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GEMS OF THOUGHT.

The best becomes a man which he is by Nature intended to perform.

He who does not engage in the quarrels of others will have few of his own.

Train yourself to unselfishness in what the world pleases to call little things.—*E. E. Hale.*

That man that doth not know those things which are of necessity for him to know, is but an ignorant man, whatever he may know besides.—*Tillotson.*

What is it to be wise? 'Tis but to know
How little can be known;
To see all others' faults
And feel our own.

—*Memphis Appeal.*

Of natural duties, we affirm that in authority they are higher than law; in time, older than creation; in worth, more valuable than the universe.—*Horsley.*

It is more honorable to the head, as well as to the heart, to be misled by our eagerness in the pursuit of truth, than to be safe from blundering by contempt of it.

There are few mortals so insensible that their affections cannot be gained by mildness, their confidence by sincerity, their hatred by scorn and neglect.—*Zimmerman.*

"They be happy, the happiest of their kind,
Whom gentle stars unite in one fate
Their hearts, their fortunes, and their beings blend."

We would willingly have others perfect, and yet we amend not our own faults. And thus it appeareth how seldom we weigh our neighbor in the same balance with ourselves.—*Thomas a Kempis.*

"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness I can show to a human being, let me do it now. Let me not neglect or defer it, for I shall not pass this way again.

I HONOR the man who is ready to sink
Half his present repate for the freedom to think,
And when he has thought, be his cause strong or weak.

Will risk 't'other half for the freedom to speak,
Caring not for what vengeance the mob has in store,
Let that mob be the upper ten thousand or more.

—*James Russell Lowell.*

A man is his own best kingdom. But self-control, this truest and greatest monarchy, rarely come by inheritance. Every one of us must conquer himself; and we may do so if we take conscience for our guide and general.—*Sir John Lubbock.*

Struggle, earnest, deadly struggle, is the universal, indispensable law of the soul's advancement. He who has never labored at the all but hopeless difficulty of self-conquest knows and cares naught about the mortal pangs of human weakness.—*P. C. Moscovider.*

Not a blade of grass but has a story to tell, not a heart but has its romance, not a life which does not hide a secret which is either its thorn or its spur. Everywhere grief, hope, comedy, tragedy. Even under the petrification of old age, as in the twisted forms of fossils, we may discover the agitations and tortures of youth.—*Amiel.*

HEAVEN AND HELL.

What and where are They as Taught by the Angel Ithael.

[Through Helen M. Walton, Wisdom Circle, August 30, 1889.]

FRIENDS AND PUPILS: Can there be any specified place of Heaven or Hell in the here or the hereafter, when there is no fixed place of Deity but dwells everywhere, and according to the law of divine correspondence, this world of the present is but a modified form of the world of the past, because the visible in all things is but the expression of the invisible in the universe, hence the other world so-called, must of necessity be in more perfect form, yet subject to the same law, and all entering are bound by the same office, while none entering or inhabiting that condition could have reached there without passing through the grave, shedding the mortal body, thereby putting on spirit or immortal matter. Yet, what is spirit but sublimated matter, and what is soul but the ethereal essence of spirit? Thus body, spirit, soul, are the triplex unity, man; combining in one intelligence the whole being entirely outside the law of penalty, or punishment after death.

The past teachers preached a real fire, a visible flame of consuming, into which all souls after death were cast to write in more than mortal agony forever, holding the sinner to endless pain. True, Calvin and Luther did improve a little on this theory by offering an atonement at *extremis*, just as if the soul or spirit were of mortal texture and corporeal substance, and could be punished, while a later orthodox mortifies that belief by a representative torment suffered by the likeness of a man in a wholesale atonement, in a wholesale repentance and final justification promised when the penalty of the sinner shall be paid by the suffering of a what they call a loving, tender and compassionate God, whose omnipotence takes cognizance of all the suffering of his son, yet whose justice demands the sacrifice and glories in its fulfillment.

How can this be true, since spirit is not actual substance? Body is not spirit, is not soul; each must fulfill its own law, all subject to a higher intelligence that cannot be measured but by its own divine selfhood, the result of this intelligence can be bounded, but never its source, nor by any stretch of human or divine mandate can a soul be made to suffer pangs, penalties, love or joy outside its own inherent law. Hence all the bells that could be crowded into universal space would fall harmlessly on an intelligence that takes its rise in the one great fountain of light and life, whose force finds its way back again when its work is finished, its purpose accomplished, being in no way subject to the law of any more than a dead body to corporeal pain.

It is a solemn fact potent to all thinkers and divine revelators, that the identity called man is composed of three parts, body, spirit and soul, each having its own office distinct, yet each mortal an epitome of the great whole. The physical body lives its earth life as a part of its nature, performs its functions as such, dies, is decomposed, having no resurrection, is the property of the earth in future gases, vegetation, enters into new life in disintegrated particles, benefits its kind with its own crude material, its finer essences being removed by death to create the spirit, all that was of earth returning to its congenial element, finds its place, while the impalpable spirit rises in the atmosphere as a part of the intangible life of itself. Its elements conjoined make the visible covering a house of the invisible soul, whose chemical essences becoming more rarified by the change, is by the soul shed again, as was the body, as a garment, yet, having no relations with its atoms, after a while dissolves into congenial conditions of space into nothing, leaving its immortal guest to mingle again with its divine origin. The soul, then being no more a life of a part, but a part of a great whole, whose dwelling is in the supernal realms of eternal day, adding nothing to the great universe of souls, and taking nothing away when projected into mortal life but its own perfect individuality, dwells in soul life for space among the supreme, all-creating, self-existing presence of the great Over-soul, of which men know so little and prate so much.

There can be no personal form or individuality in the infinite beatific whole, the soul of souls, whose essence pervades all life. Every particle of matter is in the molecule as well as the mountain, in the speck as in the volcano, in the tiny mouth as in the everlasting hills, in the depth of water as in the vasty ocean. Therefore, wherever is most of all this glorified power, there is Heaven, whether around, above, below, without, within, wherever this most confluent all shall obtain its own indivisible selfhood, there its kingdom, and is most potent in our very midst, and its living, breathing expression is all around in a great wave of goodness, virtue, religion, justice, civilization, wisdom and knowledge, in one grand effluence of love to all mankind. And such of the human race, as by culture, intelligence, natural goodness and spirituality, are subject of its influence, whose deeds in the direction of good entitle them to its grace, each striving for light and peace, whether living, or as you say, dead, adding something to the Heaven in which th y dwell.

Side by side traveling, body, spirit, soul, each in distinct entities, having functions complete in the whole, are the inmates of hell, wherever it may be. These, after death, so-called, the flexible spirit grips and struggles for the light, while the kingly soul struggles to be freed from its tabernacle of night, as the spirit once mourned in its house of clay and trying to free itself roams untouched by the surroundings, yet hoping for release. The soul, electing itself out of hell, sheds the spirit by virtue of its soul office, mounts the realm of supernal day, gains the place of souls, finds that supreme knowledge of which it is a part, and in decade of time, is projected on a higher plane again, becomes a son of man, creates another spirit, another body, begins another earth life, and in a series of re-incarnations go on continuously in their turn, producing each time a higher type, a more perfect entity, culminating at last in a glorified being, finds the sphere of the exalted angels, never losing individuality, always having its own attributes, self-existent, losing nothing, but gaining all, in each decade, only the memory of past existence giving at last the irrefragable whole. And this is immortality and the aspiration of every soul.

Wherever the condition of crime, ignorance, superstition and poverty are jointly combined there is hell, and its penalty is physical suffering, moral blindness, and this from breaking the divine law of existence, whether broken by ignorance, it matters not. There is but one law, the same, and as evident as that if the finger be put in the fire it will be burned, and it is just so certain that punishment will ensue, and in this hour of religious growth, ignorance is inexcusable, and that intelligence is universal in the average of the race, while ignorance is the lesser element in civilized land is the exception. Hence, what is called knowledge, wisdom, science, religion or inspiration is so great a motor, so enlarged in its sphere, there can be no necessity for the condition of ignorance which is the father of crime, since the illimitable light of goodness, truth and justice is all around your world, knowing no particular locality or boundary, ever verging towards the best there is in man, ever teaching by its illuminations the human family, who will receive its knowledge. And this knowledge gives universal intelligence to the race, goodness and love. The atmosphere of continual growth is the one expression of Deity through the human whose instinctive movement compels development and produces moral health within and without, making the only heaven of the eternal years, which is in the midst of men, is the abode of the living and dead, while the angel hosts are the purified, the glorified, whether in the body or out of it, and this heaven is in the power of every human being to inherit, by virtue of the soul within that being.

