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## The Roentgen Ray and the Divine Ray.

Common Basis of Sound, Electricity, and Light.

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In a world ruled by heavy, gross Materialism, everything in Physical Science takes a high rank and commands immediate attention and honor, while the gross public mind turns away with indifference from far higher and more valuable truths that have a spiritual character.

How little sagacity do the leaders of the public mind display! The very absurd doctrine of Koch as to the cure of consumption by injecting a poisonous material into the debilitated patient seemed to captivate the entire medical profession, for Koch was dealing in microbes, under imperial patronage.

The Roentgen rays are now expected to rival clairvoyance, and they are instantly famous, because they belong to physical science, while clairvoyance has always had the scornful hostility of every medical college. But clairvoyance, and psychometry, which is a more comprehensive power, including clairvoyance, have long surpassed all that Roentgen rays can ever expect to accomplish.

The entire anatomy of man is revealed to the psychic eye, and not only the anatomy but the pathology—the seat and nature of the disease, so that the very sensations of the patient can be described.

Nor is the psychic faculty confined to physical appearances, for it generally sees in the physical structure the traces of the injury by which the disease may be produced, revealing the injury, the accident or the poison from which the disease originated, and the intense demand in the constitution for that which will heal the disease.

These are things which physical science will never approach. They are the most beneficent of all things in the healing art—the noblest gift of God to man.

The divine ray that not only penetrates the human body but penetrates the past and often throws its light upon the future, gives the students of psychic science a far higher rank in justice than all that appertains to laboratories of physical science.

The skillful psychometer sees into human diseases and human conditions wherever they may be located on the earth, and looks into the world's long past geological conditions or even into the ancient history lost on earth, and known only in heaven.

The learned college professors that crawl along as quadrupeds on the earth, will have to change their nature before they can imitate the eagle flight of the divine faculties in man.

Still the Roentgen ray is a valuable discovery, though it bears no close relation to clairvoyance, and does not seem to be understood. It is everywhere called the *cathode ray*—the ray from the cathode pole, which is not very rational, as a negative condition is not a proper source of an emanation—producing positive effect.

I think it has been fairly demonstrated by Dr. P. M. Jones, of San Francisco, that the so-called Roentgen rays proceed from the anode or positive pole, and should therefore be called the *anode rays* instead of cathode.

In other words, they are simply positive electric rays which proceed from every positively charged electric body so freely that every electrified wire emits them and a charged wire has been proved to affect another wire at many miles distance. Prof. Blake, of Kansas, even said the effect might extend forty miles.

This is not entirely new; the *cathumbra* or shadow effect is a general law of nature and does not require an alternating current. A flash of lightning has more than once imprinted a good picture of the tree through which it passed, and one of my students has made a shadow picture of a dime by the use of a current from my static machine, which is not alternating.

All things are imprinted on their surroundings by electric or luminous rays, and this is the basis of many psychometric perceptions. Thus a wafer laid on a polished metallic surface becomes a channel for the rays that pass through it to the metal, which makes a mysterious impression of the metal, which science does not understand, but which leaves a mark that can be detected after the lapse of months though apparently invisible.

Upon this principle we may even obtain a copy of an engraving from natural currents without using any electric apparatus and even without exposure to sunshine.

Nature is full of currents of luminous, electric and sonorous vibrations of infinite variety, by which everything affects everything else, and every human being impresses his own personality on the apartments that he occupies, and the strata of the earth affect people who live above them.

Nicola Tesla, who became familiar with these anode or so-called cathode rays, before Roentgen announced them, advances the singular idea that they are not strictly electric rays, belonging to the ether, but sublimated sound rays or ultra refined vibrations of electric air.

Such rays are far beyond human perception. But Tesla thinks he can perceive sound rays far beyond other men, which lull him to sleep. These high sounds with a hundred thousand vibrations to the second will pass through bodies impervious to light. Thus it seems we are approaching the idea of a common basis of sound, electricity and light, in an ascending scale of vibrations as they are called, which I suspect is not their proper name. But soul powers do not belong to the categories of vibrations.

My experiments on the brain in 1841 proved that as there is an ascending scale of vibrations or delicacy in the prismatic spectrum from the hot and red extremity to the violet and cool acetic end, so there is a correspondence in the delicacy and speed of action of the zones of the brain associated with them.

Nature seems to have a long ascending scale from dead matter, cohesion, and magnetism through successive spheres of varying power to the divine sphere of the soul, which is the highest sphere of science, and most fruitful in wisdom.

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## INCARNATIONS.

Pre-Natal Conditions the Cause of all Evil and Good.

D. W. HULL.

"What is the matter with the boys?" asked one of our newspapers one morning after recounting a series of highwayman, robbery, attempt at murder, and burglary by boys 13 and 14 years old.

Did any readers ever notice how prone the youth of our times are to engage in crime? Boys 14, 13, and 12 years old engaged in all kinds of crime, employing as much method as many old criminals.

Ingenious, too, they sometimes manifest a skill worthy almost an Edison. What does it mean? Is the human race becoming more depraved? Has the devil broke loose upon the earth? Many of these boys, also, are the sons of respectable and high-minded parents—some of whom are "religious." If that word means anything for morality—parents who have taught them better. Again we ask how comes it? What is the matter with the "kids"? It will also be noted that many of those who "hold up trains" are comparatively boys. "Billy the Kid," hanged in the Indian Territory a few days ago was only about 20 years old. Ever since he was about 14 years old he has been a terror, the mention of his name almost caused the blood to freeze. Strong men were frightened by the mere suspicion that he was in or near the neighborhood where they lived. And yet we are trying to cure this phenomenal monstrosity by punishing the miserable creatures, so active in wickedness, as if that would abolish the nuisance. Oh, when will the world learn that criminals are born; that they have no control over the conditions that have made them what they are; and then seek to apply the remedy that will bring a race of good, honest, loyal men who will be a blessing to the world and each other?

These infant monsters have been made what they are. They are no accident. Don't we all know that at the period of gestation some accident; some startling, shocking episode may be carried from the mind of the mother to the unborn babe, and the impressions she there receives will be reincarnated in the child? The mind of the mother makes the body of her babe; not only that, but also the intellect, the mind of her offspring.

Jesse Pomeroy's mother was much of the time in the butcher shop before his birth, assisting her husband in waiting on customers. And we may imagine in her dreams she often saw the meat cut up which would be transformed to some human body. The result was a son, who, at the age of 12 years, delighted in cutting up children smaller than himself. No woman, married or unmarried, should allow herself to go into a butcher shop, and if every parent would entirely eschew meat from his family it would be better for the future mothers of our country. Jesse Pomeroy was the incarnated daily thought of his mother. The idea of cutting up flesh became the mental birth mark of the boy. I believe in incarnations transcendent gestations, and grand deliric but not immaculate con-

ceptions. I believe Jesus was an incarnate idea or condition of his mother.

Everything transpires in accordance with law. Demons, gods, poets, artists, monsters, giants, are all born, made by the conditions thrown upon them psychologically—perhaps astrologically also before their birth. Hence I believe it is just as easy to have a race of gods come after us as a mongrel race of accidents. They may be brave, manly, strong, philanthropic, altruistic men, capable of doing in an hour the mental work which requires for some of us weeks.

Napoleon's mother accompanied her husband in the army, watched the maneuvers of both the enemy and the army her husband was in, and gave to the world the greatest general it ever had. Had other conditions surrounded her instead of being a Napoleon he might have been a Buddha, a Socrates, a Jesus, or Mohamed. The soul of a child is not always begotten by the father, though a husband who is all to his wife he should be, will often throw the psychological conditions upon his wife that goes to make up the child's soul. But great thoughts may come to her from reading good books or hearing some transcendent discourse from some vigorous thinker. Whatever the idea may be which predominates, it will be reincarnated in the new life.

Here I might branch out and tell what ought to be told in every pulpit; what ought to be taught in every magazine; what every physician ought to know instead of knowing so much that is useless and hurtful; that is, the kind of houses we ought to have and could have if it were not for the artificial conditions thrown around us which make times so hard, how that our daughters should know something of the most noble characters, of the great saviors of the world; how the pictures of philanthropists and sages should be hung up in our rooms, how we should have galleries of perfect statues in every village, and all those things that go to refine and spiritualize the world. But what is the use, since our political system denies us the privilege of these luxurious necessities?

Now again for the reason for such moral monsters among our boys. Since all eccentrics, generals, poets, philanthropists, Christs, Buddhas, and gods are born. So are also all moral monsters, demons, devils also born. One class are the incarnations of the highest and best thoughts of their mothers; the other is the incarnation of the lowest and vilest thoughts. Our children, then, to a certain extent, and particularly our remarkable children, are incarnated ideas. They have received in their mental organisms just what was given them. They were made up of thought stuff, and they could not be better than the material out of which they were made.

But why should the boys just at this time be worse than the children of a former generation? Simply because the environments are different. The mothers of the boys of to-day grew up in want. Their lives were empty, they were denied the privilege of making themselves what they should be in this condition they married and a family grew up or is growing around them.

Want always breeds covetousness, and sometimes envy. The person who sees a thing he wants, wishes he had it.

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## Philosophy and Facts.

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### JESUS AS A MEDIUM.

*Miracle Workers Always Despised  
by the People.*

#### IS ENVY THE INCENTIVE?

REV. A. J. WEAVER.

Jesus came into the world a peasant's son, poor, humble, and obscure. He went out of the world the central figure in the city of Jerusalem, with a name familiar to all throughout the land of his birth.

What was the cause of this? What lifted him from the obscurity of a peasant's home to the leadership of men and the antagonist of the Church?

It was not his doctrinal teaching. One day one of the scribes of the Church drew near him and asked him which command of God he made of most importance and Jesus answered him that "thou shalt love God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself" and the scribe replied, "Thou hast said the truth." This was a part of the Mosaic law and that law the Church professed to accept and the Rabbis to teach.

One reason why Jesus gained notoriety as an enemy of the Church was because he so severely condemned it. He pronounced wars on the Pharisees and declared them to be hypocrites and whited sepulchres, clean on the outside but full of corruption within.

They were incensed against Jesus because he violated the Sabbath day, which every faithful Jew was expected to regard as sacred and obey to the letter.

They were also incensed against him because he was a moral reformer who boldly exposed the corrupt practices of all Church officials with the purpose to make religion clean and pure.

They furthermore opposed him because they feared that by the exposures he made of their faults and hidden sins that they might lose their fat positions in the Church.

But probably they hated him most because of the *psychic power* he possessed, by which he publicly performed most wonderful works. In the first place these works made them envious of him. They knew that all through the Old Testament such works were done by prophets and were a sign of divine power. It was useless for them to deny these works, that they were tricks or frauds or pretensions on the part of Jesus. They were too consoled and consequential to stoop to go and visit Jesus and thus inform themselves, unless they went secretly as did Nicodemus, but they could not prevent the common people from going and "they feared the people." They were in a dilemma. If they admitted that Jesus worked the works of God, which was the common name given to psychic phenomena, they must acknowledge Jesus to be a prophet and thereby acknowledge the justness of his condemnation of them and that they were not fit morally for the positions they held in the Church. That Jesus did work miracles, it was useless for them to deny before the people. What then were they to do? They did the only thing they could do to save themselves; just what similar people do to-day when confronted by the same phenomena; they declared they came from the devil. "But when the Pharisees heard it they said this fellow doth not cast out devils but by Beelzebub the prince of devils."

The reply that Jesus made to this that "a house divided against itself can not stand" was unanswerable, for all the people who had seen the "miracles" knew that they were not devilish but godlike, and for human good. Had his wonderful works been frivolous; or for show; or for mere personal gain; or to cater to public curiosity; or to help some man to secure a sharp trade, as such works often are in this modern age, the Pharisees would have gained their argument and Beelzebub would have been accepted as the inspirer of Jesus. It was the moral greatness and grandeur of Jesus and of his "works"

which silenced the assertion of the Jewish Church that he and his works were of the devil.

It is evident therefore from gospel account that what I have said that Jesus gained his notoriety as an opposer of the Church mainly from the manifestations of his psychic power.

#### CONVERTS WON BY HIS "MIRACLES."

It is evident in the second place that Jesus made his converts mainly by the exhibitions of this same power. The first convert he won to himself of any prominence was John the Baptist. How did John come to believe in him? Matthew tells us in chapter eleventh, "Now when John had heard of the 'works' of Christ he sent two of his disciples who said unto Jesus, art thou the Messiah for whom we look? And Jesus answered, 'Go and shew John those things which ye do hear and see; the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up.'"

Through these things John recognized the leadership of Jesus and became one of his firm believers.

After Jesus' baptism he passed into Samaria and met the woman at the well whom he told "all that ever she did" and because of this "many of the Samaritans believed on him."

Jesus departed into Galilee, where was a certain nobleman whose son was sick. Jesus said unto him, go thy way, thy son liveth; and because of this he and his whole house believed on Jesus.

At the raising of Lazarus "many of the Jews who had seen the things which Jesus did because of this believed on him." Even his enemies recognized the fact that "all men will believe on him for he doeth many miracles." Jesus himself told the doubting Jews "the works that I do bear witness that I am Christ."

Wherever Jesus moved numbers followed him; partly no doubt because of his eloquent preaching which was simple, concise, and impressive, but mainly because of his psychic phenomena.

Matthew says "his fame went throughout all Galilee and all Syria. And he healed all manner of sickness and of disease; those possessed of devils and those who were lunatic and those that had the palsy, and because of this there followed him great multitudes."

The enmity of those Jews who were in close sympathy with the Church was so much aroused by the "miracles" which he wrought that he frequently did them in secret or tried to cover them from publicity.

At one time when he had healed a leper he charged him "saying see thou say nothing to any man; but he went out and blazed it abroad, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter the city."

While many were attracted to Jesus and looked upon him with reverence and awe because of the "miracles" which he wrought and thus became his followers and witnesses of his power, others were afraid of him. He carried a power with him which they could not fathom. By a single word from him some great evil might come to them. They feared him and stood in awe of him as is natural when we are confronted by some awful mystery in human form which seems to control even the forces of nature. We have an example of this when Jesus cast out the devils which went into the herd of swine. The herders in fright ran to the city and such was the excitement created by their story that "the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they besought him, that he would depart out of their coasts."

While we thus see it was the psychic power of Jesus which interested others in him we have evidence of the importance Jesus himself attached to this power from the nature of those whom he selected as his co-workers. They were men who to day we should call "mediumistic." The record says he selected twelve and gave to them this psychic power. But we know to-day that the power existed within them naturally and that Jesus clairvoyantly saw it and therefore chose them instead of others. Probably there were others better educated, of higher standing and more used to public speaking, but he took these instead, because they could do the works which he did and "even greater works." We have evidence of the "greater works" in those passages in Acts where they spoke in

unknown tongues so that men from Judea, from Mesopotamia, from Syria, from along the coast, and from other countries, each heard in his own language. To do this they would have to be entranced and we have no account that Jesus ever passed into the entranced state.

Jesus was more specially a healing medium. Most of his manifestations were physical. His walking on the water was purely physical. So was his blasting the figtree and turning water into wine. His prophecies, however, were mental illumination; so was his character reading of the Samaritan woman and his directions concerning the ass when he was about to enter Jerusalem, so also was his transfiguration in which he not only saw Moses and Elias but heard their speech by which he became informed probably who they were.

We have further evidence of the importance Jesus attached to his psychic power in the kind of men he selected when he sent forth the seventy to go two by two before his face into every city and place whither he himself would come. They too possessed the psychic power like the twelve.

