of Light, has just entered upon the thirty-third year of its existence -brighter and better than ever. Bro. Luther Colby is a model editor.

-Dr. H. W. Abbott, a well-known magnetic healer, formerly of this city, has just returned after an absence of a year and a half, and occupies rooms at 108 McAllister street.

-Mrs. Eliza Harris, better known as Grandma Harris in both San Francisco and Portland, is at No. 154 Harrison street, Portland. She has worked for the Cause for over 30 years.

-Mr. Fred Evans requests us to say to all inquirers for circulars and developing slates that he cannot attend to any orders of that nature until his return from Australia, which will be in August

-Mrs. Sarah A. Harris has an office at the Henry House, Ninth street, between Washington and Broadway, Oakland, where she treats the sick and teaches the science of mental healing, Absent treatments a specialty.

-W. J. Colville, who has obtained many subscribers for the GOLDEN GATE, invariably gives his subscribers the benefit of his commission-50 cents. This has led some to suppose that the paper could be had of other agents, or at this office for the same price, viz., \$2. This is a mis-

-Carrie M. Sawyer denies that she has gone back on Spiritualism, or that she is not a medium for form manifestation. She says she assisted Kellar, the magician, in showing how bogus manifestations were produced; and that he is responsible for misrepresenting her as denouncing all manifestations of that character.

-Mr. H. L. Williams has shipped to-day for Summerland, a large water-tank, manufactured by Wells, Russell & Co., of this city. This tank will answer the demands of the new town until the place contains a population of four or five hundred people, by which time the permanent reservoir (cemented) will be completed.

-John Slater, the wonderful platform test medium, will give a grand concert and test sesion, 25 cents; reserved orchestra seat, 50 cents.

-Mr. Wm. Bowley, a wealthy Spiritualist of Melbourne, Australia, who visited this country two years ago, with his daughter, and will be very pleasantly remembered by many Spiritualists in this city and Oakland, has ordered eight lots in our new town of Summerland, where he intends to make his future home. He is now on his way to England, and will return to this city the coming Fall.

-Mrs. Jenness Miller, the popular lecturer on 'correct and artistic dress " for ladies, is making a tour of the Pacific Coast. The ladies of San Francisco will be delighted to know that they are to have the pleasure of hearing this gifted woman on a subject of such vital importance to them. Mrs. Miller shows at each lecture the entire set of undergarments and dresses for all occasions, from the simplest to the most elaborate. She is said to be handsome, and possessed of grand oratorical powers, with the movements of a fawn and the charms of true womanliness. She delivers but one lecture in this city, which will be given April 8th at 2 P. M., at Metropolitan Hall, 5th street. Tickets, 50 cents; for sale at

EXCURSION TO SUMMERLAND .- It is proposed to get up an excursion to Santa Barbara and Summerland the second week in May (time of the full moon), to be gone from San Francisco five days, which would enable us to hold a three days' pic-nic and meeting at the new town of Summerland. We think we could procure the use of our State meeting tent, and we learn from Dr. Taylor, President of the Southern Camp-Meeting Association, that they would send up their tent and meet us there. Our plan would be to secure excursion sleeping-cars (not the regular Pullman sleepers), such as are now in general use for excursion parties; side track the cars at the town, and occupy them until our return. These cars will hold from twenty-four to thirty excursionists and lodge them comfortably. This excursion will enable owners of lots in Summerland to see their property, and any others who may choose to visit that interesting section, can also avail themselves of this opportunity at a moderate cost. We ought to be able to find a dozen or more carloads of people who would be pleased to make this very interesting trip. It will help the matter along if those intending to join the excursion would send their names to this office. The price of round-trip tickets will depend upon the number of excursionists.

### Progressive Spiritualists.

Editor of GOLDEN GATE:

A most interesting meeting was held on Sunday afternoon. The subject of "Responsibility of Mediumship" was again discussed, being the third Sunday it has been before the Society, showing that it is a deep and momentious question. Mrs. Cummings Ellis was the first speaker, followed by Mrs. M. J. Hendee. They are two of our oldest mediums in the field, and are well qualified to speak on mediumship, which they did very acceptably.

The next speaker was Hon. W. H. Mills, who spoke at some length, very ably. Dr. J. Mead gave a little talk. Judge Swift's address was leep and earnest; he spoke of the importance of the subject, not only to mediums but to all interested in the progress of humanity. Judge J. A. Collins gave the closing address. Dr. Louis Schlesinger gave tests to skeptics only, and they all testified that the sitting with him was truly wonderful. Solo by Mrs. Rutter; piano solo by

Miss Violet Wheeler.
MRS. S. B. WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