These things being true, what need of priest, redeemer, or any ministration, since it is in the power of every body to beautify his spirit, and jointly to produce on your earth a perfect soul, immortal and spheric, thus forming a condition in which death might become unknown as a term or even an experience.

The place of hell is here on your earth as well as elsewhere, and makes the other great wave of human bondage. It is continual, ever flowing onward and around, with its deeds of awful depravity, its universal current of damnable wrong, and is

as entirely the free choice of mortals as is the opposite, and these two states being but the conditions mortals make for themselves, and is the absolute choice, one or the other, of every human being. The wisest choose heaven, and are in it while alive, and after death the same, only more capable of its pure enjoyment. From putting off the body they find a greater progress possible.

The ignorant, benighted ones who choose the condition found in the corresponding wave, hell, whose constant flow is crime, whose continual ebb is wretchedness, darkness, its penalty death, or less of physical existence of the life germ. The spirit lingering and mingling with the living, a breathing, damning existence of crime and brutality, surging, seething onward, around, to its decadence, throwing its slimy, dark burden of souls on the human shore, to become subject to the vitalizing rays of the light of God by this kindly office of Deity, the benighted being becomes enlightened, brought into the knowledge of the truth, and is permitted to join the throng of the reincarnated, whose travel is still onward, beyond all mortal imaginings or desires.

Thus race succeeds race, immortals succeed mortals, the eternal the ternal, the infinite the finite throughout the kingdoms of unceasing progress and universal space, whose entity is but one being, that being the great whole whose sublime essence pervades every atom of life, is the residence of all planets, the ensphere of the spheres whose human planetary system is the whole human family on earth, heaven or spheres, and yet men talk about God, heaven, hell and the soul as of the weather or the tides; as if man could at all comprehend the incomprehensible or ever understand or know the infinite mind, or could look on the awful beatitude of a circle of revolving stars, as so terrible as to consume the very planets at will, and so far that archangels see not, yet so near as to be within, and a part of whose irrefragable essence in every human soul, which must by virtue of its selfhood be obedient to its own sovereign intelligence.

If this be true, and who says it is not, and is the revelation of a great soul to a lesser one, how is it possible that the sublimated essence of the comprehensive whole could so lose sight of its own attributes and altitudes as to disintegrate or destroy, punish, consume for a longer or shorter period, its own self? Then how more than preposterous for mortals to try to measure the vastness of a boundless whole, or dare to appoint to destruction the soul of man, or to suppose its author would destroy the planet earth and a million planets in its anger, or leave its sun to roll supreme in orbitless evolution, unable to project other planets in its centennial cycles of time, or should the visible sun at command of its invisible center-sun, the Deity, cause its functions to diverge from its orbit, become dark instead of light, have no circumference, plunge headlong into space, become lost in the vastness of its immensity, or be extinguished forever.

This being the impossible, how could we suppose that there could ever come a time when man, who is but an earth planet in himself, an individual sphere thrown off from the infinite I Am of the universe would become extinct as to race, or that the heavens be rolled together as a scroll, or become anything in the work of ages by the law of evolution, but a paradise of peace, the continued habitations of mortals and angels whose crown of glory would be the absolute of all worlds in a future where ignorance and crime, evil and misery shall have no more a part, each one being taught by the higher law of compensation will become too wise for hell, too clean for crime, too loving for hate, too human for murder, too rich to steal, too good to curse, even the teachers of the past might be forgiven their corruptions and find a better understanding of what Heaven and Hell is, in the great economy of God's eternal government throughout all time.

The coming hours are open, yet pure and spotless, receptacles for whatever you may deposit there. Let us start up and live. Here come the moments that cannot be had again: some few may yet be filled with imperishable good.—*James Martineau.*

You will never find time for anything; if you want time you must make it.

Choke Damp.

[A correspondent of the St. Helena Star, referring to the case of the two young men who were recently asphyxiated at that place in a well, says:]

Dangers are more or less avoidable by knowing where to find them; evils are usually associated with possible concomitant good. Had the two young men whose melancholy fate has so recently awakened the sympathies of this community, known that carbonic acid gas, known among miners as "choke damp," was liable to form in deep holes in the ground, their knowledge might have saved them.

Where it is necessary to clean a well, or a wine tank, in which last fermentation may have generated this heavy, though perfectly transparent gas, its existence can be easily ascertained by a lighted candle or live chicken. If the one goes out, or the other dies, in the suspected situation, it is no place for a man till the fixed air has been freely agitated and mixed with atmosphere by the free use of water.

The concomitant good above named is found in the attention painful events call to their causes, and thereby warn avoidance of them. But in spite of all these warnings, through the newspapers and otherwise, hardly a week passes without hearing of the death of a fool from the use of kerosene in kindling a fire, or, what is worse, the loss of life by the inexcusable habit of parents allowing their children to amuse themselves with pistols and guns. But in spite of all the caution it is possible to exercise, nay, sometimes in consequence of our caution, we add to the surroundings that endanger us, and compel the admission that, "There's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will."

Dean Clark in Santa Cruz.

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE:

We Santa Cruzans have had quite a treat in the lectures given us by Dr. Dean Clark on Sunday last, morning and evening; although coming at an unpropitious time, when all was gay and exciting outside, we had very fair audiences, and the Doctor's efforts were a pleasure and a surprise. His progressive ideas, so eloquently, logically and convincingly expressed, more than pleased those who had the pleasure of listening to his inspired utterances, and an effort will be made to make provision to retain him, with what measure of success remains to be seen. While our Society has crystallized into an incorporation, no munificent benefactions have as yet been bestowed, and most of us belong to that class of individuals who have taken heed to the injunction "lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth," etc. Therefore all depends. He is announced to lecture on Friday evening this week on the subject of the "Teachings of Christ, and the plan of Edward Bellamy," a subject just now engrossing the minds of some of the greatest on earth.

Yours for the truth,

W. H. BAXTER.

SANTA CRUZ, Sept. 9th, 1889.

The highest achievement of charity is to love our enemies, but to bear cheerfully with our neighbors' failings is scarcely an inferior grace. It is easy enough to love those who are agreeable and obliging,—what fly is not attracted by sugar and honey? But to love one who is cross, perverse, tiresome, is as unpleasant a process as chewing pills. Nevertheless, this is the real touchstone of brotherly love. The best way of practicing it is to put ourselves in the place of him who tries us, and see how we would wish him to treat us if we had his defects. We must put ourselves in the place of buyer when we sell, and seller when we buy, if we want to deal fairly.—*Francis De Sales.*

It is a great art in the Christian life to learn to be silent. Under oppositions, rebukes, injuries, still to be silent. It is better to say nothing than speak in an excited or angry manner, even if the occasion should seem to justify a degree of anger. By remaining silent, the mind is enabled to collect itself, and to call upon God in secret aspirations of prayer. And thus you will speak to the honor of your holy profession, as well as to the good of those who have injured you, when you speak from God.—*T. C. Upham.*

(Written for the Golden Gate.)
Does Spiritualism Exercise a Sufficient
Power of Moral Restraint.

By DEAN CLARK.

The above question has no doubt frequently been pressed upon the attention of all the advocates and defenders of Modern Spiritualism by their own cogitations, as well as the counter aspirations of its enemies. In the early days of his public career, the writer gave utterance to his views in an article published in the *Lantern of Light* under the title "SPIRITUALISM AS A REFORMATORY POWER," which has met with quite general approbation, and called forth from the distinguished reformer, Henry C. Wright, the encomium: "It is the best definition and syllogism of Spiritualism I have ever seen." Perhaps the writer cannot do better to-day than to quote from that article some of its most pertinent points to aid his present purpose.

"Unquestionably the great purpose of the present dispensation of Spiritual gifts and teachings is to correct the errors, right the wrongs, and purify the lives of mankind. It comes as did John the Baptist, saying, 'Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' It comes as the true physician 'for the healing of the nations,' and begins its treatment by trying to remove the causes of human ills. It analyzes all conditions, probes every wound, and applies its panacea as a specific to every disorder. It seeks first to purify the fountain, then remove the obstructions that have impeded and turned aside the stream of life. It lays the axe of truth at the root of the tree of error, and with sturdy strokes, extirpates the Upas that has spread its malaria through the world.

"It comes as a destroying angel with its besom of death, to sweep away oppression, slavery, vice, and all forms of injustice, and to prepare the soil of human hearts for the production of the tree of liberty, the plant of virtue, the flower of love, and the fruit of wisdom. It comes as the Savior of mankind by teaching them how to live in harmony with Nature's laws, so as to escape the penalties of violation which are inevitable.