#### "MIRACLES" A DIVINE POWER.

For people to refuse to recognize his psychic power Jesus regarded as a great sin. Indeed, when the Pharisees declared this power came from Beelzebub instead of from God he declared it to be an unpardonable sin. He told the seventy when they entered a city, which received them not, that it would be more tolerable for Sodom in the judgment day than for it.

He regarded the "miracles" as a power divine, sent of God to bring the wicked to repentance. Speaking to the seventy of Chorazin and Bethsaida he said "for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which have been done in them, they would long ago have repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. And those Capernaum which art exalted unto heaven shall be brought down to hell; for if the mighty works which have been done in thee had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day."

He allowed the impression to be made upon the people by his "miracles" that he was a divine being and a rightful object of worship. Matthew says, speaking of Jesus walking on the water, "After he had come into the ship—they that were in the ship came and worshiped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the son of God."

The early Church relied chiefly if not wholly upon the manifestations of psychic power, as Jesus did, for winning converts. At the day of Pentecost when the apostles were all of one accord in one place suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a wind and it filled all the house. When this was noised abroad the multitude came together and each man heard them speak in his own tongue, and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

The four conspicuous events in Jesus' life of most vital importance and which Christians regard as corner stones of Christianity are his Birth, his Baptism, his Transfiguration, and his Resurrection; and each one of these, if the record is reliable, was a manifestation of spirit power.

His Birth, at which he was overshadowed by spirit presence, was accompanied by an act of spiritual influx from invisible intelligences as well as by an inheritance of the psychic sense from his mediumistic mother, by which, as a child, he became endowed with the power to work "miracles." His Baptism was an exhibition of his clairvoyant and clairaudient power. It was he and not the multitude to whom the heavens were opened and who saw the spirit descend like a dove and heard the voice. His Transfiguration on the mount, when, with his spirit's eyes, he beheld Moses and Elias, was an exact duplicate of what has occurred hundreds of times, and is occurring now, every year and every month, in almost every city in Europe and America. His Resurrection was simply a case of materialization, the same as is done now with equal success in every good materializing seance.

The manifestation of supernaturally power in these four events, and in all the wonderful works of Jesus and of his disciples and of the prophets and

seers of the Old Testament as well, is paralleled by similar manifestations to-day; and the evidence is conclusive that they all proceed from the same source; and the evidence is so strong as to make it absolutely certain that the source of modern manifestations are found in the spirit world.

It is seemingly impossible for one to be a modern Spiritualist and not become thoroughly convinced that Jesus was a medium, and especially a healing medium of remarkable power; also that early Christianity was indebted for its establishment in the world, more to the presence of its psychic manifestations than to its claims for the Messiahship of Jesus. It is evident to me that it was the power which Jesus possessed to do "wonderful works" that, in the very beginning, led him to the belief that he was the Jewish "Messiah" and the "Son of God" and the "Sent of God," who was on an "equality with God," who pre-existed with God, who could "forgive sins" like God, who was God's chosen instrument, and vicegerent on earth.

The New Testament distinctly shows that, as a rule, when Jesus laid claim to any of the above distinctions it was in connection with some "miracle" which he used always as proof of his divinity. "No man can do these works except God be with him" was not only the opinion of Jesus, but of his disciples as well; and they used it as their most convincing argument in Jesus' defense, before the skeptical world. It is evident to me from the Gospel record that the psychic power of Jesus was the one central cause, and the one original and only cause which prompted Jesus to take the first step in his career or make the first claim to recognition before the world; as it was the prior cause of his winning adherents. It was the one solitary germ from which early Christianity started as a public movement; and encouraged by it, Jesus made claim to a divine calling and became an earnest preacher of righteousness and a bold antagonist to wrong in society, in Church and in State.

This view of the matter, which is so visible in the New Testament, is strengthened by history and by other individuals of modern date with similar endowments. It was the psychic power, of which Swedenborg was possessed, which led him to become the founder of a religious sect and write volumes of theological words. It was the psychic power of Ann Lee which forced her into public life and made her a famous preacher and the founder of a religious order, which, under certain conditions, might have become widespread. I know to-day of workers on the public platform in the ranks of Spiritualism, wielding a wide influence, leaders in humanitarian thought, reformers in religious belief, advocates of higher standards of morality, self-sacrificing and conscientious, addressing thousands, bold, brave, and heroic as Jesus, and who never would have dreamed of stepping out of the private walks of life, had it not been for their mediumship, through which higher intelligences impelled them into the career they are following. I am satisfied Paul would never have been converted to Christianity and become its most powerful defender and propagator had it not been that he was a medium, through whom the spirit of Jesus, from the spirit world, was enabled to come to him, and speak to him, and entrance and impress him. Paul of himself, of his own accord, it is not likely, would in less than one hour have turned such a somersault as he did, from a bitter, determined enemy, "breathing out slaughter," to a warm, personal friend, laying down his life, in sacrifice, for his cause.

The same was true, in perhaps a less degree, of Peter and of Stephen. Peter was a stubborn Jew, even after he became a believer in Jesus, and he held that Jesus was to be preached only to the Jews. And he never would have changed probably, but he was a medium and had a vision, in which he was taught to call nothing unclean which came from the hand of God, as all men did.

What caused John to write the book of Revelation? It was not his own inclination. On the Isle of Patmos he, because he was a medium and therefore susceptible to spirit influence, was controlled by a spirit who commanded him to write.

Even to-day in our own midst there

is scarcely a month goes by but some daily paper announces the fact of some one having a vision, as did Peter, or hearing a spirit voice, as did John, giving warning of some danger or much needed information concerning some sudden event.

Many people think these things are caused by the interposition of God, in a special manner, as a special act, for a special purpose. Jesus probably thought so, at least the law was such he would not have dared to announce that his power came from the spirit world, even if he had believed it. The same was true of the disciples. But now no law of the State forbids our investigating any manifestations which seem to be of superearthly source, and those who attribute these things either to God or the devil show that they have not examined the subject thoroughly, and are incompetent witnesses in the case.

In the times of Jesus the spirits themselves would naturally conceal their identity, otherwise their mediums would have been liable to arrest by the officers of the law. There was no other safe way only to attribute the power to God, and indeed God is the source of all power in the sense of being the Great First Cause.

Spiritualists claim that the psychic power which Jesus and his disciples possessed is a natural power, belonging to all in a greater or less degree. There is no ancient book so much as the Bible, and no ancient person so much as Jesus, that discloses to such a marked degree, the power, influence, and intelligence of the spirit world breaking through the thin shell of separation between the two worlds into the sphere of daily life on earth.

Lesson for the Light of Truth.

## THE RELIGION OF THE FUTURE.

### History Repeating Itself in Life-like Demonstration.

REV. S. WEIL.

Religion was hitherto defined as the belief in God and the fulfillment of his will, as revealed in the compilation of books called the Bible. Webster declares religion to be primarily: "The recognition of God as an object of worship, love, and obedience"; secondarily: "Any system of faith and worship." The *Encyclopædia Britannica* understands by the term Religions "the modes of divine worship," Vol. XX., page 358. In Christian theology religion is commonly defined as "reverence for God, or piety to him," (Knapp's "Christian Theology," Introduction). "The final cause of man's creation was the display of the glory of God, and principally of his moral perfections." ("Theological Institutes," vol. ii., page 17).

In conformity with this orthodox Christian view, the catechism declares that man was created purposely: "To worship God and to enjoy him forever." All these definitions are fast becoming obsolete. Religion is defined in the Spiritual Philosophy as "The Science of Human Life Here and Hereafter," (Tuttle). Or as that great system of spiritual laws which pertains to man's progressive, spiritual evolution. Piety, as the observance of ceremonial rites is not included in this definition. The very term "Religion" has become inconvenient because of the old implications of ceremonial duties, such as prescribed prayers, baptism, Church-attendance, fasting, observance of certain holidays and the like. To be religious or pious, one must conform to these ecclesiastical requirements.

Not so in the new dispensation, which insists solely upon moral character and spiritual aspirations. Hence many teachers of the new era substitute for the vague terms piety and religiousness, the more definite words *Spirituality* or *Spiritual-mindedness*.

Now, Jesus did not prescribe any mode of worship, nor did he formulate a creed. His very mission was to abolish the formalism, the stereotyped, ceremonial usages, "A new command-

ment I give unto you that ye love one another. Love is the fulfillment of all laws." Under the Mosale theory the sacrifice of one's possessions, the external offerings, what one would give or bestow in the way of material contributions, this was considered sufficient. But under the sacrificing spirit of the master it was self that was to be sacrificed. The victory was to be gained over passion and pride, over all things that mislead and cause man to go astray.

But how perverted this Christ-spirit became in Christian theology. "The idea prevailed that to give up something that you selfishly desire is one of the greatest offerings. It is even given as the highest authority of the New Testament that you can give no higher gift than to lay down your life for your friend. And the whole theme and scheme of Christendom is that Christ's physical life was given as a sacrifice for your moral sins. How his body could suffer for your moral delinquencies does not transpire. No one word of this is in his life or in his teachings." (Mrs. Richmond's "Discourses," vol. I., No. 43.)

The prophets in Israel had already denounced this idea. The contemporaries of Micah are reported to have said: "Wherewith shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before the high God? \* \* \* Shall I give my first born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" Nay, answered the prophet: "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy." (Micah vi. 6-8.) Hoseah says: "For I desire mercy and not sacrifices." The prophet Jeremiah boldly declares that sacrifices are not divinely commanded at all. "For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices." (Jer. vii. 22.)

Yet the New Testament affirms that "Without shedding of blood is no remission of sin." (Heb. ix. 22.) "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many." (Verse 28.) Here we have the monstrous doctrine of vicarious atonement engrafted, foisted upon the Sermon on the Mount.

"In the childhood of the world," says R. D. Owen, "at all events, when it was three thousand years younger than it is to-day—a strange rite was instituted at the alleged command of God, among the Hebrews. Sins were treated as if they were tangible and movable objects, that could be detached from the sinner by a High Priest, and sent away, as worn-out garments or cumbersome rubbish might be, on a beast of burden. (See Leviticus xvi.) This typical action might have been well enough in that age of ceremonies, if there had been any true principle underlying it. But it was founded on an error of the gravest character. We can not scrape sins by a shifting of them from ourselves to an other living being, any more than we can evade the fever that consumes us, or the plague that threatens life, by transfer of either to friend or foe. God's immutable law is against it. He has made it impossible to detach effect from cause." ("The Debatable Land," page 115.)

Christ came to emancipate men from formalism; but after his living presence was withdrawn, formalism was reintroduced with a vengeance. Instead of the spirit, instead of the truth that maketh free, the letter was once more substituted. Jesus appealed to the conscience, to the moral sentiments and the natural affections. But theology relied upon rites and ceremonies. When the Master said: "After this manner therefore pray," (Matt. vi. 9.) He did not mean that the so-called Lord's Prayer should be adopted and stereotyped in a ritual. When Jesus took his last meal with his disciples, saying: "This do in remembrance of me," he evidently meant that whenever in future years they would eat the passover-lamb on that evening they should remember this memorable last supper of their beloved Master. But straight-way theologians pounced upon this saying and instituted the Lords Supper as a sacred ordinance. They thus changed a mere token of affection into a stereotyped ceremony. As the Rabbis of the Talmud had written large dissertations and legal treatises on the minute particulars of ceremonial observances, so did Christian theologians now write volumes on the Lord's Supper, on Baptism, Immersion, Sprinkling with water, on the use of

bread and wine in the sacrament of the Eucharist and on the efficacy of these rites.

A much graver violation of the Christ spirit was the adoption of the Mosale judicial laws. To quote from the above mentioned discourse of Mrs. Cora Richmond: "By a singular association of historical ideas the Jewish law has been handed down to Christians as a law for Christians to follow. Instead of the law of love you have the law of revenge and hatred; you have courts of justice for retaliation for crime; instead of winning men from their shortcomings, you have lived under the Mosale Dispensation, rendering an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. The history of Christian races has been a history of violence. The law of Christ is known only in individual lives, and in small proportion to human existence; not noticeably in history has the true Christian spirit prevailed."

Now, as Christ preached ideal Judaism, so does the Spiritual Philosophy preach ideal Christianity. The true Christ-Spirit will appear in the new dispensation of the present and the future, when men will be Christians indeed, instead of Christians in name only; when social, industrial, and political life be pervaded and governed by the Christ-Spirit. "Now, as then, people say, is not Christ sufficient; were not his teachings exemplary; can we have any higher law of guidance than the Christian law? We answer the new dispensation does not come to destroy but to fulfill."

But in order to fulfill the precepts of the Sermon on the Mount in spirit, we must be Christlike in all conduct, instead of being merely pious on Sunday and profane the rest of the week. Look again at our ceremonial formalism. The Sabbath must not be desecrated by secular work or even by open libraries, picture galleries, museums, etc., but competitions and low cunning if not overreaching is tolerated from Monday morning till Saturday night. What blasphemy! It is this Sunday religion that puts to silence the scruples of the princes of mammon; that insures their salvation, that stones for all the sins of commission and omission in business, politics, and other departments of social life. Hence the rich uphold the Church and are conservative members because they want to retain their "vested rights," to wit, the existing industrial and commercial institutions; the poverty which necessitates almsgiving, by which the wealthy acquire their passport to heaven. The orthodoxy is shared by the Church itself, and is supported by texts from Scripture. Is it not enjoined to pray "for kings and all that are in authority?" (1 Tim. ii. 2).

Is it not written: "Servants, be obedient to them that according to the flesh are your masters?" (Eph. vi. 5.)

The minister of the gospel vaguely fears innovations and free discussion, thus becoming the ally of the rich members of his Church. He rarely attacks existing institutions which make the rich richer and the poor poorer. Why should he? Self-interest and the self-interest of the Church itself forbid it. The Church has been called "a rich man's club."

The *San Francisco Examiner*, as quoted by the *Banner of Light* of September 30, 1893, "Holds that the American wage-earner does not rank the preachers or the Churches among his friends, but looks upon preachers as parasites of the rich and spokesmen for the interests and prejudices of the well-to-do in general. Does he err in thinking that the average Church is designed for the entertainment, spiritual and social, of aristocratic and middle class people only? Little enough care the pulpits, east or west, for anything but the pews and their sumptuously cushioned owners and occupants. The modern Church is a rich man's club. A limited number of what may invidiously be styled the middle-class are admitted for the sake of making the thing appear popular and to flatter them out of their money contributions by making them feel that they are aristocrats too. But the control is in the hands of the few rich men who own the whole concern. The modern Churches have as much to do with the masses as the zenith has to do with the nadir." True, there are exceptions. There are some noble men in the ministry who boldly thunder the truth into the faces of the rich, regardless of their favor, but such ministers

are unpopular among the wealthy pillars of the Church. They are denounced as improper meddlers in matters with which they are not legitimately concerned. They are told to preach only "the meek and lowly Jesus," and let business and politics alone.

But the preachers of the new era are pre-eminently social reformers and champions for the poor and oppressed. As the ancient prophet says: "With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity in behalf of the meek of the land; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. (Chap. xl.) The preaching of the new era is again announcing its mission "to preach good tidings unto the poor." It does not study to please, but to be worthy of him, of whom it was said: "And the common people heard him gladly." (Mark xlii. 37.) It enjoins an every-day holiness, not a Sunday piety. It sanctions a day of rest and recreation. As to worship or divine service, it teaches that the best service we can render to God is to serve our fellowmen. It emphatically repudiates the theological doctrine that God has decreed that man shall worship him on the Sabbath. Devotional feelings can not be called forth by a divine commandment. These feelings are either spontaneous or spurious, mere formality. The Jews in Jesus' time made themselves slaves to the Sabbath, so much so that it was considered a sin to heal the sick or cure the blind and the lame. (See John ix. 16.) When therefore Jesus was chided with holy indignation for performing cures on the Sabbath, or for plucking ears of corn to appease hunger, he replied: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." (Mark ii. 27.)