#### St. Andrews' Hall.

EDITOR GOLDEN OF GATE: Despite the inclemency of the weather, there

was a goodly number present at St. Andrews' Hall, on Sunday evening last. The control of Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless gave a very able discourse, taking for their consideration, "What is Spiritualism Doing for the World?" All things come when they are needed. The reasoning and thinking minds of earth demanded proof of the immortality of the soul. Faith would satisfy them no longer. Facts they required, an I facts they must have. Cold, unsatisfactory, unreasonable materialism was crowding itself upon them—this appealing to their reason more sensibly than the diversified creeds of the many ecclesiastical organizations. An eternal damnation and wrathful God was not consistent with the teaching that all had been made and pronounced good. Reason, the highest principle in man, was asserting the right of domain, and must prove everything by analysis and mathematical demonstration. The mind of man eannot be chained, it must seek, explore and prove all things, holding fast to that which is truth. Spiritualism is teaching that life is progression. That we are ever taking a step forward. That which seems darkness is only the preparation for the brighter light, a more exalted unfold-ment. The so called dead have only taken one step further in the tramp of progress. They are with as and do assist us in many ways, and can make known their presence when proper conditions are given them, and are doing so continually. There can be no separation of spirit; we are all spirit as much now as we ever shall be. We must dwell together only in different stages of

When the people of earth understand the true relationship of spirit and matter, they will see that all are of one family, a link in the great chain, and are their brother's keeper. Then they will become less selfish. The love of gain and greed will disappear and charity and harmony will occur in the second to cupy its place. Then will the heaven so much talked of, which comes from within, reign on earth. This is what Spiritualism has come to do and will do for the children of earth. After the remarks, Mrs. Nickless, under control of the "messenger spirit," gave many wonderful and convincing tests, which were recognized by those to whom they were given. The Spiritual Healing by Dr. Nickless was pronounced satisfactory by those who took advantage of the invitation.

Mrs. Nickless gives seance receptions every Tuesday and Thursday (not Friday) evenings, at her parlors, No. 108 McAllister street. REPORTER.

#### OUR QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

To H. G. P., SAN FRANCISCO:-I can only say that " The Secret Doctrine " has not been before the world long enough for any person to write a critical review of the work, while no one can do the book anything like justice unless he can have access to the same source of information that the author of this wonderful production has. It is not enough for you to deny what she declares to be true; can in your wholesale attack, which really you could not expect me to publish. Then again, what if all you say of Madame Blavatsky be true (which, by the way, I do not believe), it would not make "The Secret Doctrine" less remarkable; the wonder would be that such a woman could write such a work.

Yes, I have read both "Isis Unveiled" and "The Secret Dectrine;" I shall read could not review them if I would. "Time will not shelve these books," the world called for them or they would not be; the want brought the supply. Years will not exhaust the supply, but time will reveal Madame Blavatsky as the woman of this century; but apart from her personality, why not let the work stand on its own merit, filling in the gaps in our materialistic science, and making man something more than a helpless instrument to be played upon by Nature's forces, and then to be lost in the seething tide of years?

The time is not far distant when Spiritualists and Theosophists will find they are wrangling over a shadow, while, unless they are careful, the substance will slip their grasp. There is "no religion higher than truth," let us seek for the wisdom that will reveal the truth to our minds.

Now, my good friend H. G. P., take one solid year, treat yourself every night and morning for the sweet spirit of charity; then read the "Secret Doctrine" again, read it to find the truth, then let me hear from you. To the readers of the GOLDEN GATE, I wish to say my heart goes out in a great throb of sympathy for Mr. Colby. He never wrote for me, but I have known those to whom he has brought comfort. But the very fact that he is a medium covers the subject with me. Who knows what may have led to the misdeeds of the past? Who, and what are we, that we dare to pass judgment on others? Those who can, should at once do some-thing to relieve his distress, while all should end out to him kind thoughts. It may be his Karma to suffer, but it is ours to do what we can for suffering ones either in thought, word or deed. If each one would search his own life, his own heart, he might find there tendencies which, had he been a sensitive, would have made him more than liable to the very things he cries out against in others. I join hands with "B.," for truth and justice, but to me

"B.," for truth and justice, but to me love and justice are one.

To "Spiritual Healer," Oakland, all truth is related. Theosophy is the great cable of truth as revealed to man on this planet. Mental Healing of whatever name is one strand in that cable, and bears that relation to the Divine Wisdom, which the ages have brought to man in this nine-teenth century. I have neither time nor space to deal with this question this week but will do so soon. So long as you hold your thoughts in tune with the good, you need have no fear of harming any one with

your treatments, if you do not cure them you will not hurt them; but, remember to fear a thing is to give the thing you fear power over you. Do the best your light lets you, then trust.

SARAH A. HARRIS, F. T. S. BERKELEY, CAL.