"It comes as 'the Judge of the world,' to weigh in the balance of justice all human laws, customs, institutions, policies and creeds, and separating the sheep from the goats,' (truths from errors, good from evil), it says to the former: 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you,' in the human soul; and to the latter, 'Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire (destruction) prepared for the devil and his angels,' (for selfishness and the lusts of the flesh).

"It comes as the grandest reformatory power the world has ever known, and is in fact the very soul of all reforms. In politics, it demands patriotism, philanthropy, impartial justice, universal suffrage, qualified by an educational and moral fitness, and it exacts a recognition of the unalienable rights of man, and of the higher laws of eternal justice predicated upon the universal brotherhood of mankind. In religion it requires spirit devotion, not formal worship; practical living, not hypocritical pretense; real possession, not false profession; genuine goodness, not imputed righteousness: SELF-ABNEGATION instead of sectarian exclusiveness, self-righteousness and self-love. It teaches the sacrifice of animal selfishness, not 'vicarious atonement,' as the 'saving grace' for individual purification, and as the only acceptable offering on the altar of spiritual aspiration.

"Its methods of reform are not appeals to human selfishness, nor to man's fears of an angry God, a vindictive devil, nor an eternal hell. It does not endeavor to make mankind better by threats, bribes nor flattery, but by appeals to their spiritual nature, to their love of truth, virtue, honor, and all that is noble and beautiful, seeks to 'overcome evil with good,' to subject the animal to the spiritual, and asks us to do right, because 'it is right and Godlike,' not because it is expedient and politic.

"It teaches that to do good to others is to do it most effectually to ourselves; and by every principle, honesty, justice, temperance, in all things, and purity of thought and righteousness in actions.

"And by its divine ministrations, its angelic inspirations, it stimulates the growth of spirituality, the main-spring and motive power of all reformatory effort. It works as God ever works, from within outward, and its leaven of truth and love shall yet leaven the whole lump for the fiat of Omnipotent Wisdom hath decreed it."

Such was the belief and the inspiration of the writer twenty years ago, and such is still his conviction as to the intrinsic power and ultimate purpose of the present Spiritual Dispensation. But the ardor of youthful hope and expectation as to the Kingdom of Heaven being "at hand," except in a few souls, is tempered by a profounder knowledge of human nature, and moderated by the philosophy of history to an expectation of but a slow growth toward divinity.

At first view it seems to most people, that a knowledge of the fact that some of our spirit friends are constantly with us to see not only our every act, but even our sacred thoughts, would almost wholly prevent believers from the commission of evil deeds. And when to that fact is added the emphatic teaching of all intelligent spirits, that the law of compensation and

retribution, expressed in scripture language, "Whoso doeth wrong shall suffer for the wrong he hath done;" "As ye sow so shall ye also reap," etc., is absolutely sure of fulfillment in a condition of mental hell, a state of misery faintly symbolized by Dante's "Inferno," it would seem that no system of belief or teaching could possibly afford greater restraints upon evil doing.

The writer once thought that all who sincerely believed in Spiritualism must of necessity be honest, upright, noble people, but sad experience and extensive observation have taught him that "for ways that are dark and tricks that are devisish," some Spiritualists can even discount "the heathen Chinese." Twice has he been swindled and robbed of all his hard earned means of support—the small savings of meager compensation laid by for "a rainy day," and for support during "often infirmities," by a self-denying economy almost parsimonious—and in both instances by influential and leading Spiritualists! (?!)

"Tis true 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true," that the writer's unfortunate experience is not a solitary one. More than one "Uriah Heap" has made himself conspicuous in our public work, and betrayed every public and private trust with no apparent compunction of conscience. In the light of such painful facts, is there not a pertinency in the question heading this article, and is it not a question for most serious reflection on the part of all conscientious Spiritualists? Does like these on the part of believers in the vicarious atonement, where "Jesus died and paid it all, all the debt we owe," do not seem so incongruous, even if they are not more excusable, as when done by prominent Spiritualists in the full face of their spirit friends, and of the philosophy which they fully understand and are ready at teaching. Where is the fault, and what is the remedy for this unhappy condition of things?

Certainly there is no higher code of morality known to mortals than that taught by Spiritualism. If any ism ever taught can restrain the selfish, sensual and devilish actions of men, it would seem that Spiritualism, with its assurance of no forgiveness for sin, no proxy atonement, and the absolute certainty of misery for the consequence of evil thoughts and deeds, ought to be *per excellence*, the greatest possible barrier so far at least, as *far* can be. And what, that greater, its appeal to the moral and spiritual nature is not outdone so far as theory goes, by any religious system extant. It cannot then, be the fault of the philosophy, which neither teaches nor tolerates wrong. What is the matter, then? Largely, of course, the fault is in the undevelopment of human nature which makes men common sinners whatever their belief or theory. But aside from common human depravity, the writer feels assured that not enough stress has been given by its teachers to the ethical and spiritual side of Spiritualism. It has appealed disproportionately to the perceptive and intellectual faculties as a phenomena and a science, and not sufficiently to the moral nature as an ethical guide of life. Both spirits and Spiritualists have been prone to dwell in thought and speech upon the ecstatic joys and inexpressible beauties of "the Summerland," and to spend all their time and thought in "sweet communion" with loved ones (or those pretending to be) while overlooking the miseries of this world and the hells of the next caused by human wickedness. Right here is the reason that the advanced teachers of Spiritualism deplore the phenomenal craze which keeps so many Spiritualists in the kindergarten of our movement year after year with no apparent mental or spiritual growth. Phenomena is a *sine qua non* as a foundation, as the alphabet, and we would not have less, but more of it, but when it becomes not only the Alpha but the Omega of a devotee's thought, to the exclusion of the higher teachings of higher spirits than those who principally produce sensuous phenomena, it becomes "a stumbling block" and a hamper, instead of a helper to individual development. In evidence of this truth, it will be found that the culprits who have most disgraced our cause, as a rule, are surely Spiritualists or phenomenalists.

The writer well understands that in the natural order of evolution, the phenomenal and doctrinal phases of the movement are first in order. Proselytism by facts, reason and science is first, but reformation and spiritualization of those who believe, is next in order, and by far the most important. Mark these words. It is all the greater damnation to know the right and then to do the wrong. If Spiritualism does not make mankind better, it either fails of its true mission or there is something lacking in doctrine or mode of teaching.

We must accept the rule that, "A tree shall be known by its fruits," and can only say in excuse for the bad conduct of numerous delinquents of our following, that it is yet but Spring-time and the fruit of Spiritualism is not ripened. We who cultivate the soil must not depend solely upon spirits to give the increase, nor to improve the quality of the fruit. Much depends upon the kind of fertilizing we impart, and our method of pruning. By both precept and example we should show the way of right living to the evil doers; then when they are incorrigible, it is the duty of all honest and honorable Spiritualists to give them the discipline of social ostracism—expose their villainy to protect the public, then "let them severely alone." Refuse to associate with them, or to tolerate their contaminating or polluting presence, publicly and privately, and let them feel the

sting of public scorn till the sting of conscience shall do its perfect work in awakening their dormant moral sensibilities and bring them to repentance for their selfish misdeeds.

For good and true Spiritualists to fellowship unbekingly those who disgrace the name, and use it and the position given them, as the means of deceiving and swindling their unfortunate associates, is to encourage them in their nefarious work and to compromise their own standing in good society where the rule is, "A man is known by the company he keeps."

The plea for charity is not called for till these wicked deceivers show "fruit meet for repentance," but justice requires such a form of discipline as their calloused souls must have, both as a restraint and a corrective, and exclusion from fellowship and banishment from self-respecting society, where they will find no exercise for their predatory propensities, but where conscience and accusing spirits shall become the Nemesis of avenging justice, and the "means of grace" for their ultimate salvation seem to the writer to be the thing required, and the imperative duty of all true Spiritualists to administer.

(Written for the Golden Gate.)

The Sin of Slavery.

By ALONZO,

According to the biblical legend, work was originally inflicted on man as a curse for some undefined criminality vaguely hinted at under the symbol of eating forbidden fruit. While there is every reason to believe that activity is a necessity of existence, and that human beings, as everything else, are created to work, yet there are a great many ways of working, and there is a vast difference between artistic constructive labor which brings its legitimate reward in happiness to the worker and others, and stupid, monotonous slavery, for no reward but destitution and rags. The crying sin of the present so-called civilization is over-work—base, ignoble servitude to passions that can never be satisfied; vain pursuit of phantoms and illusions of untrained imaginations.