To sum up: Religion as defined in the Spiritual Philosophy does not describe the attributes of the Infinite, making a God in the image of man. It insists on what the poet so aptly says:

"Know them—thyselves;  
Presume not God to scan,  
The proper study of mankind is man."

The religion of the future does not consist of a man-made creed, but of philanthropy. It breaks down all sectarian and national barriers. It unites the human race in one grand fraternization of universal co-operation, mutual help and mutual protection. It demands that the strong do bear the infirmities of the weak, instead of taking selfish advantage of the weakness of others in the brutal struggle of existence, a survival of animalness and savagery.

Hence it is an every-day religion, a religion in daily life, in industry, in trade and commerce, in business, in politics, and in all human relations. Divinely inspired and aided by angels and the spirit world, the religion of the future already evolved and inaugurated will surely realize the ideal of the great Nazarine: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven!"

Inspiration is an effect of good deeds—love making the soul receptive to the light of causation. By remailing your idle papers to truth seekers you receive in proportion as you dispense.

### Secret of Bees.

The value of the bee is in its tongue, and, as the usefulness of this member as a honey-extractor is supposed to vary with its length, efforts are being made in France to develop an improved—or long-tongued—race of bees. The tongue is measured by two methods. M. Chanton uses a box having a cover of wire netting and a slightly inclined bottom, the bees which reach through the netting and suck sweets from the bottom farthest down the incline being those with the longest tongues. The apparatus of M. Legros is a vessel of sweetened liquid, with a perforated tin-plate cover which can be adjusted at any desired height above the liquid. Ordinary bees are found to have tongues with a length of 5.5 millimetres, about one fourth of an inch, while those of the black French bees reach 9.2 millimetres, and those of the best American bees have a maximum length of 8.73 millimetres. The hives whose bees extract sirup from the greatest depths are preserved as stock for reproduction.

### Lake Pleasant (Mass.) Camp-Ground.

One can hardly imagine, without having visited it, what a beautiful spot this is. Situated midst the Berkshire Hills, only six miles from the beautiful Connecticut, upon a lovely sheet of water right among the pine woods, with no mosquitos or flies making it necessary to keep windows and doors screened, and the warmest days being always followed by cool nights; this is veritable a paradise on earth to the thousands who visit it annually.

In conjunction with such attractiveness the season of 1896 will be the most harmonious the camp has ever experienced.

The association so well appreciated the efforts of its board of directors last year that it re-elected the entire board unanimously, and with full power to act, entire control of the grounds, and the perfect confidence of the association, the management is determined to make this the crowning year spiritually, socially, and financially of Lake Pleasant, and with such mediums and lecturers engaged as J. Frank Baxter, Helen Smart Richings, Willard J. Hall, Clara Field Conant, Edgar W. Emerson, Mrs. B. S. Lillie, Dr. Charles W. Hidden, Mrs. S. A. Burns, May S. Pepper, Hon. A. H. Daley, Carrie E. S. Twing, and Oscar A. Edgerly, it seems as though there could be no failure.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll will deliver the oration for the grand celebration on the fourth of July, and band concerts, dancing, and fire works will be the order of the day. Colonel Ingersoll is also engaged to lecture on three Sundays during July and August, and efforts are being made to engage Rev. Minot J. Savage for two Sundays in July.

The Fitchburg Railroad will have lower rates than ever for longer periods, and friends from Boston will be able to visit Lake Pleasant to stop over Sundays during the summer months at greatly reduced rates.

A full orchestra and brass band, with Charles M. Bickford, of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra as conductor, will be on the grounds from July 25th to September 1st, and will give band concerts daily. An orchestra of twelve men will furnish music for the dances for which J. Russell Bickford, of Greenfield will prompt, and they will be held in the pavilion four days of the week and in the Temple upon the other two days.

The hotel will be opened for guests from June 1st under the proprietorship of the well-known Westfield Hotel proprietor, Samuel Squires and Dr. E. E. Conant. The circulars will be out by May 10th. Calls are being received daily for rooms and cottages, and many are already engaged. Campers and cottage-owners will remember that the 3 per cent. assessment and water taxes are both to be paid to the clerk at headquarters this season.

We are fortunate in having besides the directors, three efficient vice presidents: Mr. H. A. Budington, Mr. J. B. Hatch, Jr., and Mrs. A. S. Waterhouse, each of whom is well competent to conduct the meeting in the absence of President Daley.

Vocal music will be the feature of the year, and Madame Marie Foster and Mrs. Grace Cobb Crawford have been engaged as vocalists.

We thank the management of the LIGHT OF TRUTH for the courtesy it has always extended to us, and extend our best wishes for its future welfare.

ALBERT P. BLINN, Clerk.

600 Tremont Street, Boston.

### Mediums and Healers Directory.

Public and private mediums of all phases of mediumship. Magnetic Healers, Inspirational and Trance Speakers, Electricians, Mental and Spiritual Scientists, etc., in the United States, can save time and increase their business financially, in a direct way, by sending in their business cards at once for an add in the new Directory, entitled "The Universal Emanatorium," for April, May, and June, 1896, issued quarterly. The first edition goes to press the 23d inst. For terms, etc., direct letters of inquiry enclosing stamp to the publisher, and receive in return mail full instructions in printed form.

Address G. G. W. VAN HORN, General Manager and Publisher of "The Universal Emanatorium," 490 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

### Clinton (Iowa) Camp-Meeting.

Arrangements are progressing finely for the fourteenth annual Camp-meeting of the Mississippi Valley Association, which will be held August 21 to 31st.

It is the intention to make this camping season the equal if not superior to any of its predecessors, and the management have spared no efforts in securing talent of national reputation to represent our cause on this occasion.

Reliable mediums of every phase will present the phenomena, and nothing will be wanting to insure a profitable and enjoyable session for the season of 1896.

It was conceded by all that that the camp of last season was the best and most harmonious held in many years, and no effort will be spared to make the forthcoming camp even better than last season.

Now, that all legal difficulties have been settled in favor of the association and our title to the park secured beyond all controversy, a new impetus will be given to all friends of the association to complete the work so auspiciously begun, and place Mt. Pleasant Park solidly to the front among the leading camps of the country. Already effects of the settlement of the legal controversy are manifested in the demand for building permits, and new cottages will be completed before the opening of the season.

A new feature will be the publishing of a daily paper devoted to the interest of the camp, which will be delivered daily upon the grounds. The project is in the hands of a thorough Spiritualist and practical newspaper man, who understands all the requirements, and who will give a faithful report of all lecture, seances, arrivals and departures, and anything of interest to campers and their friends.

Circulars giving full particulars will be issued in May.

#### NOTICE TO MEDIUMS.

All mediums intending to be present, and who wish their names and phases mentioned in our circulars, should send the same to Will C. Hodge, 710 Prairie street, Milwaukee, Wis., who will cheerfully answer all inquiries in regard to the business of the camp.

All applications for rooms, tents, cottages, and seance-rooms should be directed to Solon J. Smith, superintendent, Clinton, Iowa, care Mt. Pleasant Park.

WILL C. HODGE, Sec'y, M. V. S. A.

### Fall River, Mass.

The very successful observance of "45" in the "Cotton City" has been of such benefit to the cause that friends everywhere will be pleased to rejoice with us.

Although a fierce rain-storm prevailed through the day (Sunday) and evening standing-room only was obtainable in G. A. R. Hall for those who came to listen to the splendid treatment of the Past and Future of Spiritualism by Mrs. Wm. Peyser, of Providence, R. I., whose efforts were supplemented by readings given by her talented little daughter.

Spirit evidence was given in volume by our best and most favorably received mediums, Mrs. E. D. Butler, Mrs. A. L. Pennell, Mrs. Julia E. Davis, while Mrs. Bishop gave us tests and inspirational singing of a high order.

The music by our "Batchelor family" augmented by Mrs. Celeste Pewsey, pianist, as usual was of a very high order; the "Le Calife de Bagdad" by Miss Lizzie Batchelor, solo Violinist and conductor, being a gem.

But the feature of the day and the evening was the welcome presence of genial Father Nicholas Lyons, who has so improved under the treatment of a clairvoyant physician that he is looking forward to the meeting at Onset with renewed fervor.

Mrs. Butler was with us April 19th, and Mrs. Davis will be with us the 26th. The regular entertainment takes place on the 28th. Sec'y.

An old new book is P. B. Randolph's "After Death." It was already registered at Washington in 1868, and shortly afterwards published. But much that it contained was not universally understood or accepted. Now it is looming up as a new light, or as such that is now becoming common property. Being prophetic then, it is now. For sale at this office. Price \$2.25

### Detroit, Mich.

The First Spiritual Philosophical Society of this city celebrated the anniversary of Modern Spiritualism with one of the finest programs possible. In the afternoon Dr. J. Kergan gave the address, subject, "Then and Now," which was handled in a masterly manner; after which Mrs. Nellie S. Baade described many spirits present which were recognized by thankful hearts. Recitation and singing concluded the afternoon session. At 7:30 the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, many having to go away for want of room. Nellie S. Baade gave the regular address, after which she gave psychometric readings and tests. Prof. Sicardy, of Brooklyn, N. Y., favored us with two vocal selections, and Mrs. M. E. Louise Dale sang as only she can sing, being one of the finest musicians of this city. Dr. J. B. Kergan made a few appropriate remarks to the point. Mrs. Baade, Mr. McCarthy, and Miss Mary M. then sat at a table upon the rostrum in full light and the raps came fast and loud, so as to be heard all over the hall, the raps being in answer to questions.

In justice to our pastor, who has been our regular speaker for three years, we consider her one of the finest lecturers and test mediums that we have upon the spiritual rostrum. Detroit has been visited by many speakers and mediums who come and go, but not one of them have reached larger audiences or did better work than our own loved pastor. Long may she live to disseminate the glad tidings of Spiritualism. MRS. A. JOHNSON, Sec'y.

The First National Spiritual Society observed the Forty-Eighth Anniversary at their hall, No. 140 First street, on Sunday, March 29th, with Mrs. Marion Carpenter, our regular pastor, and Hon. L. V. Moulton, of Grand Rapids, as speaker for the day. Mr. Moulton gave a very instructive lecture at 3 p. m. on "The Origin of Modern Spiritualism," which was listened to with rapt attention. His subject in the evening was "The greatest difficulties encountered by investigators of Modern Spiritualism," which was handled in a masterly manner.

Mrs. Carpenter followed the lecture with psychometric readings. We feel proud to state that this lady has recently passed a successful examination before the Michigan Society for Psychical Research, under strict test conditions, and has received from the same a very fine certificate of recommendation as a psychometrist.

The hall at both meetings was crowded to overflowing. The decorations were beautiful, consisting of palms, potted and cut flowers, donated by the many friends and members of our society to whom we wish to extend our sincere thanks. Miss Clark rendered a very fine violin solo, and Mrs. Carpenter sang two beautiful solos in her own sweet characteristic way. Mrs. Edson rendered some very fine piano solos.

The meeting as a whole was a grand and glorious success. MISS HILBRETH.

### Saginaw, Mich.

Last November this society engaged Miss Mary B. Williams, now Mrs. Keeler, of Fall River, Mass., who has labored earnestly with us in the cause of human progress, who, with the aid of her controls has proclaimed in undisputed terms that Spiritualism is nature's religion, and life will never cease progress. She has so appealed to the intelligence of men and women to learn more about themselves, with the results that to-day we have a large and growing membership, and at our Sunday evening service the audience often numbers several hundred.

The Ladies' aid is an important factor in our work. It is more than half of the society. We are also organizing a lyceum, and hope to make it entertaining and instructive to both the young and old members.

Recently we entered into contract for the purchase of the Universalist Church, a magnificent edifice situated on Washington avenue, in the business part of the city, which cost twenty-two thousand dollars to build, containing an auditorium with gallery, and a seating capacity for six hundred people; a parlor, dining room; a large hall; kitchen; cloak and toilet rooms. This property with all its fixtures was purchased for five thousand five hundred dollars.

JOHN SIMONS.

### New Orleans, La.

I desire to say a few words about Spiritualism in the "Crescent City," thinking that it may reach the understanding of friends in the North and East, and to whom I have neither the time nor opportunity to write.

The rostrum of the New Orleans Association of Spiritualists at 57 Camp street old number has been occupied, during the past winter, by speakers and mediums of high intellectual and spiritual attainments among whom was Prof. J. Clegg Wright. His lectures were profound and instructive, and appealed to the highest order of spirituality. And I think that his alternate demonstration of trance and inspirational powers is something grand and beautiful beyond expression. The latter part of January and the month of February the platform was held by Dr. J. M. Temple, of San Francisco, Cal., a well known test medium, who drew good houses, and with his strong spirit hand held a very successful "developing circle." The months of March and April will ever be memorable for the presence of Rev. H. C. Andrews, of Bridgeport, Mich., a genial soul, a fine inspirational speaker and psychometrist, controlled in poetic numbers by Scotland's favorite poet, Robert Burns.

Brother Andrews' guides are a harmonious union of several nationalities, of which, not the least, are the strong and noble "Red Men," whose prophetic vision and strong healing powers render great assistance to longing and suffering humanity.

Since your humble servant occupied the rostrum of the association, two years since, advanced changes have wrought commensurate results. Holding out its banner of truth, though small in numbers, this earnest convocation of determined Spiritualists have held steadily on their course. The officers, re-elected for the present year, enter the vestibule of the temple with renewed hopes and firmer resolutions than ever for success.

Spiritualism is steadily and surely gaining in this city of magnolias and roses; and one by one thinking minds are being convinced, through home as well as foreign mediumship. The year augurs favorably for the cause.

PROF. S. W. EDMUNDS.

### Lake Brady Revivus.

The financial cloud which the Lake Brady Company has been under since the close of the camp-meeting last season has at last rolled by, and while the company is not yet entirely free from its temporary embarrassment, sufficient funds have been raised to meet the pressing claims against it, and the beautiful grounds at Lake Brady are being put in tip-top shape to open at the usual time, under the management of Mr. Alfred Kellogg and Mr. Charles Thomas, of 2762 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio, as receivers, who are now prepared to give full information in reference to the forthcoming season. First class speakers with open dates, and well-known mediums, who have not yet decided what camp to locate at this summer, are invited to correspond at the above address, or of the writer.

THOMAS LEE.

56 Stearns Street, Cleveland, O.

### New York City.

The New Ethical Spiritualist Society, of which Miss B. V. Cushman is president and Mrs. Helen T. Brigham pastor for many years, celebrated the Forty-Eighth Anniversary at Adelphi Hall, April 5th. This entertainment was unique from first to last—the introductory remarks by Miss Cushman the discourses by Mrs. C. F. Loring, of Boston, Mr. Chas. J. Rose, of New York, and Mrs. Brigham were splendid and well calculated to elevate humanity. The music was fine, the recitation from Joaquin Miller by the poet's daughter Joaquina Miller was admirably rendered; as also by Prof. B. R. Thoburn. The climax, however, was reached when Father Hutchinson sang the "Old Granite State." On the 12th inst. Mrs. Brigham closed her Adelphi Hall meetings, having an engagement in England for the summer.

TITUS MERRITT.

The soul not bound by creed or dogma is the only true free citizen in the realm. Remail your LIGHT OF TRUTH to the unnaturalized and disfranchised within the sphere of your knowledge.

Lynn, Mass.