#### Carrie E. Downer in Gilroy.

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE:

It is with a profound sense of my inability to do full justice, that I assume the task of presenting to your readers a brief sketch of the lectures by Carrie E. Downer, delivered last Sunday in Wright's Hall. Despite the inclemency of the weather, a goodly number were out to listen to the divine teachings of "our little preacher," whose sweet inspiring word, seemed to lift up the soul above the petty cares and annoyances of daily life, and make all better who were privileged to listen. She came into our midst in December an entire stranger, but her bright inspiring thoughts, combined with her charming lady-like manner, have won much favor with the people in our little

The afternoon exercises were opened with an invocation by Miss Downer, and the singing of "Sweet By-and-Bye," and other songs, were pleasantly rendered by Miss Carrie Perry and Mittie Stevens; Miss Perry as organist; following which, Miss Downer lectured upon the "Consolations of a Rational Religion, the Church of Humanity, and the Religion of the Future," which is a grand one, and well calculated to bring into full play the wonderful powers of the speaker, and it seemed to be especially adapted to her then men-tal condition. This subject of a "Natural Religion," embraces every field of thought, is as boundless as the universe. Her love for truth, purity, and a child-like faith in God's law and love, is such, that her earnestness while lecturing, rivets the attention from the most indifferent, who, while they may not be able to comprehend the teachings that flow so musically from her lips, still respect and honor the teacher for her evident honesty of purpose. I wonder, by the way, how many clergymen there are in Giiroy, who could stand be-fore an audience, of every shade of belief, Sunday after Sunday, as this gifted woman does, taking whatever questions any one chooses to send up, and speaking upon these in an eloquent, logical and interest-ing manner. If betting were not sinful, I would wager quite a sum that there isn't you prove that her statements are false? a minister in town who would or could Unless you can, surely you are not wise do it for a month and keep their audiences

In the evening the storm continued, and though the audience was small, the meeting was a treat to those who braved the elements to hear, and repaid them threefold for all they undertook. The subjects for lecture and poems were chosen by the audience. The subject of "Our Beautiful Home Over There," and others, was treated with marked ability, and was them many times, only to wonder and intensely interesting. It brought to my mind the remarks I heard at a funeral of time as the truth reveals itself to me. I a friend I attended a short time ago, when Methodist clergyman defined the rela tive position of the departed, precisely in the same manner as Spiritualists, showing the drift of public opinion in favor of our beautiful religion.

Miss Downer leaves a beautiful influence in favor of Spiritualism when she has gone out from among us. No one who hears her ever finds a word of fault, but all unite in saying, "If that is Spiritualism, I like She will come to us again the first Sunday in April, when we hope the weather will be fine, and that there will be a full house to welcome her.

Fraternally, Mrs. M. Stevens. GILROY, March 15, 1889.

### Fraternity Hall.

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE:

The Progressive Spiritualists of Oakland, met last Sunday to hold their usual exercises, Mrs. Sheppard presiding. The meeting was well attended and Mrs. C. J. Meyer and Mrs. Finnigan occupied the platform at the evening meeting in giving tests. There were a number of tests given and recognized. Next Sunday evening Mrs. C. J. Meyer has promised to be with us. Spirit names given in full. Meeting commences at 7 P. M. Mrs. Davis, Sec'y. OAKLAND, March 20, 1889.

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It is not till the storm comes that we

### St. George's Hall.

We will not ask this week space in your valuable paper to report all the wise and profitable sayings that were had in our meetings in St. George's Hall, 909 Market street, last Sunday, by the various apeakers and mediums, but will in justice to the angel world and the willing workers, say, that the interest is by no means waning, if an increase in numbers and intense interest is any criterion to go by. To the incredu-lous, the worldly minded, and even the self con-sequential Spiritualist, the new developments may have seemed somewhat out of place, as one medium kept time to the music with very emphatic gestures. Two others, a gentleman and lady, were controlled to march with graceful, slow steps, and then with such rapid strides, that it would be next to an impossible thing to do, save by invisible helpers, ending up with explana-tions in an oratorical manner that would have done credit to a Beecher or a Webster.

We know from long experience that we have a band of healers and developers who work in har-mony with others on the same plane, to unfold the latent powers of receptive souls into usefulness for the masses. Already in these meetings grand results are visible, but more especially in our private circles, which we are holding every evening during the week, with finely developed

mediums to assist in giving tests, etc. We have decided to hold the forty-first anniversary in our hall on the 31st instant. The exercises will consist of speeches, recitations, music marching and tableaux, not omitting an opportunity for spirits to manifest through their me-

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### The Young People's Meeting.

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE:

St. George's building kept the persistent rain from drowning four distinct meetings last Sunday evening, all opening into the same hallway. The Young People held their own grandly in point of numbers and interesting exercises. The audience joined as usual in singing some half dozen hymns; then followed Miss Margie Kohn and Nettie Bacon with a song. Mr. Purnell sang very flexibly and with much taste, "Robin Adair," with variations. Mr. John Koch held the audience spell-bound with a beautiful solo upon the zither. Who can say there is not spirituality in music?

Mr. P. C. Tompson held the interest of the audience for three quarters of an now by selections.

dience for three quarters of an nour, by relating some of his wonderful experiences in his investigations into the philosophy of spirit communion. The gentleman has promised to speak upon the cause and cure of insanity and his experience with those unfortunates who have been obsessed.