Two hours' labor a day, with modern labor-saving machinery and intelligent organization, would satisfy all the material wants of society much better than they can be satisfied under existing conditions, yet we see the great masses of the people scheming with knitted brows, or struggling, sweating and surging, and listen to the din and racket and roar of labor sixteen hours a day, and then half of them don't get a living at all any better than animals, and those who do get enough are not satisfied and never can be, because they don't know how to live. And from press, pulpit and platform, the people are lashed and goaded on to the suicidal strife. They are taught that the only object of life is to work like slaves, or scheme and cheat to get material wealth, and then work to compete with one another in the vulgar display of it.

The majority of people don't enjoy what they possess at all—they never think about that—they merely grasp for everything they see anybody else get, just like a lot of children plucking flowers, to see who can get the most—not enjoying them but destroying them. The origin of the faith in mere stupid slavery and the love of it for its own sake, is traceable directly back to the barbarism of Europe, where for ages men have been trained that the only object of life was to work to support kings, priests, landlords and standing armies, and any one who was not useful for this service, was of no use to live. To question the right of these hordes of idle consumers to be supported off the fruits of productive industry was heresy unpardonable. The same ideas still prevail to a great extent, a hereditary legacy of ignorance descended on the children of a half or wholly savage ancestry.

In tracing the evil of over-work to its primary producing causes, we find them deep-seated. The basis is in the undeveloped condition of humanity, their ignorance of law and truth, social and spiritual, and their unwillingness to be just with one another. Material wealth is made the end and object of existence, and selfishness of the low and animal order the inspiring motive. The extreme poverty, over-work and destitution of the poor is due first to a mal-adjustment in the social system, by which those who are rich are enabled to tax rent and interest on the rest of the community, thus virtually giving the rich the privilege of being supported from the labors of the poor without making any return. The abolition of rent and interest by a changed land tenure, and changed financial administration, would go a great way to abolishing involuntary material poverty; but this is not all that is necessary, for we find that those who are rich are in reality little better than those who are poor.

Material poverty is only the external expression of mental and spiritual poverty. The slavery of fashion and the spirit of antagonism must be eradicated out of men's minds. People must learn the use of things, and not their abuse; they must learn to enjoy things in themselves. Now they don't enjoy things in themselves for any use or beauty or comfort that they yield, but they grasp at things more for the mere sake of possession and show of superiority over other people. The root of the whole evil is the crazy spirit of antagonism which makes people seek pleasure in over-reaching one another, in trying to

grasp material things away from one another, and establish a false and brutal superiority.

The possession of material things is a false basis of superiority; the only true and real and lasting superiority consists in possession of faculties of mind and character. The spirit which incites people to over-reach one another, is a blind animal force, the same which inspires brutes to fight and destroy one another. True and lasting happiness or superiority can never be established in this way, because the spirit which animates this action is a destructive, hell-bound spirit of antagonism which inevitably consumes and destroys the bodies of those that harbor it and live in its atmosphere. It is a sort of self-generating curse which holds those under its influence in miserable slavery, whether they be rich or poor.

The physical bodies of those who have become habituated to unceasing mechanical drudgery, become fossilized or mummified into such a condition that they can't develop any higher human faculties, and are practically unfit for anything else but slaves. The physical bodies of those who don't work at useful labor, but devote themselves to selfish indulgences, become corrupted into the animal expression of that selfishness, so that they are impenable to the emotions of a truer humanity, wholly unconscious of the nobler life that is dormant within. The effect of the regenerating spiritual forces which are now impugning on the mind-atmosphere of this world, will be to drive to insanity or imbecility those who will persist in their selfish brutality, or else open up their structures to a different ideal of life.

The present physical bodies of mankind in their disease and depravity are moving sepulchres in which their souls are buried. Humanity here is really in the *pupae* or chrysalis stage of existence. The human spirit is encased bodily and mentally in a spiritual web of animalism, through which he cannot feel or realize any conception of the emotions which glow in living flame; the sensations which flow in living currents through the elastic spiritual structures of the Emancipated Man. But "the resurrection weaves within the pall;" the structures of animalism will be consumed as food to nourish the inner humanity which already stirs in its shell, just as the meat of the seed is consumed to nourish the germinating sprout. The Spirit of Truth, the soul and life essence of all being is the vital force which enables the emerging humanity to assimilate all grosser elements to its ultimate upbuilding.

The present generation, brought up under the influence of the public schools, are becoming rapidly more sensitive and spiritual, and less adapted for mere mechanical slavery, while dogmatic theological superstitions cease any longer to terrify them, or make any impression but that of contempt on their minds. The world-wide movement in favor of an eight hour day for labor, is a certain indication that the world at large is awakening to a feeling that men were not created merely to be material slaves like beasts of burden. When men learn that they can only free themselves from tyranny and slavery by freeing themselves from the ignorance and animalism that causes them, their progress will be swift. The people of the world now grovel in animalism, and crush one another like beasts in their insensate selfishness, while over the scene hovers the darkness of political and theological superstition evolved out of the past barbarism of the race. There is hardly a custom, fashion or law of the present society which has any form, foundation in truth or principle. They have come up unconsciously out of barbarism as brush grows up in a swamp. Seekers after truth, those who will be fitted for members of a New Civilization, must divest themselves of all opinions on any subject, no matter how ancient or respectable, which will not fit into the construction of a society where the good of each will be the concern of all.

I have not time in this short epistle, to throw much light on, or explain at length, the methods and processes of the evolutionary forces which are ceaselessly, silently and irresistibly working for the emancipation of humanity from material and mental slavery, but I will say, by way of warning, that those ignorant and selfish people who are trying to obstruct the operations of these forces and to antagonize the mediums for their transmission, are putting themselves on very dangerous ground, and in a position which will inevitably bring them deep and painful humiliation. The best thing they can do is to seek the light of a better life, for they are the ones who need it most.

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LOCATED FIVE MILES BELOW THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA.

The Finest Scenery and Fairest Climate on the Globe.

Building Progressing Rapidly.

It has long been the desire of many Spiritualists that a Spiritualist Colony, or place of pleasurable and educational resort, might be located at some convenient point on this Coast—a place where the Spiritualists of the world could meet and establish permanent homes, and enjoy all the advantages, not only of our "glorious climate," but of the social and spiritual communion that such association of Spiritualists would insure.

Summerland offers all the advantages for such a colony, located as it is upon the seashore, in the unequalled climate of Santa Barbara, and but five miles from that most beautiful city, a spot overlooking the ocean, extending even to its silvery shore, with a background of mountains, which forms a shelter from the north winds, insuring what that country has the reputation of enjoying—the most equable climate in the world. It is located on the Southern Pacific Railroad, now completed between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, and on what in the near future will be the main line of that road.

The site constitutes a part of what is known as the Orto Rancho, owned by H. L. Williams. It faces the south and ocean, gently sloping to the latter, where as fine bathing ground exists as can be found on this Coast. A fine beach drive extends to and beyond the city of Santa Barbara. Back, and two and a half miles to the north, extends the Santa Inez range of mountains, forming a beautiful and picturesque background. A most beautiful view of the mountains, islands, ocean, and along the coast, is had from all parts of the site. The soil is of the very best. Pure spring water is distributed over the entire tract from an unfauling source, having a pressure of two hundred feet head.

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The object of this Colony is to ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF SPIRITUALISM.

And not to make money selling lots, as the price received does not equal the price adjoining land was sold for by the acre, said lands not being as good.

The government of the Colony will be by its inhabitants the same as other towns and cities. A prohibitory liquor clause is in every deed. Title to property unquestionable.

Orders for lots in Summerland will be received, entered and selected by the undersigned where parties can not be present to select for themselves, with the privilege of exchanging for others without cost (other than recording fee) if they prefer them when they visit the ground.

Reference: Commercial Bank, Santa Barbara. Send for plat of the town, and for further information, to

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H. L. WILLIAMS, Prop'r.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL.

A noticeable increase in attendance at the above named meeting last Sunday evening, demonstrated the fact that these meetings are fast recovering from the vacation. The managers desire to express their gratitude to the many friends who so generously contributed beautiful floral designs during the time. Nothing can possibly be more pleasing to the spiritual powers than these silent expressions of heartfelt and spiritual desires. We cry for more. G. F. Perkins read several selections which touched upon the subject of the evening. A beautiful inspirational poem upon "The Spirit" was given by Mrs. J. C. Connor, a stranger to us, but not to the spirit, as we soon found.

Little Miss Lawson gave a charming recitation upon "Flowers," Judge Dameron delivered one of the most interesting lectures I have ever heard upon the subject, "There is Heaven" etc. The question was treated from an astrological standpoint, and gave evidence of profound knowledge and research upon the science pertaining to astronomy, astrology, etc.; more information was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Perkins as mediums for healing and developing mediumistic gifts. Mrs. Perkins closed the exercises with platform tests. Next Sunday the exercises will be of a different character, communications, also psychometric readings.