The Spiritualists of Lynn held two very interesting services Sunday at 33 Summer street with good audiences. At 2:30 there was a developing, healing and test circle. Mrs. Melissa K. Hamill presided at the piano. Mrs. Dr. Dowland opened the circle with an invocation and spoke on "The Duty of Spiritualists in Relation to Spiritual Knowledge." Dr. S. M. Furbush, W. H. Rounseville, David Sheppard, Edward F. Murray and Mrs. D. E. Matson, gave many tests, developing and magnetic treatments which relieved and cured many. Mrs. Lizzie D. Butler and Mr. W. H. Rollins of Salem gave many excellent readings, tests and spirit messages and in every case received a ready response of recognition. Other mediums took part but would not allow their names to go into the spiritual papers. At 7:30 the services opened with appropriate selections rendered by the Misses Lena and Elsie Burns. Mrs. Dr. M. E. Dowland spoke on "Nature and Soul" her remarks were very instructive. Mrs. Lizzie D. Butler then gave one of her remarkable seances of one and a half hours' duration, giving readings, tests and spirit communications. At Mrs. Dowland's meeting Friday afternoon for ladies much good was done for the cause. At the Friday evening meeting a fine audience greeted Mrs. Dr. Dowland. Mrs. Lizzie D. Butler did fine work for the spirit world. Tuesday evening there was also a fine audience and Mrs. Dowland and D. Matson did the work for the angel world.

T. H. B. JAMES.

Large audiences greeted Mrs. Ida E. Downing on Sunday April 12th, at Cadet Hall, before the Lynn Spiritualist Association. After short lectures the guides gave a very large number of tests and communications which were nearly all recognized. We are always sure of good houses when Mrs. Downing is with us. President Kelly made some excellent remarks, and as usual led in singing. Mr. Frank Hitchcock sang a solo very pleasingly, with Miss Ethel Cross as accompanist. Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock will be with us for the next two Sundays. MRS. A. A. AVERILL, Sec.

San Jose, Cal.

The First Spiritual Union of San Jose celebrated the Forty-Eighth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on March 29th in an all-day meeting. Circle for investigators and friends were held in the hall at eleven a. m. Members of the society assembled in the parlors of the hall at the same hour for annual meeting, business, &c. An election of directors for the ensuing year took place who in turn elected the following: For President, H. S. Owen; Vice President, Mr. Greasslee; Secretary, E. Pomeroy; Treasurer, Dr. Barker; Trustees, Mrs. May Archer, Jos. Murray and William McMeekin. Both meetings adjourned at one o'clock when lunch was served. The friends re-assembled at three o'clock in the hall when an excellent program was rendered by adults and children of the Lyceum. The home of the Fox girls was represented.

An abundance of flowers, calla lilies, roses, wild yellow poppies, adorned the walls, while the chairs were draped with the stars and stripes. J. B. Coonley gave the opening address; Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn and others gave short addresses.

In the evening Mrs. Allyn gave her farewell address which was grand indeed. She goes to Summerland from here. A vote of thanks was tendered her by the audience for her zealous work. N. F. Ravlin spoke on Sunday evening the 5th. He is en route for Portland, Oregon. We will have J. B. Coonley for the rest of the month. He has taken up his residence with us and promises to be a worker in the vineyard. On the following Tuesday evening the 31st ult., anniversary exercises were held at the residence of Carrie Downer-Stone. There was a goodly number of people present and a very excellent spiritual and social time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. H. L. BIGELOW.

P. B. Randolph's "After Death" is a revelation of the past just now coming to view. Its registry at Washington in 1868 blockades dispute as to its genuineness. Bound, \$2.25. For sale at this office.

Milwaukee, Wis.

The results of the Anniversary by the "First Spiritualistic Church" held in their spacious quarters 216 Grand Ave., has done more to encourage its members to greater efforts than any other occasion in its history since its foundation. The celebration of the forty-eighth birthday of Modern Spiritualism was held from the 29th to the 31st of March, and the most sanguine expectations were realized. On Sunday the 29th services were held afternoon and evening. Mrs. C. McFarlin of Chicago delivered the "Anniversary Address." She is a good lecturer; an honest worker, and a credit to the work. She was followed by Mrs. Carrie A. Nick, the most gifted and conscientious medium that ever graced a Milwaukee rostrum. Her tests were grand and many. Her control has a manner that is winning with all. Her tests, giving names of spirits are invariably recognized. On Monday evening Mrs. McFarlin lectured and Mrs. Nick again gave tests, and both again gave great satisfaction. Dr. Rothermel assisted in the entertainment, and it is needless to say gave satisfaction. The celebration wound up on Tuesday evening with a social and dance, and financially it eclipsed all previous meetings and celebrations ever held in this city. It was clearly demonstrated that the society under the leadership of President Nick is rapidly gaining prestige throughout the city. Any society might be proud of progress similar to that attained by this one in the past year.

COMMITTEE.

Watertown, N. Y.

The Society here was ministered to during January by Mrs. Helen Stuart Rhinings of Boston, Mass. It was her first appearance here, that her labors were appreciated was evidenced by the fact that the attendance and interest immediately began to increase and continued to the end, and all regretted that she had not been engaged for a longer term, and they at once offered her a re-engagement for two months this fall which chanced to be open. She is of most pleasing appearance, of great natural ability, and of first class education, and certainly has no superior as an elocutionist and reader, and very few peers. She sways her audience from laughter to tears at will. Her psychometric readings were pronounced entirely accurate.

Mrs. Twing the regular pastor was to have been here during February, but matters so shaped with her that the trustees were compelled very reluctantly to excuse her. The managers had not succeeded in securing the services of any first class medium or speaker for March; but Mrs. A. M. Gladding of Doylestown, Penn., is here for this month. She was greeted by a large audience last Sunday, for she had quite won all hearts when here a year since. She is an excellent speaker, her voice being clear and well intoned, filling the hall so that even the deaf can hear. Her tests are numerous and always recognized. Her manner is most graceful, and the lectures given through her mediumship very interesting and instructive. She is always certain of a re-engagement, but like all the best speakers in the cause, is always engaged for a year and over in advance.

Mrs. Abel Davis to whom, and her venerated husband, the Society owes so much, is recovering from a severe illness, the issue of which she awaited with that calmness which comes from knowledge of what is beyond the veil. Our people all hope that the powers supernal will continue her useful life yet many years.

F. N. FITCH, Cor. Sec.

Special Notice.

Mary T. Longley, M. D., medium for the LIGHT OF TRUTH, diagnoses and prescribes for all forms of disease—chronic cases a specialty—by mail or at her office. State age, sex, and symptoms. Psychometric readings, or advice given and questions answered on business, the development of mediumship, obsession, etc. Fee for consultation on any or all of the above subjects, \$1.00 and stamp. Personal sittings for medical work only. Magnetized paper for aid in mediumship, health, or cure of obsession, \$1.00 per package. Address 127 S. Moline avenue, Pasadena, Cal.

Northwestern Spiritual Camp Meeting.

The Northwestern Camp Meeting opens its session this year on Sunday June 21st and continues through July, six weeks in all. While the attendance last year was large and very satisfactory we have every evidence of a much larger one this year. We have secured as good talent in speakers and mediums, so far as honesty and worth are considered, as there are in this country. We desire to put our programs in the hands of the printers as near May first as possible, and therefore ask all mediums and speakers who expect to be with us to write me at once. The Northwestern was one of the most successful camps held last year, and all mediums attending expressed themselves satisfied and pleased with the work done, and the perfect harmony which existed throughout the camp. We hope and trust the same results will be accomplished this year. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

S. N. ASPINWALL,

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Paw Paw, Mich.

March 28th and 29th Paw Paw Valley Spiritual Association celebrated its second annual meeting; also the Forty-Eighth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism with lectures by G. H. Brooks; a supper and social, and two materializing seances by James Riley, of Marcellus, which will long be remembered by all; but it is not all sunshine; for during the meeting the sad news of the death of an old friend and pioneer Spiritualist was received and read before the Sunday morning services—Mrs. Ripa Caplin, of Fenville, Mich.

At the annual meeting the officers of past year were re-elected, and are as follows: B. O'Dell, president; E. C. Tomers, vice-president; Mrs. N. P. Raleigh, secretary; Mrs. C. C. Nelson, Treasurer. Trustees: Mrs. M. L. O'Dell, J. D. Sherman, W. H. Nelson.

Mr. Brooks organized a lyceum with the following officers: Mrs. J. D. Sherman, director; Mrs. M. A. Sirlene, assistant conductor; Mrs. M. L. O'Dell, secretary; Mrs. Tensie Stevens, treasurer.

The Paw Paw Valley Spiritual Association will hold a meeting in Longwell's Opera House, April 26th, with W. H. Bach, of Aberdeen, S. D., as lecturer, and music by Miss Mable and Lillie O'Dell. NELLIE P. RALPH, Sec'y.

BAKER CITY, COL.—Dr. L. Schlesinger called at the Democrat office while here and surprised the staff with a test sitting, resulting in an editorial notice that was very flattering and commending his mediumship sufficiently to endorse it.—Corr.

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The Bulletin of March 28th says: "There is considerable talk in spiritual circles to day of a seance given last night at the Madison-avenue temple by Charlie Barnes, a materializing medium."

"A cabinet was rigged up on the rostrum of the temple by some dark cloth being hung over four posts. There was a large opening in the front of the cabinet. In front of this sat the medium and a committee of a half dozen, but one of whom is a Spiritualist. All the lights in the temple were left burning. There were about fifty people present."

"The manifestations were the ringing of bells, playing of musical instruments, tying knots into handkerchiefs, and writing communications on tablets by visible materialized spiritual hands in the cabinet. Members of the audience were permitted to look into the cabinet when they chose, and declare there was no person on the inside."

Lansing, Mich.

About sixty of the friends and relatives attended the wedding of Walter L. Spaulding and Mrs. Della Harger, at the residence of O. E. Spaulding on Michigan avenue east, last evening. It was a very pleasant and informal affair. The house was tastefully decorated by Fitzsimmons, the florist. At 6 o'clock, to the music of the piano, played by Mrs. Marvin, the young couple, with their attendants, took their places just in front of a bow window filled with flowers. Mrs. A. E. Sheets, in a peculiarly beautiful and impressive manner, conducted the services. Immediately thereafter a fine supper was served in the dining room. Many presents were received. Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding will spend a few days with friends in Battle Creek and then return to their home in this city.

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and Spirit Messages Received Through  
MRS. M. T. LONGLEY, Medium.

Our medium, who is employed for this department, sits in a special circle each week at which questions are answered by the Spirit President, John Pierpont, and individual spirit messages are given by such returning intelligences as can use her organism, all of which are reported by an amanuensis, and transmitted to this office for publication.

In justice to all concerned we request our readers to verify such messages as contain anything which they recognize.

Questions of a spiritual, philosophical, scientific, or humanitarian interest for consideration in this department may be forwarded to us at this office, and will receive attention in their turn. Address: LIGHT OF TRUTH Publishing Co., Room 7 312 Race Street, Cincinnati, O.

### Report of Seance, March 31, 1896

(Specially Reported for the LIGHT OF TRUTH  
By Dr. M. A. Hoehner.)

#### INVOCATION.

O ye angels of harmony and peace; oh ye, bright and beautiful souls, who have ascended the pathways of eternal life and have watched over the hill tops of progress, gaining wisdom step by step, attend us at this hour; give unto our waiting souls an illumination that shall brighten them as with divine light, instruct our minds that they may unfold in greater knowledge of life and its purpose, and become better fitted to grasp that which is for the healing, and for the edification of human souls. Bring to us from the heavenly land those vibrations of comfort and of affection as will soothe our souls and give them new strength for the duties and the burdens of life. We ask your presence at this time, not only that each one present may be elevated and brought to a higher plane of understanding in spiritual things, but that from those among us there may go forth unto the world rays of light and strength which shall be of usefulness unto those in need who may behold the light. We desire to be elevated in thought and consciousness, to be brought nearer and nearer the high and glorious beings who ever press onward doing the will of the Infinite, in laboring through love for humanity's sake, and may we be fitted in thought and aspiration, in effort and trial, to be companions of those who are grand and sweet, and thus be able to dispense benedictions unto our fellow-beings. We are thankful for the privilege of the day, for the glory of this occasion, to know that the gates of immortality are wide open, and that human beings may pass to and fro, bearing their consolations, giving ministrations unto needy, human souls. We are grateful that this day may be commemorated as the anniversary of that grand hour when the two worlds were brought into close conjunction, and the denizens of the spirit life were enabled to make their presence known to mortal understanding. And we thank ye, oh angels, who have been at work in extending this glorious cause of truth, in dispensing the light, in giving instruction to earth concerning the life that is to come. We thank Thee, oh Thou Divine Spirit, for all the blessings of life, and most of all, for "death" so-called, because it opens to the human soul advantages and opportunities to press onward into higher fields of knowledge and of power, to become delivered from the limitations of the flesh and the weaknesses and burdens of material life, and to grow strong in wisdom and in knowledge upon a fairer shore. Amen.

#### Questions and Answers.

QUES.—[Mrs. S., Rockford, Ill.] Many children pass from earth who have not had the experience necessary for their unfoldment. Are Spiritualists doing their duty toward the waifs and outcasts? Have we established homes for the homeless children who need protection and care? Will our spirit friends advise us? The Catholics have institutions in which to rear their orphan children and make them good Catholics. If all Spiritualists would pledge a dollar a month toward supporting liberal homes for destitute children in which the beauties of our cause could be taught a grand work could be done. What do the LIGHT OF TRUTH guides say to this?

ANS.—The questions propounded by your correspondent are pertinent and may be answered by each Spiritualist according to his own standpoint. It is well known that Spiritualism can not point to institutions in which the young may be provided with not only the necessities of sustenance for the body, but proper training for the mind, and with such environments and conditions as will yield to them instruction and guidance in order to make of them useful men and women. The world is filled with outcasts, little waifs, thrown off by society; that is, by the conditions of society, and left to wander about the streets, developing only that which is impure in their natures, and with no opportunities or assistance to unfold their higher qualities of their spiritual being, and then the world wonders that crime stalks abroad, that misery and vice exist, while, if the little ones, the strays and castaways, were taken in charge, and were afforded conditions and opportunities for the development of their higher natures, they would be reared into useful citizens, and be enabled along the years of life to express that which will be a bless-

ing to themselves and to their kind. This is an important subject, and one which must be agitated again and again, until its value is understood, and until reformatory measures are taken by humanitarians in its behalf. While children are not thus provided for with the best conditions for human growth and unfoldment, we shall have but little cause to wonder at the existence of misery and crime. Spiritualists, of all people, should understand this subject, and, feeling the importance of it, should spur themselves on to the duties in relation to it, and to do their individual best to forward the time when the little ones will be cared for as we have said, and when the slums and by places of earth will no longer reek with misery of unhappiness and sin, mingled with the cries of little children for bread or for protection. It is a theme, Mr. Chairman, that we might dwell upon had we the time, but it is not one that necessitates expression or elaboration, for it may be clearly understood by every thinking mind.

QUES.—[An interested inquirer asks.] We have been informed that the foreign Catholic element in the United States has a force of a million drilled men, by which, if necessary, to coerce the United States into an acceptance of Catholicism. Can you tell us concerning that purpose, and when it is likely to be put into operation? If such a purpose on the part of Catholics exists does it not behoove the opposite party to prepare for it and to take such steps as will prevent the threatened danger?