The friends will remember that the Young People are making extra efforts to present an excellent program at the entertainment and social on March 30th, at St. George's (upper) Hall. Come out friends, and have a good time. "One of 'EM."

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ings. The question asked me, " How quality. plane of life, can take our first progressive minds and give us healthy thoughts. we earnestly desire a knowledge of the spiritual. true way, we are slowly but surely being

these thoughts which have come from power. various sources to me. As we proceed on down the mountain side of existence; as dollar." in the ocean of universal knowledge. Sometimes the stream is long, going mutually improved. through many different states (which may possibly be different incarnations), sometimes passing through broad valleys of exbition, now and then turned from its changing the various fortunes of men, past many a rock of evil, past many a as the light-until by its gathered strength it is able to drown out all doubt, trouble, disease, and even death itself.

My conception of the term adept, is one who has a vast accumulation of expelife has so broadened out that now it runs silent and strong; one who has freed his soul from all the lower principles which once served to hold him down to material pierces through the hallucinations of his in life should be governed by those prinmaterial existence into the actual spiritual and eternal existence; seeing life on both the more rapid our advancement will be. its higher and lower planes, he can by force of his will guide and aid those who find the way long and weary; who is ever ready to give of his knowledge when we are ready to receive it, and to put it to use, not for selfish purposes, but for the along the path.

It seems to me that our present system of education and even our present civilization is one of the greatest obstacles. From the very first breath we are taught to suppress our feelings, we are taught pride, selfishness and deceit; even by our so called Christian churches are we taught adept. hypocrisy. We are taught not how we may best keep all the laws of nature, but how we may best avoid them. Instead of elevating our minds these principles of policy and the fear of Madame Grundy, become greater than our desire for the truth; and the mad desire for the accumulation of wealth becomes the important factor instead of the accumulation of

Even our minds become diseased as well as our bodies, but fortunately indeed is he whose better nature shall assert itself and show him the error of his way; in whom the light of reason once more gains control; who shall have the will to develop the latent and better part—that spark of spirit which has been almost wholly

strong body for does not a healthy and strong body bring as a logical sequence, an active and healthy mind? Does our present system of diet tend in that direction? Does it not rather tend to the opposite? Take the very particles of food

Address to the F. T. S., of Minneapolis, which go to make up the ordinary mea (to say nothing of a Thanksgiving dinner), and mix them all together—what think Would not your stomach revolt before the fool mass? And that is the Ms. Passmant and Fallows:-Our substance from which our bodies are built President has seen fit to add another in-up! Much has been said in favor of a centive to the desire, which I, as well as vegetable diet, but that, while good, does many other students of Theosophy, have had ever since we first came to realize, to but help build up a diseased body. There a small extent, the wisdom and truth there are two specially important factors in our is hidden among its many mystic teach- consumption of food, viz: quantity and

can one become an adept ?" has in the past and will be for many years to come, making it do double, yes, four times the making it do double, yes, four times the making it do double. a mystic way in our path of development; work it ought to do, in taking care of and the one who shall be able to show in the vast quantities of surplus food material a practical way, in which we, who are still with which we feed the fires of life?-enliving almost continually on the lower ergies which should go to build up our step knowingly, would, indeed, be a bene-factor to all. I say knowingly, because if terial desires are more to us than our

We feed our animal passions and starve urged forward by those same energies out our better impulses. We live not by which have previously been developed. reason but by habit. If you were to plant I think some older student might be bet- a seed from which should come forth that ter fitted to answer so large a question, music of nature, a beautiful flower, would but such thoughts as I have, give I unto you first cook the seed? Certainly not. By so doing you would kill the life princi-Knowledge may come to us in various ple with which nature has stored it. Do ways, but cannot be accepted by us as you not do the same when you cook any truth, until we have had the actual expe- of the vegetables or grains? Do we not rience, consequently any theory which we eat for the life that comes from eating? may have, may be wrong and cannot be and if we kill the very life which we hope accepted as true until we have actually to get, will the remaining particles build experienced it. And while I may give up as fine a body?—a body from which my idea of the way to "adeptship," I can only give my theory, as I have had no active experience that such a person does If we can see a marked benefit coming or ever has really existed. But I can con- from the eradication and purification of ceive how a person might develop what is our material lives, how much more marked said to be the powers which are claimed will be the progress if we successfully for the adept, by the few whose good for- eradicate the false and purify our higher tune it has been to see and know that principles—the natural and spiritual—unmost favored class. I say " my theory," til the stumbling stones of to-day shall befor among the many elaborately unintelli- come the incentives of to-morrow, to gible things which have been written none speed us on our way upwards to that have seemed more nearly the truth than great central source of knowledge and