The Spirit of the Lyceum.

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE:

Sunday was somewhat of an informal day with the Progressive Lyceum, which met at their hall, 909 1-2 Market street, at the usual hour, 8:30 A. M., as the arrangement of the pupils into group classification, according to their ages, was rendered a little more difficult by the advent of several new scholars. This, with the calisthenics and usual service of song, consumed the greater portion of the time, so that the remaining minutes were given to an informal presentation of several topics. The silvered locks of age and the downy hair of infancy were close together in a mingling of infancy and mature years in that blending of spirit that brings so much of happiness with it, where all are yielding to our Father's gentle prompting of Love.

Mrs. Adie Ballou interested those present for a short time with a narration of the pleasure she had found in visiting lyceums in New Zealand and Australia. Two mediums also consumed a portion of the time with brief communications from the spirits of those who at one time occupied physical bodies on this side of the water. One was said to be the spirit of George Powers, and one little Hope McKenna, both of whom had been connected with the lyceum. Not a little of the pleasure of the morning was due to the advent of one or two new teachers, and the return of some of the old ones. Mrs. Ballou awakened considerable interest among the scholars by a proposition that the lyceum should establish a museum, to include a variety of curiosities. Several little hands went up with a promise to bring some shells, minerals or other strange articles that the possessors had found on the beaches or received from friends. The speaker herself promised to contribute among other things, a gun that should furnish the scholars with many ideas to think upon.

Immediately upon the recess, a meeting of directors, leader and others interested in the success of the lyceum was held, and the coming entertainment which will take place on Sunday October 5th, furnished a topic for an immoderate consideration. An unusually large committee, consisting of Messrs. Mulvener, Blue, Kirkwood, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Fossette, and Miss Margery Cohen, was appointed to provide for the pleasure of an hour preceding the dancing, which is usually a feature of the lyceum's socials. The individual members of the committee will exert themselves during the week, and at a committee meeting to be held at 9 o'clock next Sunday morning just before the lyceum opens, will be able to formulate a program of interest. It is the intention to enlist as many scholars as possible in the performance.

The missionaries of the lyceum, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Fossette, report having met with great encouragement from those friendly to the lyceum—one gentleman having contributed a handsome sum, although the amount contributed is not considered in any case to be a gauge of the spirit of benevolence that prompts the act. The mite of the widow, with its cheerful donation, brings with it just as much pleasure as a sum of a thousand dollars. Indeed, as Love's spirit, the spirit of our Father—is associated more intimately with the gentler phases of life, instead of the colder aspects of finance and commerce and speculation, the kindly words and sympathetic presence of those who come to the lyceum, bring with them a rich blessing for the happiness of all.

W. J. KIRKWOOD.

Fraternity Hall, Oakland.

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE:

The First Association of Progressive Spiritualists of Oakland, met last night at Fraternity Hall, to hold their usual exercises, Dr. MacSorley presiding. After the opening exercises, Mrs. Bigelow recited a poem by inspiration, which was very impressive, after which Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless was introduced as the medium of the evening. After a few remarks by our worthy President, the medium delivered the address to Spiritualists and those who were investigating, what to do in the coming future, following with answering mental questions and platform tests, a large number of which was given and recognized. The meeting was well attended, not a seat being unoccupied. The interest in the meeting was demonstrated by inquiring groups of investigators who came to the meeting, and the first time the medium has worked amongst us, but will beg to state, has given entire satisfaction.

Next Sunday evening Dr. C. B. Dewey will be with us and give platform tests, the quaint manner of "Wasieta," his control, is pleasing and interesting. We invite all to come and see for themselves. Doors open at 7 o'clock.

Sept. 15th. MRS. DAVIS, Sec'y.

Progressive Spiritualists.

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE:

The President, John A. Collins, made the opening address, after which Mrs. Scott-Briggs gave an interesting talk, principally upon the Children's Lyceum, the interest Spiritualists should take in this branch of our work, and urging all to visit the school and see for themselves the good it is doing our children. Due to Mrs. Rutter and Mrs. Cook. Mrs. Miller gave a short address, Mrs. John Davis spoke most interestingly, closing with a very fine original poem. Mrs. Alice Henshall gave a beautiful instrumental piece under a complete entranced condition. Mrs. Miller gave several tests from the platform which were recognized. Mrs. S. Cowell of Oakland, we were pleased again to greet, and hear the grand tests she gave to many present, some of which we know personally were absolutely perfect.

In the evening Professor Dawbarn delighted his audience as usual, with his interesting lecture on "Hints to Wage Workers," his next lecture will be given next Sunday evening, the subject to be announced in the Sunday papers.

S. B. WHITEHEAD, Sec'y.

A WEDDING AT SUMMERLAND.—The first wedding at Summerland took place yesterday afternoon, and one of the high contracting parties was none other than the originator of the new town, Mr. H. L. Williams, of the Ortega Ranch, who was married to Mrs. Agnes Strickland Morgan. The ceremony was performed yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, by Rev. Thos. Thatcher at the residence of Mrs. Olive K. Smith, and every man, woman and child of Summerland, was present to bestow congratulations and best wishes on the happy pair. Mr. Williams has for years been a well known resident of Santa Barbara, and Mrs. Morgan has lived here for the past two or three years. She is a grand-niece of the late Agnes Strickland, the historian, and a member of a noble English family, that of the Earl of Strickland. Mr. and Mrs. Williams sailed for San Francisco on the Santa Rosa last night, and

will return on the 19th inst., when they will take up their residence at Summerland.—*Santa Barbara Press, Sept. 14th.*

Summerland Notes.

BY ALBERT MOUTON.

The query has frequently been made, "What occupation can the residents of Summerland find for support?" The answer is obvious to those who have watched the marvellous growth of many Western cities, a large number of which—lacking many of the advantageous conditions of location, climate, soil, etc., of Summerland—have grown from apparently barren wastes to become large, flourishing cities within a few years from the time of their foundation. Towns are built and occupations provided by active business people, that class of earnest workers who can not be disheartened in any work for the material or spiritual welfare of humanity by the envious attacks of captious people who are ever ready to denounce any movement they have not had the forethought to originate, nor the ability to execute; but such incompetents are generally quite ready to come to the front and dominate, after the success of a movement has been actualized, and to reap a harvest from the seed sown by pioneers.

It is said by some envious or spiteful people that there are no elements of success in Summerland, for the reason that there are no iron or coal mines, no forests in the vicinity. The same argument, if allowed to prevail, would have prevented the establishment of many flourishing manufacturing cities in the East. I am not aware that cotton is raised to any great extent in either New or Old England, yet Lowell and Manchester have illustrated the shallow fatuity of such objections as have been made to Santa Barbara county.

Brains are generally considered as essential to success anywhere, or in any sphere of action, and those who are deficient in that material, or are suffering from softness of its fibre, would do well to remain where they can be coddled by their natural protectors, and sheltered from encounters with obstacles they have not the strength of purpose to overcome. It is no part of the work contemplated for Summerland to provide asylums for ne'er-do-wells, rattle-brains nor imbeciles. Those who desire to improve their material conditions and find congenial spiritual associations will find (or rather help to make), opportunities in one of the spots most favored by Nature in the world, but even with all these advantages, they will not be exempt from the operation of the axiom that "God helps those who help themselves."

Those professed Spiritualists who have not the disposition or ability to pioneer in any movement would show a far greater development of spirituality if they would refrain from criticising or denouncing that which they have no knowledge or appreciation of. The movement, from its earliest days, has been afflicted with the unsought and undesired advice of bumptious people of the dog-in-the-manger spirit, who have no disposition to either "fish or cut bait," who are stumbling blocks in the paths of worthy workers, and whose only successful achievements are finding fault with those who do the most efficient work. It is not the intention of those interested in the success of Summerland to permit cavillers to create such inharmonies as has marked the management of many of the Spiritualists' summer resorts in the East.

At present there is pressing need of a good lodging house and restaurant at Summerland, and a moderate investment in that direction would undoubtedly prove remunerative from the start. Any person desiring to enter upon this business, if short of means, can have any needed extension of credit on the purchase of lots. Many are desirous of visiting the place for a season with a view of locating permanently after becoming satisfied, through their own observations, as to the advantages offered, but have to postpone their visits on account of lack of accommodations, as all the rooms to let are occupied. Several people are living in tents and providing their own meals, which can be done without suffering from the inclemency of the elements at all seasons of the year. A large two-story store with lodging rooms above is nearly completed. It is the intention of the proprietor to keep a general assortment of goods and to let lodging rooms. Grocers and butchers now send wagons from Santa Barbara to take orders and deliver goods, which ought to be kept on sale in the town.