ANS.—We are not of the number who anticipate any onslaught upon the United States or its subjects by any foreign power in the name of religion, nor do we believe that the advocates of Catholicism are ready or willing to make warfare upon the government, or upon the institutions of this country for the purpose of forcing its articles or tenets upon their acceptance. Should the stronghold of Catholicism be attacked by any opposing force, no doubt, there would appear in its defense a host of armed men who would be loyal to its commandments and its teachings, and a terrible struggle might ensue, but as there is not the slightest danger of this, we need not concern ourselves with it on speculation. It is well for all liberty-loving people to be alert; "Eternally vigilance is the price of liberty." Neither would it need altogether to be exercised in relation to Catholicism and its claims; all liberalists need to be eternally vigilant that their rights may not be encroached upon by bigotry in various quarters, and if those who are liberal minded, filled with the spirit of free thought and of truth are alive to their duties, and not only ready to respond to the call when the necessity arises, but are at all times awake to the necessity of preventing the encroachment of any invading foe one need not fear for religious warfare with force of arms in these United States. The world is growing; man is becoming educated, even the young people of the Roman Church are imbibing the sentiments of mental freedom, and are becoming acquainted with the law of liberty and familiar—unconsciously, perhaps, to themselves—with that spirit of truth which is in the atmosphere, and which will make its power felt with irresistible force against all ecclesiastical theories of bigotry and of dogma. Disintegration of the Church is to come from within itself, and we believe that Catholicism, as well as other forms of religious faith, which belong to the dark ages, will be demolished because of lack of means for its growth and perpetuity. Within its very centre or stronghold of power—as the old die away and pass from this mortal plane of being—younger generations are coming forward to take their places and do the labors of the world, and we will find that the old creeds of intolerance are passing by, and that new ideas will take their place. So we need not fear that there will be a mighty effort made on the part of the old institutions to maintain their place, and the world must be vigilant and ready to meet that which may threaten destruction, but warfare of arms, at least in this country, we do not expect in this or any other century to come.

QUES.—[T. C. B., Grand Rapids, Mich.] Is there at first a period of unconsciousness when a soul enters the spirit life, or is there an unbroken consciousness—a remembrance of what has transpired?

ANS.—That depends upon the individual. Consciousness is the law of life;

inseparability is the law only of death. As a rule they who pass from the mortal form awaken very soon to a full consciousness of the change they have met and to their surroundings. There are many, however, who are unconscious of the passage of time and of their environments for a greater or less period of time after passing from the body. Much depends upon their mental state; also upon the condition of life through which they passed during the latter part of their earthly abitation. One may arouse at once to full consciousness of his condition, who, perhaps, had lingered for days and months in a semi-conscious state on earth, because of the physical needs; while another who may have suffered during his latter days of life, may be plunged into a condition of unconsciousness for a longer or a shorter period after his passage from the mortal form. It depends entirely upon the individual whether his soul awakens to a full consciousness when he enters the spirit life.

QUES.—[R. K., Denver, Colo.] As the following statement against Spiritualism is contained in a book, which has been translated into the languages of all civilized nations, and has experienced already the fifteenth edition in its original (German) language, and the fourth in its English translation, we would like to have an answer from you to teach the unlearned reader. On page 231 of the fourth English edition we read: "If the mind, as Spiritualists contend, be a thing independent, or self-existent, and controlling or utilizing matter, why is it so little able to defend itself against and repel those attacks? Why does it yield or succumb to a blow on the head, the commingling of a few drops of blood with the substance of the brain, a sunstroke, a few inhalations of chloroform, a few glasses of wine, or a few drops of opium, prussic acid, or other poison?"

ANS.—Mind is dependent upon the operation of law in its manifestations as fully as is physical life, consequently the mind when expressing its powers through the organic form must come in relation with the law that governs and directs material things, therefore, while mind is superior to matter and places supreme above the operation of physical law under certain conditions it of necessity depends more or less upon the operation of this physical life in manifesting its functions and powers through the organic brain. A blow upon the head, a sunstroke, or a dose of poison, has no perceptible effect upon the mind, but being a thing of matter deals entirely with the physical object that it may reach. The body, then, being disturbed in its functions by this foreign matter that is introduced into the system, or by the blow which it receives succumbs to the operation of physical law to which it is allied, but the mind remains intact, and the spirit, rising above the trammels of clay, severed from its condition with the mortal, is still enabled to exercise its powers and display intelligence irrespective of the condition which belongs to matter and to physical law. Spiritualism does not teach that mind has the power to subvert or overcome physical law in its operation with physical things. It does teach, as the author mentions, that mind is independent "of matter" and self-existent, controlling and utilizing matter according to its needs and power. The fact that it is independent and self-existent is proven by the evidence which Spiritualism gives to the world of the continuity of life and the survival of intelligent consciousness after the death of the body.

The following correspondents are answered in brief:

G. T., Tacoma, Wash. When the spirit passes out from contact with its mortal body for a temporary visit to the spirit world or some distant locality on earth, it is usually in charge of some guard and guide of the higher life, who understands its needs, and also its capacity for taking long journeys of this kind. A guard or spirit intelligence is also left with the mortal form, that no harm may come to it during the temporary absence of its counterpart. The duty of this guard is to watch carefully the mortal form, and, if any indication of weakness or disturbances in it are observed, to at once signal the vacating spirit to return to its temple of clay. The duty of the guard and guide of the traveling spirit is to protect its charge from harm, or from mental disturbances, and to conduct it safely back to its mortal form. But a spirit, whole thus capable of leaving

the body and travelling through space may, under most favorable conditions, go to long distances, miles having no count in the space thus traversed by such an intelligence. There have been cases of this kind in which the spirit has been absent from its body for many hours, and even days; the latter being under the charge of protecting intelligences during the time. The sensation to the traveling spirit in passing from one point in space to another is usually that of a gliding or floating motion.

Mrs. E. R., Cincinnati, O.—Spirit intelligences do retain their intellect and memory, and each gravitates to the sphere of understanding and culture to which he or she is fitted and belongs. Your spirit friends have not lost any degree of consciousness, memory, or intelligence, and if these are not displayed through the medium or instruments, which, it is claimed, they employ in their communications with earth, the reason is that they have been obliged to descend to the plane of vibration lower than their own, which is occupied by the medium and their guides, whom they approach and which prevents these intelligences of a higher order manifesting the full degree of mental capacity in memory, consciousness, and intellectual advancement, which is theirs. Your experience in seeking communication with your advanced spirit friends have been unfortunate. You state that mediums are undoubtedly honest, but that the results of your sittings have been most unsatisfactory, inasmuch as the intelligence displayed does not correspond with that possessed by those who claim to communicate when they were on earth. It is not because you attract deceiving influences, nor may it be because the medium is possessed by such, but because, possibly, your friends can not raise the plane and sphere of the medium and the guides to their own level, and they are obliged to descend to theirs, which, as it were, closes the door to a full communication for you from those spirit friends. On the other hand, if, in these unsatisfactory messages, there is given nothing by way of identification of your friends, you would be justly warranted in the conclusion that they were represented by some other spirit who was falsely presenting in the name of your friends. You state that the mediums themselves were not very intellectual, and the communications received were only equal to their capacity. It is sometimes the case that the mediums, who are illiterate and of only moderate intelligence, are capable of being influenced by intellectual and exalted spirits who can voice their sentiments and give full expression to their identity through such instrumentality, but, as a rule, the more cultivated and intelligent the medium the better able he or she to transmit the characteristics and sentiments of high, intelligent, and intellectual spirits. Culture and mental growth should be sought by all who desire to serve as medial instruments for the spirit world, and advantage should be taken of every opportunity for gaining up ritual and mental unfoldment by mediums of every class.

T. A. W.—Spirit Pierpont has not seen God. He knows nothing of any personal God. Humanity on earth advancing in intelligence and in moral perception of the supreme force of the universe is rather losing its old belief and faith in a personal God, and coming to a realization of spirit, *per se*, as the vitalizing and diffusive power which no finite mind can interpret, but which obviously comprises all intelligent force and wisdom as a stupendous whole. We have never met with any spirit intelligence among even the most advanced that has seen or ever expects to see a personal God.

P. H. Kuhn, Ohio.—A child who has been in spirit life for two months and who has only breathed three hours upon the earth can not send a personal, intelligent message to any one upon the mortal side, though a message in relation to the infant and its well-being can be readily sent or expressed by some kindly and helpful intelligence who desires to comfort those to whom the little one belongs. We encourage you to press on with your search for spiritual instruction and the development of mediumship. To sit quietly and thoroughly the messages you receive, and such as harmonize with good judgment and reason to accept; if any are given you that you can not un-

derstand, or which are plainly deceptive, inquire of the controlling spirits the cause, and if it exists on the morbid side do your best to remove or overcome it; if, on the other hand, it exists on the spiritual side, earnestly request the presence of good and wise intelligences to aid you in search for light and to bring you the truth from the other side. We do not think you will readily receive slate-writing; we do not find the elements of that phase of mediumship very prevalent in your area.

A. H. C. Bradnard, Minn.—We do not know why the mediums you mention, and who are presumably under the influence of intelligent guides, should identify themselves with an Order, the cardinal principle of which is disbelief in personation, or merely so-called Spiritism. But we judge that these individuals are psychologically influenced by the associations and environments of the Order and its members, and are not advised and directed in the matter by the spirit intelligences who make use of their mediumship to communicate with mortal life. It would be well for you, or some interested friend who is acquainted with one or more of these mediums, to seek an interview with their guides for the purpose of receiving enlightenment upon the subject. Certainly an Order, or a sect that teaches that the spirit leaves all personal consciousness after passing from the mortal form and does not awaken again as a realization of the spirit-life in which he or she may dwell and gain personal experience, is opposed to spiritualism and to communications medium who is under the guidance of wise spirit intelligences can emphatically advocate such a theory concerning the destiny of the soul. Relating to your first theory you may be sure that human entities that have gained their experiences in earth life through individualized consciousness and effort, have the opportunity to pass into other spheres and localities of spiritual discipline and experience as conscious living entities and that the successes who passed from earth in the remote past had gained an impetus to press forward and unfold new powers and abilities under the advantages and environments prepared for them in the spirit-world. It matters not through what process or unfoldment they must pass, what experiences may come to them, or under what guise or name they may be known, the human entity, or soul-principle, does and cannot be destroyed, and through all its passages of development from one stage or another of activity and growth, it retains the same power and individualized energy which scans it as a human soul.

W. F. San Diego.—The sentence in which you refer in the Question and Answer Department concerning mediumship as "our" words is proper as viewed from our standpoint, as the words of Spiritualism being in fact sides of life and those disconnected intelligences who are working constantly in the service of humanity through mortal mediums being just as fully at the spiritualistic points as those who are identified with the cause on the mortal side. There may be Spiritualists in the higher life just as there are on earth, and your friend who is unfamiliar with the terms used by the mediums or others in the cause, will understand this more fully as he learns more of our philosophy as taught from both sides of life. Still further, it is true that we sometimes have a light for peace which may be said of spirits as well as of mortals. Could you view the words of spirit intelligences unseen by mortal eyes, who are interested in the welfare of humanity and who are working along lines of effort and progress to help bring about a higher condition of happiness and peace for the human race, you would readily see that the statement is correct that we as mortals and spirits who are united in any grand work may be obliged to battle manfully with error and all commanding forces in order to establish a condition of peace among men.

### Spirit Messages.

WILLIAM W. SPARKS.

Death is a wonderful life-actual experience, and from now on, while the love of our spiritual nature is not yet lost, let us be true.

With the song and the story, Sing to the spirit of the soul.

Where from heaven streams of glory Came to earth in forty-eight.

Strike your harp, Oh, living angel, Sing, oh, sing, triumphant songs, Let a full of sweet emotions, Rhythmic highest human wrings.

Shout in gladness, oh, ye mortals, In one note of exultant praise, Till it reaches heavenly portals For this day of blessed days.

I come, dear friends, from the land of sunshine and bloom, happy as a child bringing greeting and good will of peace on earth to all mankind on this anniversary day when Modern Spiritualism may raise its banner and waft it upon the breeze in happiness and in joy as it enters the forty-ninth year of its life. We may surely give thanks to the great Supreme that we have been privileged to come out from the valleys and plains, from the hill tops and unknown places, to be standard and message bearers of peace and instruction to a waiting world. I feel as I never have before, and we should be proud and glad to be among the ones to do this work. What, though, we had to press over them and sorry places. The work is glorious, for all, and we have been given, not perhaps the choice, but the duty of these things, in which was invested the trust laid upon us by the higher life, and we should not murmur because our individual selves are not treated according to our will. I bring to earth greeting of love and cheer to all workers on this anniversary day, and I say to you that you hardly know what is before you, you may only be able to see a little way and, perhaps, that not very clearly, but your pathway is unwatched, it is filled with rare blossoms and radiant faces of angels. Therefore, press on with cheerful hearts, take courage and be strong, for you shall be met at last by those who are brilliant with the shine of their own spiritual luminosity. Oh, if we could speak to each of all the grand souls that require aid because Spiritualism is so established here in human minds, I would be glad, but if you only believe that all the grand souls who have gone marching on, are rejoicing to-day on this grand occasion, you will only have an idea of what is a fact. My love is for all.

CHARLES FOSTER.

I have never before utilized this avenue of communication for reaching the friends on earth, although I knew of your medium long before I passed from the mortal form. I bring my greeting to her in sympathy and in great will, as I do to all mediums. The thought struck me a day or two ago as I came here in the land of light and express a few words. In the first place I wish to say that I am greeting you very well in the spirit-world; that I am not plunged into darkness, but as with, trying to help to any poor fellow that may be in such a state, for I know what it is to be in hell, if there are no fiery flames to be seen. I have been in this condition a good many times before I went out of my body, and then again I have also been in heaven many times during my earth life and since, so I can speak of both conditions. I had a great many chances to hear in the spirit-side and I am willing to do so again. I am glad that we all can be the agents to help others out of their conditions of unhappiness and sin, and that salvation for every human soul is free. And while I am here I would like to say a few words of greeting to the dear lady who so freely and kindly opened her mediumship and made me welcome. I did not wish to mingle my elements with her aura, for I felt my own darkness, but she, by her own spiritual reality lighted me up and made me feel better. It gave me a power to go to work, and it also brought me in contact with mortal life through which I might give expressions and pages of communication to those who need it in this side. She has been a blessing to me, and I wish her to realize that I shall stand fast by her in all good work and I will not let the shadow fall across her way or retard the work that is for humanity. I will keep my promise given before. These words are especially directed to the dear lady now known as Mrs. Palmer. Permit me if I call her Willie because she has won my affection by the good that she has wrought in my life.

WILLIE WATERS.

I feel like a stranger in your midst. I came here in my humble way, hoping

to reach my dear friends in Milwaukee, Wis., not knowing that it was a special time. But those who have the place in charge, said I could come and here I am sending my love to Laura and Frank, who have in the past been so kind to me. My friends are getting interested in spirit return: they have had a few little manifestations of power in their own homes, and so they know there is something in it which is not explained on physical grounds. My name is Nellie Waters; I passed away in early girlhood and have been gone for many years; but I feel stronger and better in every way than I did when on this side. Weakness and pain came to me, my head troubled me very much and I felt as if I had nothing more to give, so I slipped from the body, and found a beautiful home on the spirit side. If any of my friends wish to hear from me and will open the way I will most gladly come, hoping that it will reach them something of spirit-life.

JACOB EDSON.

Good afternoon. I am glad to be here. In coming into the earthly condition I feel a little disturbed because I take on the remnants of the old conditions that hang about me previous to passing from the body. But I know that is temporary, and I am very happy to come and send greetings of love and cheer to the good friends in Boston and elsewhere. There is much I might tell them, but I am limited for time to-day. I wish to send greeting and fraternal fellowship to my good friends of the Federal Spiritualists' Union. I am one with them heart and hand, and with the other friends who are doing good work in the cause. But I hope that Spiritualists who want to do a good work for their human brethren will come forward and join the Federal Union. It seems to me it is so important a subject that I should need no apology, because the reports and aims are in care for the sick and destitute; to give protection to mediums; to find homes for those who are worn out and preserve the annals of Spiritualism for future reference. This is a glorious day, and I feel as if I am breathing on holy ground. I need to be at the Home of Light circle from where souls are congregated to send messages of love to waiting hearts on earth, and I always feel it as a benediction to myself to stand in that room and receive of that power, and I feel the same here to-day. Brother Edgar is with me and he will not attempt to speak to you. He wishes me to express his kindly feelings and affectionate love and remembrance for the dear ones at his home and to the good friends and to say that all is well with him. I can echo his sentiments in regard to myself.