Our surroundings have a great influence over our thoughts. If we are continually our journey, we are constantly gaining over our thoughts. If we are continually truth by our life experience, and I would thrown among a class whose every encompare the growth of man's better na- deavor is towards wealth, our thoughts ture to a little river which in the child- will naturally tend that way, and we shall hood of its life dances and sings on its way be striving with the rest for the "almighty So on through the list of those grows the stream, so grows the man, by things that tend toward selfishness; but if the many rivulets of incoming knowledge, we surround ourselves with those people growing larger and stronger, until he is and those things which tend to the spiritable to comprehend the glories of an ex- ual and higher desires, both for ourselves istence, which only ends with absorption and our fellows, our own mind will thereby be drawn to their elevation and we are

The thoughts engendered by the pure morning country air are more elevating than those that come in the heat of the perience where ripens the golden grain of day. How much more than those born of Truth; sometimes through cities of de- the busy and impure air of the dusty city. sire, where the waters are polluted by am- The very elevation of thought will gradually lead us away from the care and course to set in motion those wheels of turmoil of the busy marts of trade and destiny, which are ever turning and commerce. Much will of course depend upon our strength or purpose and our own wills; but the purer the air and the more shoal of doubt-through the dark as well natural the surroundings, the more rapidly will we be advanced. The fighting of the gross material elements of our composition are continually putting barriers in the way of our spiritual advancement, but each successful defeat of such elements rienced truth and wisdom, whose river of gives us a fresher and stronger will to follow out all, no matter how small our better impulses, towards the best of which we are capable. Each successful defeat brings a concentration of thought and an things; who now lives so wholly in the at-one-ment of purpose which shall aid us spirit, elevated as he is by the sublime in each successive attempt for the right. thoughts which at all times are a part of Each successful defeat brings us one step his existence, he looks down through the nearer our goal. Truth is the blossom of various windings of nature until even her the evergreen tree of divinity, whose roots occult laws are no longer hid from him, are watered by the showers of unselfishbut are the servants of his will; who ness, love and truth. Our whole course ciples, and the nearer we conform to them

Reason is the light of truth, and by that light must all things be weighed. Intuition is the light of the new-born day, giving promise of a bright future, but the full noon-day sun of reason must shine upon it before we can fully see and comadvancement of ourselves and mankind prehend it. Each day brings some new ntuition, which reason and experience make truth. Thus our ideas are broadened and the world gains new knowledge. Thus by slow and almost inappreciable steps we are ever going forward on the path, along whose course well advanced, shall we find our guide and teacher, the

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brow of our media in Australia, and its banner of progress floats upon the warm breath of the summer wind in the queen may be, and who it is stated was a Spiritcity of Victoria, and the sister colony of qualist for a number of years, is now expos-New South Wales.

ests wave in lonely grandeur to the music lives. Well, so be it, the method of of the waves upon the sea-girt shore, and many priests as well as some pretended

dawned! the day star from on high hath row, but are "risen" to a life immortal, heaped upon us.

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influence of the angel guides they taught us to love. Now, we too, have our earnest, clasp hands in happy, paternal greeting ones. and soulful sympathy.

Perhaps we have never enjoyed a higher privilege than at present, in the visit of The Tiger Step of Theocratic Despotism. your esteemed and gifted medium, Fred Evans, through whose power we are re- EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE: ceiving wondrous manifestations of spirit return, and like absent children, welcome 'letters from home," even from our beloved ones who have gone before us to the home of the angels. We have spent many a happy hour, too, with his loving partner in labor, Mrs. Evans, who is beloved by all who meet her in this distant and of the sunny south, inasmuch as it is of the angels, is she the loving and beloved.

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may help you. Give us your sympathy, beloved, we are striving to bring heaven nearer to the children of the Southern Cross, and manifest our presence to the dwellers in the isles of the Pacific. We come from your circle rooms, from your platforms, and we thank you for your earnest efforts to promote the progress of the truth. The day is dawning; soon the millennial light of blest. With fraternal greeting, we are,

Yours truly, JENNY WREN.

MELEOURNE, Victoria.

### The Cause in Santa Cruz.

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE:

It is a glorious thing that we Spiritualists have papers through the medium of which we can convey the intelligence of what is being done in our various parts to the friends scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land; for had we to depend upon the secular press, we would be leaning on broken reeds. There are however exceptions, I am glad to say, for I Daily Courier of San Bernardino, Califor-How I would like to shake that man by the hand; to him let me render the glowing tribute, that Brother W. J. Colville renders to his most valued friend, dedicatory of "Onesimus Toole." The Editor of the Courier, as compared with the common truckling of the secular press, "is as far above praise as the stars are beyond human flattery," would to God that dare speak the truth.

that we had more of such noble souls, We have had a most interesting week here in Santa Cruz. According to promise, Mr. John Slater came to us, on Tuesday the 5th inst., and gave four evenings of his inimitable "expositions" of spirit return to crowded houses. To say that his positive demonstrations are marvelous, is only a faint expression. The interest manifested is beyond my power of description, and hundreds who flocked to him for sittings during the days of his sojourn, were turned away unable to obtain them. As a matter of course, the church people were thoroughly aroused, became furious, and resorted to every species of misrepresenta-tions and idiotic lies that it was possible for the human brain to invent, to counteract the interest he was awakening by his truthful demonstrations of the ability of Terms for the course of twelve lectures, \$2.50; address on receipt of price, or C. O. D.