In addition to providing for the workers now there and visiting inspectors, there would undoubtedly be a demand for accommodations for tourists who are attracted to Santa Barbara during the Winter season by its widely extended reputation as being one of the most salubrious health resorts in the world. Many cannot be accommodated there when the place is thronged who would undoubtedly be attracted to the superior climatic attractions of Summerland if they could find suitable accommodations there. Last Spring the hotels in Santa Barbara were crowded after the health resorts at other places in Southern California were closed for the season, which fact demonstrates the superiority of Santa Barbara and vicinity. There are openings now waiting for the efforts of those who are able and willing to help themselves. "Go to Summerland and see for yourselves."

Splints.

BY R. L. L. MERRIAM.

No Past, no Future, but one eternal Now.

Who would be well, must do well.

Creeds create inactivity, while philosophy inspires the mind.

Intelligence requires facts, while ignorance is lulled by superstition.

The noblest achievement is the outcome of a single thought. Build!

Wouldst thrive spiritually? Neglect not nor scorn the smallest lesson of life.

Have you superior spiritual advantages? Then regard wisely your corresponding responsibilities.

To be born with virtues bestows no honor, but to preserve, increase and intensify them, crowns thy life with unfailing luster.

Seek not life's grandest conquests in the higher altitudes, but guided by the true spiritual orb, glean richest diamonds in earth's darkened and obscure abodes.

To imagine or surmise simply, yields no safeguard for action, for oftentimes such conjectures are but the reflection of one's own mental defects.

Art thou toiling up rugged, rocky, precipitous hillsides? Surely among the countless throngs likewise engaged, thou mayest find some kindly hand that clasped in thine, may not only give the needed benefit, but be blessed in giving. Overlook not the greatest boon to mortals, true friendship.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

WHO IS THIS MARVELOUS MAN, DR. A. B. DOBSON?

This question has been asked by many. The following letter will throw some light on the question:

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February 25, 1886.

DR. A. B. DOBSON, Maquoketa, Iowa.—*Dear Doctor*—Your remedies and picture received all right. I have been using your remedies for two weeks and thank God I am getting well.

For five months I was confined to my bed, unable to turn over without assistance; but since taking your remedies, I can sit up to have my bed made. I had been given up to die. The doctors said consumption had seized me, and I had my burial clothes made, but thanks to you and the good spirits, I will not need them yet.

I did not believe in spirits nor Spiritualism, but I do now.

I am gaining so fast that the neighbors can hardly believe it is myself.

I have sent you a great many patients, and will send many more.

I had twenty calls on Monday to see your picture, and to see if I was really gaining as fast as was reported. They don't know what to make of it, as they were all expecting me to die. They say, "Surely, this is a miracle." "Who is this man who can work such wonders?" And many more such questions. Send remedies soon so they will reach me before this month's medicine is gone.

I wish I could tell to the sick of the whole world what you have done for me. God bless you, is my prayer. Truly yours,
HELEN MASON.

NOTICE.

To the brother and sister Spiritualists who have been blessed with this world's goods, and have a desire to help disseminate the teachings of the angel world, I would call your attention to "Spirit Eona's Legacy to the Wide, Wide World." In the publication of this book, a member of the "Sun Angel Order of Light" advanced the money for its publication. Since then he has met reverses in business that places him in an embarrassed condition, and he appeals to me to assist him to the money invested in the book; this I am unable to do. But to raise the amount of \$2,850, I will assign one half interest in the copyright of the book and the electrolyte plates and stock on hand to one person or a committee, who shall have the sale and publication of the book under their management. The electrolyte plates are insured for \$879.45; books on hand, 1,460; price \$2.50 at \$2,920; total, \$3,799.45. The book will prove a grand success spiritually and financially in due time.

Several friends have responded to the above notice, and solicit shares in "Spirit Eona's Legacy to the Wide, Wide World." The stock will be divided into 100 shares of \$30 each, and a joint stock company formed and certificates of shares issued to subscribers. It is desired to place the shares in the hands of members of the "Sun Angel Order of Light."

J. B. FAYETTE, Pres.,
"Sun Angel Order of Light."
OSWEGO, Sept. 1889. seyf-t

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

THE CHILDREN'S PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM will meet every Sunday at 10:30 A. M., in Fraternity Hall, Pythian Castle Building, Nos. 925 & 924 Market street, between Fifth and Sixth. The conditions and well arranged for this purpose. Strangers and all those interested are respectfully invited to attend.

SOCIETY OF PROGRESSIVE SPIRITUALISTS meet every Sunday at 7:45 P. M., Washington Hall, 35 Liberty street. All are invited. Admission 1 cent. The Library Reading Room of the Society is located at 141 "A" street, "Carrier Dove" office, and is open every week from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M. Meetings for Conference and tests are held Sunday at 7 P. M.

CIRCLE OF HARMONY—MEETS EVERY SUNDAY at 11 A. M. in St. George Hall, 614 Commercial street. Mediums and speakers especially invited. All welcome to participate. Mrs. F. A. Logan presiding.

UNION SPIRITUAL SOCIETY MEETS EVERY Wednesday evening, at 7:45 o'clock, at St. Andrew's Hall, No. 107, Larkin street. Speakers and test mediums will be in attendance every evening.

OAKLAND CHILDREN'S PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM meets every Sunday at 11:00 o'clock P. M., at Fraternity Hall, Oakland, corner of Seventh and Peralta streets. Everybody receives a welcome.

OPEN MEETINGS OF THE GOLDEN GATE Lodge of the Theosophical Society, are held every Sunday at McAllister street, at 1:30. Earnest inquirers cordially invited.

FIRST PROGRESSIVE SPIRITUAL ASSOCIATION of Oakland, meets every Sunday at Fraternity Hall, corner of Seventh and Peralta streets. Meetings at 3 and 7:30 P. M.

OPEN MEETING—ON AND AFTER SUNDAY. November 12th, at 9 o'clock, a Bible Class will be held at the Home Lodge, 34, Seventeenth street. All will be welcome.

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Besides this land the Company owns the patent right to the entire territory of the United States in the Sternwheel Dredging and Hydraulic Dirt Conveying Machinery, invented by A. Boschke, C. E. Both these are great improvements on past appliances, and they are the result of Gen. Boschke's experience during twenty-five years in dredging operations. This dredging plant is now ready to use, and will earn, when employed at the lowest ruling prices, \$1,000 per day. It is adapted for levee building and for filling flats and lowlands; the excavated soil can be transported through pipes by means of the hydraulic dirt conveying system of a mile under pressure, to powerful force pumps. This advantage will give the dredge employment in preference to others, when works like the filling of China Slough, in Sacramento, which has been attempted before but always ended in failures, can be done cheaply, dredging the soil from the river, thereby deepening it, and conveying the spoils through pipes to the ground to be filled.

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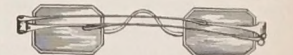
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Some persons object to the works of Ouida, the greatest novelist of the day in her line, because she shows up human nature as it is now, at its best, and at its worst; the only flaw we can ever detect in her writings is that she does not seem to grasp the compensation in the future for those noble characters she depicts with sufficient firmness; she leaves immortality an open question, she leaves the goodness of the Eternal among the probabilities; there is no evidence in her works that she is certain that though all earthly rewards may come too late, eternal results are ever sure, infuse into her writings a little more confidence in God; a little more positive statement like that which constitutes Longfellow's "Excelsior," one of his great masterpieces, and the English novelist who resides in Florence, Italy, would be without exception, one of the most tremendously powerful teachers of her time.

A high ideal must not only be presented, its practicability must be demonstrated; nature is a great economist, the law of utility does work everywhere, in all things; results do follow in every instance, though we cannot always see them, and they are not always immediate, and no teaching is adequate that while presenting lofty idealism does not also show that a high ideal is not a mere phantom or will "o' the wisp which leads on its victims to the tombs and there leaves them, but is in every case a steady, heaven-born light which beckons on the traveler nowhere but through the pearly gates into the golden streets of the celestial city whence those who enter shall go out nevermore.

It is all imagination this idealism, these quixotic theories, what do they amount to? They do not bring us food, fire and raiment, say the blind utilitarians who make no promise for wants beyond the body; our imagination is not a farce but a reality; a thing imagined is a something on the brain and heart of man, it is a reflection from some superior state of being. Everything must exist in spirit before it can take form in matter; spirit is substance and matter merely shadow; material shadows are produced by spiritual substances that cast them; just as a man, a tree, a dog, a horse, etc., will cast shadows and each its own shadow, the shadow of a man being totally distinct from that of the tree against which he leans, so every material thing is in its condition an evidence of a certain state of mind that has been at work to cause it.