SWAN STOWEN.

My home is in Grand Rapids, Mich., and I have friends and a few relatives in that vicinity at present. I lived quite a number of years on earth and had the usual lot of hard-working mothers to rear, but I found that was very sweet, and tried to father the furrows as I went along and so got quite a good deal from life that I carried to the spirit-world and which sweetens my memory of the old days of earth. I was not a person born in high places, nor did I have the grand privilege of education, but I tried to pick up information as I went along, and somehow found the world growing brighter every year. I felt near most of my family on this mortal side that were inexperienced and prone in many things, but as the years went on they grew in experience. Sometimes I had been hard, they have mellowed under it, but I think it has all been useful, and I regret to say, mother brings her blessing from the spirit-world; she has seen trials and cares of earth life falling upon her dear ones, yet knowing that all the hardships that came to her have done her good, she feels that this must be the same with you and it would not be wise to remove any one of them. I bring love and remembrance from Aunt and other dear ones long since passed to the higher life. They are now doing their work; they are happy and well. I did not know of Spiritualism, nor was a church member and believed in rewardings. Sometimes they gave me comfort, sometimes they made me sad. Now I can pick out those whom being on earth and in the spirit, and I find a use for each in my spirit-home, and

those who were not correct I can let go, for they do not belong to this life.

WILLIAM HALLIDAY.

Have you room for an old soldier? Certainly. Well, sir, I am not so old in years for I did not see half a century, but somehow I felt old at times from the weaknesses and troubles of the body, and when times were hard and things looked dark, it seemed as if I lived a hundred years, more or less. In spirit I am feeling pretty well, and am getting young; so I return as one of the "boys in blue," ready to give a helping hand to any of the old comrades that may need assistance, such as I can give. I am unable to give much because I am cramped in mind; I know I have much to learn and I am going to school as the boys do in earth life, and I am learning so many strange things of this spirit country that, if I should undertake to tell you of them, you might close your ears and say, oh, that is all wrong, we can't believe any such thing as that you are "joshing" me now. But it is true there are many strange things on the other side to pick up and learn, and I am as interested in it as a child would be that goes to a foreign country and sees everything new. I come back as a sort of "findings" for the old life and interest in the boys at the Soldiers' Home here. I do not know as I have a great lesson to give, but I hope some one will be interested and take a notion that he would like to learn something of spirit communication. I was at San Diego, and have those there that knew me very well, but I slipped out of the body in a different sort of a home where I met many of my old comrades having a good time generally, but not idle. They are as wise and I am not, I am trying to do something that will make it worth while that I live, and it feels good to have a chance to go about and be a busy man. My name is William Halliday and although I went out from the "golden state of California" I was from the last Ohio Independent Battery, and feel just as if I were a soldier in the regiment now, ready for action if the call comes; and if the fight ever comes they are talking so much about it these parts, you call on Bill and he will be ready for work.

When the Materialist asks you to prove Spiritualism ask him to prove evolution; and when a churchman does so ask him to prove salvation. If you don't care to argue with him hand him a *Light of Truth* and tell him to study the matter up as you did.

### VERIFICATIONS.

On the Editor of *Light of Truth*.

It is with very great pleasure that I write to verify a message from Teddy in your paper of March 1st. Teddy is one of my wife's familiar spirits. A number of weeks ago I asked Teddy if he would get out in the circle and see if he could send a message to me through Laura in Detroit. He said he did not suppose they would want to bother with boys. I said it is all right and ask Father Pharoque, and he said he would try. We were very pleasantly surprised, as my business is heading-making a specialty of necromancy—his words in regard to evil spirits were very appropriate. Harry, Alice, and Nellie, spoken of, are also comrades of my wife. I think you and the medium also bring comfort and courage to continue on in a work that not only brings health and joy to many, but demonstrates and vindicates truth. No matter how many witnesses affirm that there is an evil on the spirit side of life, in the communication from Laura E. James it must be true, for she makes use of the sentence, "as long as Laura James remains Laura James, etc." Mrs. J. and myself have had many friendly talks over the subject of re-incarnation, and she often expressed herself in that way. In another place she says: "Some of them have been wandering lately if I knew what was going on, etc." I had asked her long ago in my presence that question. The message taken as a whole, is characteristic of Mrs. James.

A. A. CHAMBERLAIN.

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## The Insistence and Persistence of Spiritualism.

The establishment of the spiritualistic hypothesis of life is no longer a question. In the language of Alfred Russell Wallace, perhaps the leading naturalist of the world, we say that the phenomena of Spiritualism in their entirety do not require further confirmation. They are proved, quite as well as any facts are proved in other sciences, and it is not denial or quibbling that can disprove any of them, but only fresh facts and accurate deductions from those facts. The various hypotheses of men opposed to Spiritualism, yet not averse to some kind of inquiry, have been, for the most part, attempts to disprove the facts by accounting for them in some other manner than that applied by Spiritualists.

The search for "fresh facts" has used up the energy that ought to have been expended in accounting for facts already at hand. For the most part scientific men in dealing with Spiritualism have been fighting a man of straw, and the discomfiture attending their confessions of being driven to the spiritualistic hypothesis as their last refuge, is most deplorable. And all the while these self-styled "Settlers of Immortality" have been floundering about and clutching at straws of their own making, the quiet, plodding myriads of inquiring souls have become fed with the manna of life.

The constant, persistent intrusion of facts has put the deniers *hors du combat* in every instance and in their recourse to telepathy, subliminal consciousness, double ego's, etc., they have run mad. Of course, there is truth in these theories. We know there is such a thing as telepathy between the living. We are not prepared to deny a double consciousness, but double consciousness is wholly irrelevant. We are dealing with a consciousness of being that has no possible identity with our own, be it double or quadruple. Telepathy between the living answers for only one side of the problem; the other and far more important factor being a telepathy between the living and the dead—so-called. This is established by the various avowals of mediumship and is constituted of thought, memory, volition, moral obligation, incidents in life, and every other quality that forms human identity and all separate and independent of the medium or the sitter, much of it to be verified by subsequent investigation. Here then is the last analysis of the problem of a future life, and it is wholly vain that scientific verbiage and brain boggling hyperbole are set up against it.

Until the opponents of Spiritualism

can bring forward something that will successfully offset the facts of the case together with the painstaking inquiries of competent persons by the thousands who have verified them over and over again, there is little need for fresh confirmation or any new series of facts on the part of the spirits.

### Passing Away.

One by one the old-time workers in the spiritualistic cause are passing on to the home beyond the veil. The pioneers of forty years ago who went out from hamlet and vale, from city and town, leaving the plow or the pen behind them, the school book or the dish cloth, as it happened, obeying the voice of the spirit that called them to labor on the platform or in the seance room, have mostly passed away. But a few of these valiant men and women who bravely faced the world's scorn or, which is often more hard to bear, its curious gaze as they went forth to preach and to demonstrate the truth of Spiritualism remain upon the mortal side. One by one their number is decreasing and each season tells the story of the passage of veterans to the higher life.

Massachusetts has recently been called to part with several of its noted Spiritualists whose names have been honored in our ranks and whose labors for the cause we advocate have been arduous and long. Dr. Joseph Beals, the well-known dentist, for twenty years President of the Lake Pleasant Camp Association, has recently passed to the higher life from his home in Greenfield. Dr. Beals was an uncompromising and ardent Spiritualist, whose name will ever be identified with the work and progress of New England Spiritualism. N. S. Greenleaf, of Lowell, an old time platform speaker of ability and power, whose labors in the earlier years of Spiritualism counted manfully in the interests of our cause, has laid his mortal burdens down and joined the hosts invisible.

Dr. H. B. Storer, President of the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, and President too of the Onset Bay Association, departed this life on April 24 full of years and honor, a veteran in the harness of spiritualistic toil. For over forty years Dr. Storer has ably enunciated the truths of Spiritualism from the public platform. He has been prominent in reform, and has been loyal to the truth as it appealed to him. The same may be said of Messrs. Beals and Greenleaf. All three of these gentlemen were brothers in the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, whose members will surely miss them from its ranks.

In the years 1840 John Pierpont, lovingly addressed as "Father" Pierpont by those who have come to know him as a kindly, instructive, and approachable spirit whose benign atmosphere sheds a paternal blessing upon all, published a volume of original poems, one of which bears the title which we have chosen for this sketch. The following lines in the opening verse give the keynote of the delicate poem in its minor strain:

"Was it the oblate of a boy bell,  
That came so sweet to my dreaming ear—  
Like the silver tones of a fairy's shell  
That he waded on the beach so mellow and clear,

"Mark! the voice on my ear that play  
Axe not to words as they float, they say  
'Fading away, fading away!'

John Pierpont was himself an ardent Spiritualist. He passed over in the 70's after reaching four score years of earthly life. But a few days before he quietly and painlessly slipped from the

body, he sat upon the platform, as presiding officer, at the National Spiritualists' Convention in Providence, R. I. At that convention as one of its prominent members was Dr. H. B. Storer. He and Mr. Pierpont held pleasant converse—the one has lingered on the mortal side until this spring, working in the cause of truth as he has been led by the spirit, while the other has for thirty years been laboring in the same grand cause from the celestial side of life.

The old workers are passing away, peace to their memories, their works shall live after them, while their souls will go marching on to grander efforts and greater achievements for the dissemination of truth, and in the expression of the principles of justice, liberty, and fraternity.

### From Physics to Psychics.

The secular press in commenting on the new wonders in photography which recent scientific experiments have revealed, is enthusiastic in its speculation on what may be achieved in this line in the physical realm. Munsey's predicts that "It may work a revolution in many other departments of physical science" besides that of medicine and surgery. The magazine mentioned, in commenting upon Roentgen's experiments, continues: "What a tremendous advance the human race has made since Bacon, three centuries ago, pointed out that the only way to improve man's material condition was to master the mysteries of natural forces."

"Natural forces" exist throughout the entire realm of being, they deal with the mental as well as the physical senses and conditions of the world. The occult and the sensual are alike dominated and controlled by natural forces. There is nothing unnatural in the universe.

From the physical to the psychical domain of life is but a step. Therefore in mastering "the mysteries of natural forces" man inevitably reaches from the external or sensual plane of activity and consciousness into the realm of spiritual causation and phenomena. It can not be otherwise; for, as scientific research and experimentation proceed, the mind is led further and further toward the causes of all things and the origin of phenomena.

While dwelling upon the probable results that will be developed in physical revelation and revolution from the photographic process known as the cathodic, we should remember that the psychical is just beyond, and that the camera is as likely to reveal wonderful existences in our atmosphere, undreamed of by the physical senses of man, as it is to show the interior workings of the mortal organism. Photography is undoubtedly destined to work a revolution in the conception of universal things, because it will reveal psychical wonders to the human eye. Physical science alone will not profit by it more than will the science of spirit demonstration, which it will aid in establishing to human understanding.

That the spirit-world intelligences have been mainly instrumental in producing the Crookes' tube, that has played such an important part in the cathodic-ray photography, we have no doubt. Prof. Wm. Crookes, the inventor of the tube, is a confirmed Spiritualist, whose scientific experiments with the phenomena of Spiritualism, no less than his other researches in the realm of physical science, have made his name famous throughout the world.

## A PROBLEM IN SOCIOLOGY

The sociologist may find something entertaining in the scheme of a Brooklyn woman, who claims to be the only physician in that city who devotes her entire energies to the cure of wealthy young women, daughters of aristocratic families, who are the victims of alcoholism. Whether this is a baneful or hopeful sign of the times must, of course, be left to the sociologist to determine.

It appears to be a singularity, if not angularity, of Western sociological activities that doctors, and particularly specialists, reach such distinction in their practice when it is considered that their success is measured by the degree to which disease, corruption, vice, and profligacy attain in the human family.

If sociological study contemplated the habits of the African monkeys, a valuable lesson might be obtained in those matters pertaining to good health, which, if applied to the genus *homo*, would go far toward rendering doctors of disease superfluous appendages, and compel them to devote their energies in the line of teaching their patients how to keep well. In the proportion that men become highly civilized doctors and their various occupations flourish. Nowhere, except among civilizes, can such an anomaly be found. To man in a natural state, the prolific diseases of civilization are unknown, and it is a strange commentary that the civilizee should go to the primitive natural man with a Bible in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other, and teach him that these are the prime requisites of the civilized state. If we compare the wealthy and cultured female alcoholic in Brooklyn with the buxom, vigorous, active native girl of Madagascar or the Congo Valley in Africa, the advantages, so far as health and good morals go, will be found wholly with the latter.

## NO HARM DONE.

Below we reproduce an article reprinted from a Missouri paper by the New York Tribune, and headed "Lincoln and the Spiritualists." Spiritualists will see little in it that is new, aside from the avenue through which it reaches the world, which, to say the least, is noteworthy, and shows the direction of the drift.

From the Springfield (Mo.) Leader-Democrat.

The most conspicuous thing in the beautifully decorated hall when Mrs. C. Potter, first vice-president of the State Association, called the meeting to order yesterday was a great portrait of the martyred President, Abraham Lincoln. The portrait was decorated with small American flags and evergreens, and was hung immediately over the speaker's stand.

"The significance of Lincoln's picture here," said a member of the association, "is that his career was a monumental and everlasting contribution of the statements and general public belief that Spiritualists are all cranks and fools. Lincoln, as is well established by history, was a believer in Spiritualism as we now know it as is any member of this association. He frequently underwent tests, and his near friends knew that all of his actions, both in war and peace, were directed by those in the spirit land. He knew of the exact result of every great battle of the war through the spirits before it was conveyed to him by the ordinary means of telegraph and mail. But only a few of his most intimate friends knew of this knowledge he had. Had he made it public, he would never have been President of the United States, for the prejudice against Spiritualism was even greater than it is now.

"Lincoln once wrote a book on the subject, but a friend who knew he had great promise as a political way stole the manuscript and burned it, and persuaded Lincoln not to re-write it. Since Lincoln entered the spirit land he has frequently expressed himself as very sorry that he allowed his knowledge of Spiritualism to be kept from the public."

## OUR NEW OFFER.

In issue of April 11th we made a proposition to our readers by which they can aid us and the cause without loss to themselves.

We have the plates of four books which constitute a whole spiritual library in themselves. They constitute "In Higher Realms" by Light of Truth Band; "Psychic Studies" by Albert Morton; "When the Morning Comes" by Mrs. M. T. Longley, and "Psychic World" by the author of "Higher Realms"—the latter containing the most remarkable revelations of the beyond ever brought to light—self-evident truths that open a world of suggestion to the reader. We need a fund of two thousand dollars for new and improved machinery necessary to equip a first class publishing house. We therefore ask subscriptions of one dollar each—subscribers are simply to pledge themselves to that amount when we get ready to print, and upon receipt of the one dollar they will receive the four books herein named. The subscriber obtains his money's worth, while it leaves us a fair profit in the shape of unsold books from which we hope to realize a future bonus. Can anything be fairer or more equitable than this? We look forward to responses without delay. Remember, we do not want the money until 2,000 subscriptions have been obtained.

## A STRAW IN THE WIND.

The Pingree system of farming on vacant lots begins to assume some definite shape in the East, and allotment of lands has been begun by the Committee on the Tillage of Vacant Lands in New York. Last year eleven acres were worked, and about twenty acres will be put under cultivation the present season. Potatoes, beans, cabbage, and turnips will be the staple crops, and the needed seeds have been applied for at Washington.