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In New Zealand also, that lovely little the Baptist church; doubtless hoping to island where Nature spreads her couch pour balm on the wounded hearts of those with flowers and o'ershadows herself with who may perchance, have beard some luxuriant ferns and palms; where the for- unwholesome truths about their interior

the tui sings his matin song of praise to the God of Nature; here, also, the beautiful evangel of light is being proclaimed by a fearless, faithful few, and some inquiring, anxious souls have found for themselves and the truth that they are fighting against read the same of the control o the blessed assurance of that truth that God, that they might as well pucker up their puny lips and blow against the torna-The isles of the sea shall rejoice in the do, as to undertake to stay the on-rolling light of his coming. Yes, the time has wave which is now flooding the world with light and knowledge of the life eternal. visited us, and we know that our beloved ones sleep not in the tomb of lonely sor-standing all the vituperation and abuse

Many of your gifted media have visited the 20th inst., when we shall have an inus, and we have been benefited by their tellectual treat; and then again, the first ministrations, and grown strong under the week in April, Bro. Slater has promised us another visit to demonstrate that he still continues to exist, and is able to tell us loving ministers of spiritual truth, and can of the continued existence of our dear W. A. BAXTER. SANTA CRUZ, March 10, 1889.

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Upberne upon a nea of living light. I see a star-eyed flower, with petals white; Beneath life's tidal wave, it disappress, Only to climb again, the sycling years, When, blooming, neath the plumage of a bird, Its fluttering heart with joy of song is stiered; Anon, its soul is wedded to the Doe, Whene blood transsenses to tears the mountain's snow; These tears, transformed to gems of purest worth,-Illume the entrance to a higher birth.

And now, my flower lives a dual life, Within her soul is born the law of strife; Unconacious of its power she longs for love, And praying, knoweth not that God above Is her soul's true and never-falling source,-Her being Owe, with all Delfic Force. Meeting s'er while a soul to har's akin, Her quickened spirit hids truth enter in; And she beholds, as with Deltic eyes, The sweet trunslation of life's last surprise.

Her form of clay appears an empty vace, Yes subject unto laws of time and place; It moves responsive to the spirit's will, While its soul counterpart stands calm and still; Yet her THIND SHLY is conscious of a power That crowes with glory every human flower Her being thrills with love for all mankind, Till in each heart she learns God's soul to find The Triune biystery, for her, is solved, And man's conficient nature is evolved.

### A Wooden Sonnet,

BY MADGE HORSES.

Long time ago two trees together stood, One lofty-statured and strong armed, that recked No whit of storms which swept the shivering wood; And one fair-foliaged and flower-decked. And neares draw they, and still nearer stood, Until the blossom-bended branches swung Their fragrant leaves the barer boughs among, And each with each inlaced its veins of wood; And nearer grew they till the noon day sun His round of making shadows made but one And lol a wonder in the forest stood, A double-hearted tree amid the wood, The great god, Pan, out from the forest pressed, And Nature's fair first wooden wedding blessed.

As wood groweth leaflet and blossom, And herry and foliage and wine, May the blossoms of blessings grow ever Out of this wooden wedding of thine, And grow on in love, and in loving, Till round as the rounding a rime, Till ye hear the soul-song of Nirvana And measure the heart-heats of time,

### Regrets.

FROM ME. AND MES, JOHN THORNSURGH,

Dear stranger friends, I write to say, We gladly would be present on your Wooden Wedding day. " Age, time, distance, to foll, combine, A good lotent, to meet, enjoy and satisfy

Please accept our thanks for all good intent, And also kind regards for all the Kindness meant.

May the return of that baptismal day Recur, with added blessings all along, Life's busy way

And when the Lord of Glory in his Mercy comes To gather in the workers to their

Immortal homes, May the chiming bells of angels Chant the authors of the blest And usher in the golden day when Weary workers rest.

And when the Bridegroom cometh at The trumpet sound, May you with all the good and true Be found With oil within your lamps, "prepared

For any fate," When opes the pearly door to enter through the Golden Gute.

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Wedded.

BY STABLEY PITZPATRICK.

Once mons agone, in the ages past. Long ere this sphere was hung in space, A spark divine, from the Infinite cast, Went forth to find its allotted place.

A spark divine,—it divided in twain,— Bound by a chain that time cannot sever, Apart they were drifted again and again, Yet one and the same forever and ever,

Up thro' the mazes of matter they came-Round upon round and world upon world! Each seemed a unit-yet both were the name-As on thro' th' realms of Creation they whirled.

Oft as they mounted thro' ages and apheres—Again reunited—asunder were thrown—On thro' the march of the slow circling years.
The spirit within turned still to its own.