The realm of idea, the subjective sphere of thought is the plane in which all inventions originate. An architect had planned a bridge between New York and Brooklyn years before the suspension bridge spanned the dividing river; it was all perfect in his thought and so he could give the plans fully sketched out to the city authorities, and when they were accepted men set to work and translated a reality out of mind into matter, they succeeding in materializing an idea; people ask us if we believe everything was created out of nothing; we answer no, indeed; but we maintain all was previously involved in mind, and was afterwards evolved in matter. Don Quixote, the favorite hero of Cervantes, the great Spanish poet, was not an impractical man, he was only too advanced for the days in which he lived; he was a seer and a prophet.

Are not all inventors romancists, visionaries, dreamers, do they not see with an inner eye what will one day become objective to the senses? What could be more incredible on the day when it was first proposed, than an Atlantic cable? What miracle of Bible times seemed to prove more conclusively the need of divine or satanic agency to accomplish it than the idea of laying a cable 3000 miles in

length beneath the deep Atlantic waters? It has been done though, and messages go from Europe to America and back again in an hour or two. Not to deny the miraculous, and yet to attribute it to natural instead of supernatural agency, is the great idea of the most advanced of modern thinkers. The world is not alone in space; it is in constant, subtle communion with myriads of other worlds; across the bars of ether which divide the planets the one from the other thoughts pass with the rapidity of lightning, ideas that seize the genius in his moments of inspiration or breathed into his mind by unseen spirits, often wafed to him by the denizens of other planets which have reached a state of growth the world will yet attain to, though it has not yet attained to it; the idealist looks within and listens for the silent voices which take on no outward form of speech, and these reveal to him the models after which he patterns in his resolve to bring into outward existence something which heretofore in this world has had no outward shape.

Cultivate the ideal, study the best and purest models, and never be discouraged because it may take centuries of growth to unfold the ideal oak from the ideal acorn. An idealist may be a worker anywhere at any trade; no work is in itself degrading, and no sphere of action so limited that the true worker cannot utilize it as the scene of his reformatory endeavors. The stage may be made a most effective pulpit, the concert, even the ball-room, may be turned to good account by those who would idealize amusements and reach the morals of community through popular modes of recreation. A sensible person never loses sight of the fact that the ideal is the only thing really worth striving for; all material uses are but means to loftier ends, to higher spiritual results. Amusements need not be abandoned, and places of amusement need not be denounced, but they need elevating; the moral tone of recreation needs to be improved, and when people seek for distraction from the wear and tear of business life, let them go to the theater, the concert or the dance, with the rational intent of satisfying some legitimate need of their nature which, when supplied, will help them to do the business of life more perfectly. As means to an end, pictures, statuary and song are as necessary as they are natural, and now that society is not equally organized, and wealth so impartially distributed that all can provide themselves with works of art and vertu, let those who have an abundance of this world's store, learn to enjoy the good gifts fortune showers upon them, by doubling and quadrupling the enjoyment they can get out of their possessions by taking a delight in the pleasure these objects confer upon the thousands whom they invite to gaze upon. Life will be self-denial no more when all desires are pure and unselfish, when self is eliminated from the thoughts of all, and each takes pleasure in another's pure enjoyment; then the gratification not the suppression of impulse will evoke the highest good, and then humanity's ideal will be attained, and God's kingdom will have come.

[Written for the Golden Gate.]

Purification.

BY JANE MERRILL MITCHELL.

"Keep thyself pure," resounded from Time's sounding board ages ago. What is purity? Who can tell? We all have our ideas, but what is it? We can sometimes see best by getting around on the opposite side to look. The reverse of purity I should say is adulteration or demoralization. What is adulteration? We all know what it is in our food and drinks, and in fact, we find it in everything on the market which can be adulterated. And for what object? Stealing, taking from your neighbor what does not belong to you, as you give less than an equivalent. The effect is demoralization, or a laxity of principle, which lets down one to where they become in time helpless to rise, and must call for help, as did the rich man to Lazarus for one drop of water to allay the distress, and strange to say, the very ones we injure are those who can give relief. And sometimes it is long before they are ready or willing to do this, hence Hell lasts long.

Adulteration, in a moral sense, or a spiritual sense, we will call it, what is it? Have its nature and effects ever been described understandingly by teacher or physician? Justice demands protection to each and every faculty, mental, moral or physical. But do we get it, or are we permitted to protect ourselves? Society, as it exists to-day, is a debauchery, the result of long continued indulgences, or recklessness of thought, and action thereon. There is no need to wade through it to find what it is. The surface, with its scum of results, shows the conditions within. Nothing can hide. What have we, as women and mothers to do to change conditions? First, protect ourselves at all hazards. "Hands off," to every man living in the body, and to every low-lived groveling spirit influence which hovers about women, as lawless as in earth life, and more subtle, both to man and woman, because in the spiritual. Make them stand back and keep their places until they understand what protection means, and what we require. However much your nature be aroused, distinguish yourself between love and lust, and swear allegiance to none but the divinity above you.

God is man. A Godhead will not follow woman to demoralize her. Will not reach out to touch her, and in many ways to excite her frame made for sacred purposes, thus dragging her mind to the same level as his own. Would a Godhead pollute the atmosphere with thoughts, or books or pictures, thus weaving nets for vile demoralizing purposes? Every act, even legal, as man calls it, that does not lift the better nature to a higher standpoint of thought and feeling, degrades. You may not know how to distinguish because you may live in that strata of adulteration.

When degraded thoughts reach out from man to woman, or woman to man, to produce an effect, it adulterates, it steals from Nature's wisdom. Eva Barnes, of Clara, Pa., in her article on "Voice of the Mother," has opened the Golden Gate wide, and shown what true womanhood all see, viz.: that the hydra-headed monsters, Lust and Ignorance, must first be dealt with before the earth can find a new, a better race of beings. Her power of penetration and principle ring as the true metal. But I would borrow one sentence to speak from. She says, "not repression, but direction." That, my sister, is a saying for such a time as we dream of, when all do right for the sake of right, and for the love of so doing. But in the present chaotic conditions, repression is wisdom in more cases than otherwise. Of the two evils choose the least, and also think of the vile strata in the spiritual, which is more than neck deep and engulfs many entirely.

Let me ask, suppose two angelic beings were to eat for the mere object of taste of the viand, with no reference to their real, unadulterated necessities? What would we think of them? We certainly could say you lack wisdom. But no individual of angelic tendencies would do this. Wisdom—born of none of the depraved appetites born of adulterous generations, would say to you, "Eat only for the health of the body," the machine which must be wisely cared for, to enable the mind, the machinist, to do the work best for the purpose of soul growth. How many care for the growth of the soul, when you come to that point? Even so-called Spiritualists—we find many of them are talking about the soul without knowing or caring if they have one. Only let them revel in their desires and do as they like. The teachers we have call such "Nothing but leaves." Repression is one of God's laws, and who can say it is not needed more than any other law, as things exist to-day.

When all become in harmony with divine laws, then we may say "direction and not repression," but as long as adulteration exists, inherited, and as long as pleasure of the moment is the moving principle of action, repression must be the only potency. Many bible readers laid aside the bible altogether, and even raised their voices against Bible Spiritualists to a high pitch, but when ready to appreciate the true inner spirit of its teachings, and see the use of the record, picked it up again understandingly. So when any object is to be gained for good, with justice to all departments of our life, the higher as well as the lower strata, and also to all others concerned, we may say "direction."

The machine is the body we wear, the machinist, the mind. When the motive power relaxes its hold upon the true use or object to be gained by giving way to indulgences or mere pleasure seeking, a screw in the machine somewhere is loosened, a friction or some other wear of the machinery, and in the end, a worn out machine, and the machinist becomes affected as by the various drug habits. At last, a lost, a hopeless soul, crying out for help, as the soul is the moving power of the mind, or should be, and not the impulses of the spirit.

Chemicalization or polarization of the atoms which compose our bodies; is a necessity, but not understood, because the very laws which govern it are adulterated in man's mind, and a mass of debris must first be removed; hence repression should be advocated until such time as true manhood and womanhood obey strictly, not eating nor drinking, nor pleasure seeking, only when the soul's wisdom dictates as the best good for growth, strength and uplifting of thought. We eat, we drink, we sleep under false conditions made by our own indulgences, as well as by those of generations past.

When we as Spiritualists cry out, "What shall I do to be saved" from these conditions? Instead of how can I get indulgences? There will be an uplifting of thought which must purify all things. To the great Congress above I pray, Hasten thou that day.

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Diss Iron.

BY STANLEY FITZPATRICK.

I saw one, mighty in his wrath,
Descending swiftly from on high—
Where e'er he trod a fiery path
Was trailed along the Eastern sky.