This system aims to make the idle poor self-supporting by providing for them two of the three economic elements in production; viz., land and capital. All they have to do is to supply the labor. Applicants are tested as to their worthiness, their needs, etc., and those ignorant of farm work receive instructions.

Those who followed Mayor Pingree in his work last year, in and about Detroit, will recognize in this extension of the system the best possible endorsement; and besides putting an end to gratuitous charity, it is a striking evidence of the nearness of those forces, the message of which is the social commonwealth.

As a further earnest of the importance of the work, the Committee intends to plant several acres with vegetables on its own account, and use the product in relieving the needy.

JESUS declared that the Pharisees were hypocrites and whited sepulchres, clean on the outside, but full of corruption within. This proved true, for their power soon waned, and their advocates became scattered all over strange lands. All religions that are Pharisaical will follow in their wake, and there is one being brought to light through Apalasm.

—A merely sensual person is a brute; a merely religious one a fool; a merely intellectual one, a monster; but in combination we have a seraph in embryo.—Randolph's "After Death."

## Ingersoll and the Church Militant.

A marker along the path of human progress was set up the other day when Robert G. Ingersoll followed an invocation, the reading of the Lord's Prayer and a portion of the Gospel, and spoke for two hours on a text from Shakespeare, "There is no darkness but ignorance." The spectacle took place before the congregation of the Church Militant in Chicago, and was the outcome of an invitation extended some time ago to the great Agnostic by the pastor, Dr. John Rusk. At that time the congregation held its services in Willard Hall, owned by the W. C. T. U., but these pious dames were so horrified about it that the Church Militant secured the Columbia Theatre for a term of years, and Col. Ingersoll inaugurated the services in the new meeting place. The great building was packed, and thousands were turned away.

On the stage, when Col. Ingersoll entered arm in arm with Dr. Rusk, were seated 400 representative citizens, including nearly every member of the Appellate and Superior Courts, members of medical and law colleges, theological institutions, and a number of retired clergymen. Every religious sect had its representative there.

Dr. Rusk prayed, and asked a blessing for Col. Ingersoll, speaking of him as "the man who is endeavoring to do this world good, and to make it better." No greater compliment could be paid Ingersoll, and no stronger endorsement of the liberalizing forces now pulverizing the effete and gasping Behemoth of Superstition could be asked for than this spectacle. It denotes the tremendous upheaval now going on, and lends emphasis to the lines along which humanity is being led to the light.

## Look Before You Leap.

We are in receipt of another letter adverse to a couple who have been recently eulogized as good mediums. Either one party is wrong, or they are both right under circumstances, but these circumstances may be due to conditions. Finding paraphernalia about a medium is not always proof of fraud. Some mediums need them in genuine manifestations as an aid to the spirits, which, upon discovery, will lead those not versed in mediumship to conclude that fraud has been committed. Even "confessions" have often proved but subterfuges to evade intuitively apprehended trouble—circumstantial evidence being against the medium where neither fraud was committed nor intended. Test conditions are good, but adverse to manifestations when accompanied by skepticism.

Mediums should be made mentally at ease to obtain good results. Confidence is a powerful aid, but has been misappropriated by tricksters, and thus a reaction has set in, much to the detriment of honest mediumship. Investigators, therefore, can not be blamed for their distrust, but they should not be too hasty in conclusion, nor too active in "exposing" until they have learned something of conditions or the laws of mediumship.

Circumstantial evidence often proves nothing, for few would dare sit under test conditions if not mediums; and where the latter is totally absent, we feel like rejoicing when Spiritualists are humbugged. Overcredulity is as unreasonable as making the test too rigid. Reason flows between the two

states, and where this is manifest we seldom hear of exposures.

Less impulsiveness to eulogize an unknown medium, or to "expose" one because the manifestations did not satisfy, would be an acceptable reform among seance reporters.

## To Theosophists!

We have decided to give Theosophy a hearing in our columns, and will devote a corner to the same, beginning with next issue.

It is to be understood, however, that we will not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed therein, nor can we permit any controversy to take place in the same by those opposed or favoring the subject.

We are simply bringing it as a demand to elucidate its philosophy—whether true or false—believing that every theory must have a fundamental truth for its existence; for we can not build from nothing. Thus we can not admit of discussion *pro and con*, except in the form of something higher that controverts the former without antagonizing it—a truth that is interesting and instructive *per se*, and which robs neither the first-named nor the general reader of his space. Furthermore, it would be very unkind to admit a stranger into our arena only to stone him or insult him while inside.

We trust our readers will listen with us to their story, and learn something from it if we can; if not, why, there is nothing lost. Error is often very suggestive, and inspires to higher vibration in one's own philosophy. Thus the outcome can only be for good.

THERE is a peculiar irony in the plagiarism of a high-grade Episcopalian divine in New York city, who stole his Easter discourse from an old book of sermons by a Unitarian preacher. It has raised a cyclonic disturbance among the ministerial profession, but as yet it is undecided upon which horn of the dilemma they will impale their injudicious brother—the theft itself or the plunder he stole. Certainly it is a momentous proceeding for an Episcopalian to palm off a Unitarian sermon on an unsuspecting Easter-garbed congregation, and the funny thing about it is that no evidence has yet been set forth that any one in the congregation knew the difference.

Of such is the kingdom of heaven.

SKPTICISM is a disease—a moral delinquency with some people. The external symptoms are a morbid hankering after tests, while they lack the intelligence necessary to appreciate even the best. Such are beyond human or spiritual aid. They belong in the home of the incurables.

MR. CHARLES A. DANA, of the New York Sun, will please note the attitude of his friend, Mr. Grover Cleveland, of the Washington White-House, on the Cuban question.

## Incarnations.

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The denial of that wish creates in his mind a hatred to those who monopolize the things he needs. These ideas thus become incarnated in the oncoming generation. They are no worse than we have made them. We have made the conditions that made them so.

Twenty-three years ago by the demoralization of silver we brought on a panic that has continued without remission to the present time. Gradually we have grown from bad to worse, and we shall continue on the downward road until we change our program.

# Fits Cured

From U.S. Journal of Medicine.  
Prof. W. H. PEEKE, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any living Physician; his success is astonishing.

We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work on this disease, which he sends with a large bottle of his absolute cure, free to any sufferer who may send their P. O. and Express address. We advise anyone wishing a cure to address

Prof. W. H. PEEKE, 4 Cedar St., New York.

## CURRENT EVENTS.

The Navy Department is applying a green coloring to some of the war vessels, to make them less visible or conspicuous at sea. Some of the Green-Isle sons must have taken that as a compliment to themselves, for a remonstrance has been made by the A. P. A.'s against the tint. By poets the sea has always been denominated blue, unless they are naturally color blind. Not impossible, however, when we consider how blind the great majority are to their *rhythmical defects*, which may also disturb the normal vibration to the extent of making green appear blue—the absolute knowledge of things depending on exact vibration with the fact in question.

At Falmouth, Ky., a Christian minister was whipped and driven out of town for advocating free love. What the Church has wrongfully accused Spiritualism of is reacting on itself as an evil avenger, as if retribution were a fact. Of course, it will be averred that this man like the one arrested a few months ago for carrying out the doctrine practically, are merely perverted moralists who do not represent the body of the Church. Perhaps if the Church had allowed the same to be said of Spiritualism, it would not now need an apology or be in need of the charity it professes to be the inventor of.

A Newark, N. J., minister recently preached a sermon written many years ago by another, and thereby led his parishioners to believe that it was original. But the trouble seemed to lie with an agency which supplies sermons to order, and is not very conscientious about the source whence extracted; hence the expose. If preachers were to add to their faith the knowledge how to develop inspiration, they would not need the patented article.

Our free-thought contemporary, the Boston Investigator, has donned a brand new spring suit, with compatible changes that become an up-to-date newspaper. This is in honor of its fifty-sixth volume.

## BOOK REVIEW.

"Cold Facts." A complete history of the causes that have made paupers of the American people. By Casca St. John—"C. H."

This is a sterling pamphlet of twenty-one chapters and numerous tables of statistics, all bearing on the money question. The writer has gone into the subject with keen scrutiny, and unearthed much of the rottenness attending our monetary system. It ought to be read and pondered by every citizen who is looking for an intelligent explanation of that mind-befogging puzzle called finance. It is written for the common people, and contains not a shred of verbose pleading or illusory reasoning. It is a straightforward, well-written exposition of facts. Thousands of copies of the work have been sold, and the LIGHT OF TRUTH is now in the procession, and has the book on sale. Price, 10 cents. See ad.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH.

### The Soul.

MRS. M. A. STONE.

What care I what I may be,  
If my eyes may only see;  
If the senses of the soul  
Learn to grasp the mighty whole?

I can walk and talk with men  
Who in spirit are my kin;  
Who have dared to walk upright  
When their soul received the light.

What care I what men may say,  
Who have never led the way?  
They have never seen the light  
That illumines the soul's dark night.

I could tread the earth alone,  
If in spirit I found none  
Who could see me as I am—  
Understand the mighty plan.

What care I what men may say  
Who in darkness grope their way,  
With eyes so blind they can not see  
The soul's eternal destiny?

What care I though planets fall?  
Natural law controls them all.  
Evermore content I rest,  
God the giver knoweth best.

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH.

### AN AUTUMN MEMORY.

Sweet, Pathetic, and Soulful.

CARRIE E. S. TWING.

Alas for him who never sees  
The stars shine through the cypress trees;  
Who, hopeless, lays his dead away,  
Nor looks to see the breaking day;  
Across the mournful, marble play;  
Who hath not learned in hours of faith  
The truth to flesh and sense unknown—  
That life is ever lord of death,  
And love can never lose its own.

The very first of November last a telegram reached me, "Can you come and officiate at the funeral of my daughter?" and signed O. B. Clark, Ash-tabula. Wondering if it was the Mr. Clark I had known years before, and sorry for his bereavement, I wired I would come; and on reaching their home I found they were the acquaintances of other days, and that their daughter Bertha had entered into the new duties of spirit life, a sudden cold, which had resulted in pneumonia, being the cause of her transition. She lay in her casket with that look upon her sweet face that made one think of heaven. Flowers covered the casket, and were all around her; for, though only twenty two years old, she had endeared herself to young and old in her native city. Her graduating class brought their offering, and the King's Daughters and the Order of the Eastern Star, both of which societies claimed her as a member, brought fitting floral tributes. And though these friends were bathed in tears, and their sobs showed their deep grief, the father and mother, and even to the smallest sister of the deceased (for there were four present), sat with tearless faces and a look upon them almost as though they were looking into the other life where their darling had gone.

I do not remember much of my part of the service. I only know that the words uttered seemed to touch the hearts of the listeners, and as I believe, the experience with all speakers at times, there came to me the feeling of kinship with them all.

"Only a Thin Veil Between Us," that masterpiece of C. P. Longley, was most beautifully rendered by a quartet; and when we arrived at the grave, another selection, "Will Any One Then at the Beautiful Gate Stand Waiting and Watching for Me?" was most tenderly sung, the father joining in the chorus.

Seats were provided for the relatives, for the Order of the Eastern Star were to conduct the services at the grave. The place they were to put the "garment that she wore" did not look like a grave, for it was lined with white cloth, onto which was fastened amaranths and roses in profusion. The earth, even, that was to fill up the grave was covered up in a way that made it look artistic. The service was most beautiful, and I only wish all could have seen as I saw those sisters of the order passing

around the grave and dropping in evergreen boughs as the symbol of immortal life; then, later, flowers mingled with the evergreen, each having its peculiar significance.

That which most attracted my attention was that the whole service was spiritual in its nature, as you will see by the following extract:

"Worthy Matron, we have spoken from the five points of our emblematic star, but our departed sister hears us not. Is it not in vain that we speak to the living?"

"W. M.—You have spoken well, my sisters. It is not in vain that we hear the oft repeated lessons of our star. It is true that our sister hears not with mortal ear the lesson she was wont to learn from you, but is it true that she listens not to our words of love, and sees not the beautiful tributes strewn within her grave? May not her quickened spirit, freed from its earthly tenement, yet hover around the loved ones here assembled, to listen to our words, and perceive with clearer vision our every movement? She needs not to be ministered unto, but may she not minister unto us? 'Are they not ministering spirits?' Love is an attribute of the soul, and imperishable. Our sister's affection ceases not. Therefore may she not be whispering to grief-stricken hearts, 'Peace, be still'; 'lo, as I am with you always.' Think not that the spirit world is distant. Our loved ones, though lost to mortal sight, may yet be with us in spiritual existence. Let their loving presence be to us a perpetual inspiration, calling us to a higher moral and spiritual life. These beautiful flowers are the highest expression of nature's loveliness. We never tire of looking at their perfect and delicately variegated tints. From time immemorial they have been endowed with expressive language. They speak to us

To whisper hope when'er our faith grows dim. But these floral emblems, with all their exquisite loveliness, are but the reflection of those glories that may be unfolded to our spiritual vision. In token of our hope that such an unfolding of spiritual life may come to us all, I scatter these flowers within the grave of our departed sister. May we cherish her memory and emulate her virtues."

At the close of the service the father rose and thanked the friends for all kindnesses bestowed.

"It was an ideal funeral," said the undertaker to me. "Only last week I had charge of one where the mourners were wild with grief, and one fainted away."

"Do you think they loved their friend better than Mr. Clark's people loved their Bertha?" I asked.

"Oh, no," he replied, "but there's such a difference in people."

In the quiet of the home, after the funeral, Mr. Clark said: "We are Spiritualists; Bertha was a Spiritualist, nay, is a Spiritualist, and we know it would grieve her if we gave way to our feelings. So we all said we would try to be calm, and I know it pleased her."

I have seen them since, and they tell of "hearing from Bertha"; and, said the mother, "Bertha knows how we miss her physical presence, but she comforts us."

So in hundreds of homes this spiritual thought has taken away the sting of death. Of late the Church is bringing immortality nearer to its members, and now great organizations entwined the thought of the real presence of their loved ones as one of the sweetest tributes to God, love for the children of men. So let death, the incident which will come to all our lives, be looked upon as an usher who will show us new beauties.

To understand the laws of nature, study self, but it needs the aid of spirits to do the latter. The LIGHT OF TRUTH teaches the *modus operandi*. Recall it to your friends in the country.

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Send For Our Book List.

As will be seen we have eliminated the book list from our columns. This was done to make more room for reading matter. But the list has been put into a neat pamphlet form, which can be had upon application, free of charge, by sending name and address to this office.

### An Anniversary Address.

Mrs. Dr. Wyant, pastor of the First Spiritual Society of Toledo, O., delivered the following on the occasion of the Forty-Eighth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism:

We are here, friends, to make this a day of rejoicing—one in which the angels rejoice, because of the open doorway of progression and communication of spirit. Forty-eight years ago the door was opened between the material and spiritual of life's existence, bringing glad tidings of great joy—that if a man die he shall live again. The question of life continued was settled to a thinking mind, and knowledge began its way over those receptive to its power and force, in the fact of demonstrated proof of intelligence by the awakening source of wisdom. The tiny rap, heard in the little house at Hydeaville, N. Y., through babes, as it were, led us on in the knowledge of life and its laws in the reason of maintaining the growth and advancement of all that has been given to the world to day.