For each was the half of a perfect whole, And each to the other was bound for aye, While each sought ever its own twin soul Æons and cycles rolled silently by.

Till when by the will of the potent All-Good They were cast on the plane of earth-life— Clad in the veil of the spirit they stood— Met and embraced—were husband and wife,

To spirits like these, who forever were one,
Is the mystical, true, loner marriage of soul;
On them has the star of the Infinite shone
And will brighten as onward the ages shall roll,

Corworkers they stand in the vineyard of life While each to the other is Savior and Friend-ne promoter of peace—the soother of strife— Till the labors and care of earth-life shall end.

Then on thro' the march of sternity's years, And on thro' the ages and cycles to come; Triumphant they tread, undaunted by fears, way that leads to the spirit's true home Sunshine.

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tool, or a musician an ingeniously con-structed instrument. When Sunday evening comes and we hold our promised circle I shall hope to initiate you much further into the truth as we perceive it, on all those subjects; now it is time for dinner, and as we have had a good deal of mental food to-day to think about and digest at our leisure, I propose that after a light but satisfying repast we run over to Coney Island and see the fireworks; we can get there by 8:30 and be home again at midnight."

"I for one, shall be delighted," responded Mr. Toole, with alacrity, and all of them private dressing-rooms attached, the others chiming in, they quickened their pace homeward, soon adjusted their toilets and after a very delicious but exceedingly simple dinner they found them-selves crossing the water under the light of the silvery moon which was then at its full and just rising, in ample time to reach the island for the display of pyrotechnic skill which to those who, like Mr. Toole, had lived all his days in quiet seclusion from popular gayeties must appear as a feat almost beyond man's unaided accomplishment. It was fully 9:30 before the display began and it continued till nearly 11.

Those of our readers who have ever visited Coney Island in Summer know how supremely beautiful is the whole enchanting scene. The rolling of old ocean, the superb strains of the incomparable band, the brilliant electric illumination of the island, the gorgeousness of the palatial hotel, and to cap the climax the unequaled pyrotechnic display in the late evening, contribute to render the scene a veritable realization of childhood's dreams of fairyland. Suddenly transported from scenes of sober thought and strenuous argument to this gay haunt of what should be pure and innocent enjoyment, the minister from Vermont was affected more strangely than he had ever been in his life before; on the way home he was quiet to taciturnity, and seeing that his mood was reflective instead of as was usually the case, quite talkative, Dr. Maxwell, Mrs. Finchley and the three O'Shanningtons fell to talking briskly about the prospects of the world in the 20th Century, if the present pace of improvement in mechanical skill should become accelerated during the next few years.

Mr. Toole, in his semi-recumbent posture on the steamer deck, apparently dozing in an obscure corner, though he had no wish to talk, listened with breathless wonder to some of his host's astounding statements concerning man's power over the elements. The fireworks had led Mrs. O'Shannington to question Mrs. Finchley on the possibility of rain being brought from the clouds in periods of dearth, by means of pyrotechnic display, for, said she, "I have always observed, when fireworks have been let off in great quantities, showers have fallen soon after." This remark was called out by a slight sprinkling of rain which led the party to seek a more sheltered corner on the boat.

Dr. Maxwell after listening to his aunt's brief reply to her friend's question volunteered some amazing information he had collected when in France from members of the Academy, to the effect that rain can be produced at will by human ingenuity; and provided, Governments are willing to large appropriations, sumetenu scientists now living are quite ready to construct and set in motion electrical rainproducing apparatus, as they are also prepared to perfect long talked of schemes of aerial navigation. Bulwer's wings on his Vril-Ya in the Coming Race are simple and quite practical mechanical contrivances; but until a new industrial system is in vogue, these great inventions cannot be fairly tested for lack of means, as the wealth of no individual is apt to be available for such purposes, whose first cost would be necessarily enormous. However when co-operation shall become universal, science will not be fettered as it now is for lack of means, and in the next century education will doubtless have made such rapid strides, that the incredulity now so prevalent whenever such subjects are broached will have almost entirely disappeared. In the natural evolution of events unless some remarkable backward current sets in, it cannot be another half century before many of the most utopian expectations of the world's savans will be realized; first in America and then in Europe. America will doubtless take precedence even when European Scientists are the projectors of the schemes, not because of the superior intelligence of the American nation, so much as on account of the readiness of a newer country to try measures which the conservatism of the old world would wish to see fully perfected her. Fragile in body, but beautiful withal elsewhere before favoring their introduction into European countries. Talking in this strain with considerable animation till the boat landed at the Twenty-third street pier, our friends regaled themselves with encouraging foregleams of happier days in store, days we must not only hope and platform, and was to the French Acade-pray for, but WORK for with all our micians a star beaming with celestial lustre. might. By 1 A. M., the household at 312 Sycamore avenue, was again rocked in the peaceful arms of Morpheus and it was late