He swooped not to the left nor right—
The touch he bore was all aflame
As with a sword of gleaming light
Down-speeding to the earth he came.

The blade he grasped was true and tried,
The might of God was in his hand,
And, trembling, to my soul I cried,
"O what before this form shall stand?"

"The day of wrath has come at last,
The day of vengeance, woe and shame,
The flaming brand now earthward cast
Must wrap this world in lurid flame.

"The tales that filled my childish heart
With shivering fear and sick'ning dread,
Were only of the truth a part—
God's wrath will fall on quick and dead."

And while I gazed the flaming sword
Swept right and left where e'er he trod,
I thought of words I once had heard,
"The wrath of an avenging God."

Then cries and wailings of despair
Were heard along the avenger's path;
Groans and curses filled the air
From those who feared the day of wrath.

Where e'er he trod the conflict raged,
Where e'er he smote some idol fell;
The young, the old and middle-aged,
Defending creeds fought long and well.

But all was vain; the strong one passed;
Men groined aloud and women wept;
Where e'er they turned destruction vast
Or all the pleasant land had swept.

O, so it seemed to those who fought
For soulless creeds and idols dumb,
And knew not that God's anger wrought
That truth and light to all might come.

They saw not that the strong one fell
No system pure and true was jilted,
But only such as falsehood held
Were trampled in the smoking dust.

They could not grasp a clearer faith,
Nor would they yield, as wise and true,
That Error, old as life and death,
Must yet give place to lessons new.

And so they rose, opposing still,
The angel in his onward path;
Although he smote but wrong and ill,
To Truth there comes no day of wrath.

[Written for the Golden Gate.]

Tying Threads.

BY LAURA A. SUNDERLIN-BOURNE.

I look on the web of life to-night,
And the threads that are snapped in twain,
And I gaze on the wreck that was once so bright,
And my eyes are dim with weeping again.
As my thoughts go back with memory's flight
To the years where the past had been

Woven with threads that were deft and strong
In the web of the golden years,
When a fair young bride I could do no wrong
In his eyes as I wove each garland along,
In the threads now holding so firm and strong
That now in the vista appears

Of the past, as I trace through the years that have fled
Those threads that are woven still
In the web of life with so firm a thread
That they will not break in the loom ahead,
And I'm trying to tie the places instead,
Since then that our life doth live:

And, e'er I'm aware, the golden view
So cherished, I can not forget;
The days when our life-threads were woven true,
Through the lengthened years seem to lend their hue,
Till again the wreck is lost from view,
And together we're weaving yet.

Our web of life with a golden thread,
So strong that it will not break;
And the broken spots and places instead
I have tied, are gone, as I look ahead
In the light that those golden years have shed,
Where so hand can bring their happiness take.

Aye, my dream may vanish again from view,
As life with its stupor awakens;
But O, it is well, if it is not true,
Like a desert oasis it comes to you
In the radiant picture of fleeting hue,
A joy to thy passing years.

'Tis those threads that were woven long ago
That our web of life doth fill;
That will not break, that are clinging so,
And wringing my soul in its depths of woe,
'Till the threads he is breaking to let him go,
I am trying to tie them still.

[Written for the Golden Gate.]

Memory's Bier.

BY DANFORTH BOWWELL.

Lengthening shadows about me lie
And dead leaves fall with a wailing cry;
Wild winds blow across the moor
And phantoms sit within my door.

Dead hopes rise at every turn
And into memory's pages burn;
"Ashes to ashes," the dead past sighs,
And fragrant blooms no more arise.

Over the bier of hopes long dead
Withered leaves and sighs are spread;
Gone are the roses and gone the June,
Silent the air, silent the room.

Over my soul a gloom is spread,
Over my heart the leaves lie dead;
Out of the ashes my thoughts arise
Lifeless and useless as thoughtless flies.

Over the bier sad memories lie
In wreaths as joyous as Winter's wing;
November sighs and chilling shade
Over my soul are tightly clasped.

No longer burn the embers long,
No longer phantoms come and go,
Sunless and rayless the darkening night
Enveils my form from mortal sight.

Truth.

Great truths are dearly bought. The common truth,
Such as men give and take from day to day,
Comes in the common walk of easy life,
Blown by the careless wind across our way.

Great truths are greatly won, not found by chance,
Nor waited on the breath of Summer dream,
But grasped in the great struggle of the soul,
Hard buffeted with adverse wind and stream.

Wrung from the spirit in hard hours
Of weakness, solitude, perchance of pain,
Truth springs like harvest from the well-ploughed field,
And the soul feels it has not wept in vain.

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EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE.

For some inexplicable reason, Warren Chase, (whose success as a business man has not been such as to qualify him for the position of business advisor), is very zealous in advising others how they cannot succeed, probably having had great experience in that direction. The counsel of successful business men is valuable, but, from those who have failed in every attempt, their example is more instructive than their advice. The editor of the paper Chase formerly edited, the *Independent*, has made some selection from his writings in favor of Santa Barbara and the adjacent country, which I desire you to print, in order that your readers may compare the views of one on the ground, with the same person's expressions years later, while, in the meantime, all the conditions except soil and climate, have greatly improved. As Colonel Ingersoll frequently says, "There's some mistake, somewhere," and as the former statements were truthful, it is only charitable to suppose that disappointments and the infirmities of age have impaired Mr. Chase's faculties—at least the faculty for telling the truth seems somewhat deficient.

I would not advise any man to come to Summerland without means to support himself for a short time with the expectation of living without exertion. In the building of a new town, there is always a demand for laborers and mechanics, and the opportunities for starting new business are better than where competition is keener. Adjacent to Summerland is a thickly settled farming community, and there is a demand for white labor to supplant the Chinese. I am now dividing my rancho into five and ten acre tracts, which will be offered for sale or lease on reasonable terms to residents, or intending purchasers at Summerland.

The following description of a small farm from the *Los Angeles Times*, and conveys an idea as to the quality of the soil, and the possibilities of success in the raising of fruits and other farm products in Southern California. The writer says:

"It is four years next February since Isaac Boyer made a purchase of his present farm of eighty acres. The land had barley growing on it at the time. There was a leaf, or tree or shrub of any kind on the whole place. Now note the change. You drive along the county road on the west side of his place, and find it sheltered by a thickly-planted row of sweet gum trees that are fifty or sixty feet high; trees of this kind on the place, planted by Mr. Boyer three years ago, ten inches in diameter, a few feet from the ground. Back of that line of trees, Mr. Boyer has ten acres of fruit—apples, pears, peaches, nectarines, apricots, English walnuts, figs, persimmons, oranges, lemons and quinces. Every tree in that line is in splendid condition, having a dark-green thrifty appearance. Every tree is either loaded down with exceptionally fine specimen fruit, or has been during this season; the second year for some and the third for others, of bearing. The fruit in this orchard is of the very best varieties, large, of fine fiber and flavor—the apples and peaches especially so. Let me add a list of other things raised here to perfection—three kinds of grapes, melons, peanuts, raspberries, blackberries, pumpkins, squash, three crops of sweet corn, one crop of potatoes, and two crops of white beans from the same soil—all the vegetables, and a perfect wilderness of all the flowers, climbing vines and shrubbery known to Southern California; and in the midst of which is situated a nice, cozy residence. This is the latter part of August, and nothing in this orchard or garden or field has had a drop of water since last April, and to-day the moisture is less than eight inches below the surface, and the trees and vines and berry bushes are all putting out new and vigorous growths. Mr. Boyer has had very little marketing to do—buyers from Santa Monica and Los Angeles taking his fruit and vegetables and the like from the farm. His fine on-coming winter apples are all engaged already. He has had the top of the market prices right here at home.

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The climate of Summerland is more equable and pleasant than at Los Angeles and vicinity, and I am informed by my agent, Mr. Morton, (who owns a twenty acre farm in the school district in which the farm described is located) that the soil at Summerland is equally as rich, and capable of producing all of the fruits and vegetables named. Mr. Morton has bought lots, and intends to make his future home in Summerland, instead of The Palms, not only for the spiritual advantages of association, but for the reason that he considers the climate superior. All of the present residents are pleased and could not be induced to leave, which would not be the case if the malicious attacks upon the place had any basis of truth.

In August, a gentleman who is a prominent Spiritualist in New York City, visited Summerland in the interest of parties who had been deterred from purchasing lots, owing to the malicious and untruthful attacks of a paper in which I do not advertise. The gentleman expressed a favorable opinion of Summerland, after a thorough investigation, and will so report to his friends on his return to New York.

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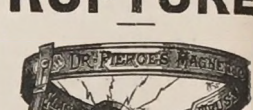
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