awoke. Mr. Toole had had a singular and prophetic dream, and when he presented himself at breakfast just as the others were library. The O'Shannington's took books about to rise from the table, his countenance wore an unusually thoughtful expres-sion. He was rather silent, but not at all urably anticipating the Bible class which

on the following morning before any one

Onesimus Toole; or, from Shadows to tally, only intensely anxious to learn more Mrs. Catsleigh's instructions in metaof the mysterious science on whose thres- physics may interest our readers. hold he felt himself palpably standing. have a good deal to say to you. Now go such as have been rejoicing in Mr. all of you and visit the alligator." The parties to whom the alligator had been menso-called Evangelist. lioned before (Lydia O'Shannington in particular) were all anxiety to see the wonderful creature which dwelt in Mrs. Finchley' private bath-room.

The house was one of those comfortable, roomy ones, built when land was chesp and people had no idea of squeez ing twenty people into a house too small for ten. The best bed-rooms had several SAN FRANCISCO, : CALIFORNIA not little closets, but good-sized rooms, much larger than the "elegant hall chambers" so often let to single persons at fabulous rents all over the city, and which are considesed large if they are as roomy as fair-sized dog-kennels. Mrs. Finchley's room was over the drawing-room; Dr. Maxwell's was a flight above. Both those rooms would have comfortably seated one hundred and fifty persons had the furniture been displaced by benches, and then there would have been room for all who might occupy a platform at one end. Leading out of the main room was a dress-ing-room more like a conservatory than a A. MONTPELLIER were growing freely there. One side of the wall was entirely of glass and looked with a gentle start and looked up with H. M. LARUE . . . . . quite an intelligent expression when his L.C. STEELE . . . .

to those good people." snap," said Mrs. Finchley, as slight signs of alarm began to be depicted on the countenances of her guests, "now get up Jeffy and fetch the paper." The obedi-ent creature slowly climbed over the side of the tank, and following the lady like a lazy dog, slowly advanced into the adjoining room, and picking up the morning Sun, handed it to her as though he fully understood his business. She took it from his jaw just as she would have done from the mouth of a favorite dog; she then fed him with varieties of vegetation upon which members of his species thrive; he took his food from her hand with all the docility of a well-trained horse, and then followed her back to his own chamber where he peacefully reclined on a bank specially constructed for his accommodation on the edge of the water. "Human electricity, that is all" smilingly explained Mrs. Finchley, in answer to numerous enquiries from those who had witnessed the performance. "Prof. de Montmarte assured me the words of the Apostle James are literally accurate according to his experience: 'Every kind of beasts and birds, of creeping things and things in the sea, is tamed by mankind.' (James III, verse 7, revised version). When true theosophy breaks through the encumbering mass of oriental legend and superstition which now envelops it, and when theosophists live as well as preach what Gantama taught; when Christians put the precepts of the gospel into practice, it will not be long before another Paul may shake a viper from his unharmed hand, hetamicted for relief and man in the image of Deity may exercise, as well as claim divine prerogatives and show himself the 'lord of nature all. I am a very humble and untutored disciple of the truth, but poor as are my attainments, and many as are my weaknesses, I have learned by curbing my own rising anger, and other base emotions, to subdue in some measure the lower animals to my will; as a child, nothing grieved and angered me more than to see a dumb creature ill-used. I used to collect pennies from the children in my class, when taught in a Sunday-school, to send to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a noted body of which my nephew is a distinguished member. When that dastardly villainy known as vivisection, dared to expose its viperish head, clad in the borrowed plumes of science, in the college where he was studying, my nephew, then only twenty-one, refuted the ablest professor on his own ground and won a gold medal of honor for the finest essay ever presented on the subject. We will rule by kindness or not at all; that is our motto. We leave cruelty to brutes and savages, and in them we seek

to overcome it. "I was at one time in the presence of Dr. Anna Kingsford, in London, and she and I had more soul communion in one hour than I have enjoyed with any other woman in a lifetime. I shall never forget -beyond the ordinary beauty of fair women-strong in intellect, tender in heart, noble beyond description in the purpose of her life, this gentle, graceful, heroine fought and conquered the most virulent opposition on the anti-vivisection platform, and was to the French Acade-Dear, brave, noble, saintly woman, her memory will live in the grateful hearts of humanity when time shall be no more."

Visibly affected by Mrs. Finchley's emotion, her guests repaired slowly to their various enjoyments. Mr. Toole had a long chat with Dr. Maxwell in the and fancy work into the garden. At 1:30

This chapter is already too long, so we Dr. Maxwell diviolog his unspoken wish for a private confidential talk, said pleasantly, "Come into the library about 11 a. M., I act, which will introduce us to a Bible shall be disengaged for an hour then, I reading of a character decidedly novel to

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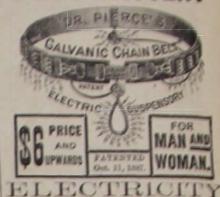
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