Spiritualism takes away the sting of death, and to know the grave has no victory makes it the religion of future ages. The one great principle of understanding the law of our being, and to have open vision through light's doorway, that everything in nature provides, and we live under no supernatural or mysterious power, gives us the hope of life in its true import—that we are individuals of our own making, privileged by the sources nature has advanced us to grow in the light of where we know we are by our acts, words, and deeds, responsible to our selves, for the heaven of our own making. When the natural laws are understood, and Spiritualism in its truth and purity portrayed as its maxims teach, we are then growing, and under the light of its teachings the world of inhabitants will be made brighter, happier, and better.

It is well we come together on this annual occasion to rejoice in the power of which is given us to redeem souls made free in the light and wisdom given of Spiritualist teachings. It is for humanity to be made better, born under condition of light and power pervading throughout the land, giving the advanced sciences of every law given force through the motor power of force and creation—that of electricity, the supreme, which will be the means to the end of all existing in nature, explained through its governing power, which is given to earth's children only through the gateway of progress and advancement of the power of spiritual force.

Modern Spiritualism, in its advent, brought to the world knowledge and facts, which have been demonstrated through the rapid strides and advancement of every good in the reformation of earth's children in progression. When you look over the wonderful advancement in all of the sciences demonstrated, you can but stop and wonder of how it is. All can be attributed to the intelligence of manipulating the natural forces of nature, which were not revealed until spirit return brought through natural law the aid demanded to dispel the pall of darkness and let the light shine. Its power is felt now, and Spiritualism ranks in the established truth of its source and power. The creeds and faiths are gradually receding to their own creation, for intelligence goes not into darkness to abide, but comes in its force to build up the temple of righteousness and good will to all humanity, teaching the law's divine and perfected state of being, bringing all to understand the principles evolved of nature, to where we are brought out in the beautiful transformation and likeness of spirit. If in the light of knowledge you are made better, and the future generations more perfect, how grand the incoming future in the light will grow.

Angels grand and true are with you to-day; Shining raiment are their's, not made of clay. Intelligence is the wreath that crowns their brow.

They are your guides in the future and now. They greet you, and are among you true, Feeling the rejoicing of love and blessing for you.

That the doorway of truth has been opened. 'Tis the gateway of progress and eternity ripened.

In the law of nature's fulfillment to be blest. Humanity's struggle is for freedom and rest. From the bondage of ignorance and error, Blended with superstition and terror, We come to teach you the law of love Divine and pure from the fount above,

Giving to you the knowledge of life—the living Of heaven—attained by your own way of giving. In the light of Spiritualism's birth to-day. The redemption of humanity came this way. Ye know, if a being die, 'tis born again Into spirit of its own creation, to be slain At the door of where it belongs. To be redeemed as it becomes strong— If in the good of all things, made bright, For the canopy of evil, is the dark night. Let us all then with knowledge be saved and re-joining

By the triumph of Spiritualism's banner of teaching.

We come in the fold with Love's weapon drawn, Bearing the truth as given of Light; born To the awakening power of freedom in Truth; Given of love and teaching for the youth For therein now lies your source of power To give to the world of humanity the rich power

Of an inheritance of children born aright. With spiritual strength and intellect bright. Spiritualism lifts the wheat from the chaff, And its mission is to clear the earth, and graft Into the growing generation the light of re-formation.

Giving love and rejoicing for its being born. Hail, hail, all ye powers of wisdom, And hasten the day for heaven's mission To be fulfilled in the law of peace and love In the millennial glory of triumph from above. Blessed light is the dawning to come, Leading to the realm of love and home. Heaven is ours only for the seeking to find In Spiritualism a love and beauty of mind. Rally together, be faithful and true, Is the motto given of wisdom for you. Angel's blessing rests with you to-day. Praying for your harmony in Truth's pure way, That the seed of good shall grow and make strong.

The fruitage grown, the harvest will not be long Ere the day of dawning light and love, And we will be gathered to the home above. Rejoice in Spiritualism's truths and be free. We love you, and leave all to thee.

For eternity's calling makes aright In the home not made with hands bright. But by the deeds of earth life we are known. Spiritualism is our banner guiding us home.

### Interesting Seance at Bluffton, Ind.

I want to tell your readers of a most wonderful seance I had the pleasure of attending recently. The medium was Mr. A. A. Finney, of 26 East William street, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Mrs. Sprague's sister, Mrs. Joseph McClarey, of Warsaw, Ind., was visiting us, and one evening we called on Mr. and Mrs. Finney, with no expectation of holding a seance. We had been in the house but a few minutes when Mr. Finney said he would hold a seance, if we wished. Mrs. McClarey said she would be pleased, as she had never had the pleasure of witnessing anything of the kind.

Mr. Finney placed the table in the center of the room, putting a trumpet and guitar upon it. He then sat down beside the table and in front of Mrs. McClarey, taking both her hands in his. There were eight persons in the circle; namely, Mr. and Mrs. Finney, their three little boys, Mrs. McClarey, Mrs. Sprague, and myself. Mrs. Sprague put out the light, and at once the manifestations began. The trumpet went up, and was carried around the room. Johnny Williams, Mr. Finney's guide, began to talk to us; then the guitar was floated around the room and played upon, as is usual in such seances; then there came other voices. Five of Mrs. McClarey's friends came, each giving their names and a message of love. One sweet spirit, in referring to the sad parting with her earth friends, was overcome with emotion and wept, but soon became composed and continued her communication. Hands were placed upon our heads, and voices were heard in different parts of the room at the same time; while one voice was speaking through the trumpet, there were two others speaking independent of the trumpet. It was a veritable love feast. Then came peculiar sounds on the table like drumming. Mrs. McClarey said, "I think I know who that is." The drumming increased in power. "I believe that is my Lyman," said she, when still stronger demonstrations followed, resembling the beating of snare and bass drums. Then followed the representation of a battle—the occasional roar of cannon mingled with the rattle of musketry filled the air. Commands in a clear-strung voice were given through the trumpet, and altogether one could imagine himself in the very midst of a great battle. It was grand, indeed.

The Lyman that Mrs. McClarey mentioned was her first husband, who was killed by a bullet on the battle field, at Spring Hills, Tenn., March 5, 1863, a third of a century ago, and this was the first opportunity he has had in all that time to reach his beloved wife.

Mr. Finney is a remarkable medium, and sits under the most positive test conditions, making his patrons feel certain that his manifestations are genuine. E. W. SPRAGUE.

## Multiform Mediumship.

To the Editor of LIGHT OF TRUTH.

I am happy to inform you we have in St. Louis for an indefinite time the remarkable light seance mediums, Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield Pettibone. At their parlors on Monday and Friday evenings the manifestations given in a clear bright light are truly marvelous, and the independent slate writing between closed slates—often accompanied with sweet fragrant beautiful flowers—is no less a marvel. They are winning hosts of friends and making many converts. Brother Pettibone's dear old father is with him, and the trio is the most congenial I have ever met, and I sincerely thank you for giving them a line of introduction to me, by it you have opened wider heaven's gate, for I have been made supremely happy ever since they came to our city.

Brother Pettibone is a powerful magnetic instrument in the hands of his angel guides; and as a developer he may have an equal, but no superior. His estimable companion is one of the finest platform test mediums it has been my good fortune to meet. Last Monday evening at Howard's hall they gave a public demonstration of their wonderful powers. The hall was literally packed. One hundred and fifty people were turned away from the doors.

Previous to giving the manifestations from the cabinet, sister Pettibone gave about sixty tests, consuming but a very few moments, every one recognized. They were rapidly given, clear cut, concise, with no hesitation. That public seance for their physical manifestation has created a wide spread interest for the investigation of the phenomena, and the outlook bid fair for an awakening of the old dry-bones to come out and declare the truth as regards materialization. God bless brother and sister Pettibone and I hope they can and will remain in Saint Louis long enough to make a convert of every skeptical individual in it.

I had the pleasure of a private sitting with brother Pettibone, and received two long messages written in colors, and a beautiful carnation dripping wet, between closed slates that were fastened together with four rubber bands. The fragrance of that flower was and is still exquisite. That manifestation occurred a week ago this morning, about eleven o'clock. Since that time I had in my own home while sitting for development, to my utter astonishment received a fragrant carnation between my closed slates. I placed clean slates in my trunk and when I took them out my amazement was unbounded when I found a message in the closed slates from Dr. White. So much for brother Pettibone's wonderful power as a developer.

MRS. DR. D. WHITE.

## The Trumpet at Findlay, Ohio.

To the Editor of LIGHT OF TRUTH.

We wish to use a little of your valuable paper to tell the good people what a grand time we had with Mrs. Hibbits of Muncie, Ind. as medium. Mr. and Mrs. Hibbits usually go together to hold seances. They have been to our house three times during the past winter, each time having met with great success. They hold three seances each day at 9 a. m., 2 and 8 p. m. From fifteen to thirty persons at each seance—three and a half hours each. Mrs. Hibbits is a trumpet medium. Her main controls, Dr. Sharp, Katie Kinsey and Red Leaf are a wonder beyond description, their voices are strong and perfect, Dr. Sharp speaks as perfectly as any person in the body. Kate Kinsey is sweet and touching; her poems are grand and inspiring; her songs are infinitely beautiful.

Red Leaf is a jolly Indian; he would make you laugh if you were to be hung, having a voice like a steamboat. I am sure he could be heard two or three squares. On several occasions he talked to persons in the third room from where the seance was held so that all in the room could hear distinctly all that was said. Mrs. Hibbits was with us March 29, 30 and 31st. Held nine seances; about one hundred and fifty people attended, among them the very highest, principally business men and their families, and among them I must say were the leading business men of our city. And I must say also that the

shrewdest among these men were the first to accept the truth and to openly proclaim it. They of course get the snarls and sneers of the less perceptive, and poor unfortunate beings who can not see or hear anything that is not less than two or three thousand years old. Mr. and Mrs. Hibbits go from here to Washington, D. C. I understand arrangements have been made to hold a few test seances. I hope some of our congressmen will attend, they will then know that there is a hereafter. We have their promise to be with us again soon, speed the time and may God bless them in their good work.

L. L. BAIR.

## Trumpet Seance.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.

Having noticed your call for reports from the seance room, I take pleasure in submitting a brief account of a very convincing trumpet seance which I had with Mrs. Anna E. Thomas of 512 Lexington ave., Newport, Ky. I called upon her an entire stranger, she asked no questions, consequently I answered none. We retired to the seance room in turn and after the usual ceremonies, my spirit friends manifested one after the other, giving unmistakable proofs of their identity as well as their names through the trumpet. One spirit explained a peculiar relationship which she held to the family; another spirit gave his full name in conformance with a promise he had made me through a clairvoyant two days before, the clairvoyant residing in another town. The tests were all remarkable, and the seance a perfect success, and I would like to add that my experience with Mrs. Thomas has certainly clinched my faith in Spiritualism and set flight any doubts which I might have entertained. She is a perfect lady, of genial disposition and the doors of her beautifully appointed home are always open to anxious investigators. She certainly is doing a great work and is a credit to the cause of Spiritualism. Long may she live to promulgate this beautiful truth.

We are all standard bearers for the LIGHT OF TRUTH, which in its new form elicits the highest praise and greatest admiration, and we feel that our community is blessed by being the home of the ablest Spiritualist journal in the United States if not the world.

D. H. TULLIS.

## Prophecy.

When feeling oppressed without any assignable reason therefor it is often due to the attraction of burden-bearing spirits or the mental atmosphere that tells of the cause upon yourself—a silent admonition of future effects or soul troubles, trials, misfortune, compatible with the pressure of the influence felt. Light-heartedness thus foretells the opposite, or a happy future. Sensitives, by a little observation, may become their own prophets, and need neither mortal nor spirit aid to know what is in store for them.

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH.

## Sweet Words from a Spirit.

MAY TRIMBLE.

Looking forth from my chamber window late one lovely moonlight night, enjoyably, upon the brightness, I joyfully remarked to "Flowing Water" (a loved Indian control and friend), "What lights your spirit world? Do you have the moon?" "No," she said, "we have no moon; we light each other." I thought no student of a university could have given a better reply.

At another time, in a parlor circle at a friend's spacious city house, a lady remarked to "Flowing Water" (observing she was present), "What do you do in spirit life?" "What do I do?" she said, pausing. Then sweetly answered: "I extract the sweetness from human flowers, and bestow it."

"Hold fast to one string, by which you will be pulled on board the boat, the name of which is Wisdom, the freight is Love, whose captain is God, and the mate is Peace; that string is Principle."

## SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

A curious property of potassium uranyl sulphide has been reported by M. Becquerel to the French Academy. When excited to phosphorescence, this substance emits rays which last a long time—more than 160 hours—after phosphorescence ceases, which pass through paper, aluminum, and copper, and which discharge electrified bodies like the Roentgen rays.

The rapidly increasing use of gases compressed in cylinders has made it important that safety be insured in every way possible. A British committee was appointed last year to investigate the causes of accidents to cylinders, and from a report just made it appears that the risks of explosion are of two classes—one due to negligence in the manufacture, annealing, and testing of the cylinders, and the other due to neglect in filling the cylinders. It is recommended that the precautions laid down in the report be enforced by some kind of official inspection of factories.

The deepest bore-hole—that at Parnu chowitz in Upper Silesia—has reached a depth of 5,570 feet, at a cost of \$15,045, and penetrates 80 coal seams, with a combined thickness of 293 feet. The temperature has increased one centigrade degree for every 111 feet. The rod, tools, etc., weigh 14 tons, and have bored 16 feet per day.

The poison of fatigue is stated by Prof. Wedensky to be exactly similar to the deadly vegetable poison known as curare. The former, it is maintained, is capable of inducing fatigue in fresh animals inoculated with it.

A remarkable bird of Venezuela—called by the Indians *yak a mik*, and by ornithologists *propheta crepitans*—is a native of the great Amazon forests, where it builds its nest in the ground near the foot of a tree. The Indians catch the young birds and tame them; in due time they become valuable assistants, tending flocks of sheep, fowls, or other farm stock, with great efficiency, and they show great affection for their masters. Several other South American birds are said to have the same instinct of caring for other animals.

The blackness of the atmosphere in many factory towns seems to have more considerable cause even than most of us would have guessed. The smoke-stack of a German sugar factory was recently provided with a soot-catcher, from which 6,700 pounds of soot was taken at the end of six days, and it is concluded that the stack of such a factory pours 200 tons of carbon dust annually into the air.

A query in *Popular Astronomy* calls attention to a common error, even the International Dictionary stating that the moon is new when it is first seen after conjunction with the sun. The new moon really begins when in conjunction and still invisible, only the dark side being turned toward the earth.

Poisoning from petroleum fumes is rare on account of the precautions against fire taken at refineries. A French physician, who recently described a case in which a workman had inhaled the vapor while unloading a boat, reports symptoms like those following the use of alcohol—brain excitement and exuberance of language, followed by forgetfulness and complete prostration. A chronic form of petroleum, with progressive and long continued anemia, is also observed, especially among the miners of the Caucasus.

It is suggested that the drying of fruit, which requires great care and a certain regulation of the temperature, offers a promising field for electric heating. Fuel for heating by steam is often expensive, but fruit districts usually have abundant water-power that could be used for driving dynamos. The electric current would prove serviceable in a variety of ways in addition to heating.

Every issue of the LIGHT OF TRUTH presents, as near as possible, a complete panorama of Spiritualism. It is therefore the best publication to place into the hands of an investigator. Remail it to your friend in the country.

## The Petrified Trees of Arizona.

At a recent meeting of the New York Academy of Sciences, a paper on "Some Features of the Arizona Plateau" was read by L. S. Griswold.

In general, the plateau surface is between 5,000 and 7,000 feet in elevation above sea level, and strikes one as being remarkably smooth for so high elevation. There are large stretches of nearly level or gently rolling country, diversified, however, by mesas and outliers, with escarpments rising between 50 and 200 feet, shallow but broad old stream channels now little used, and leading to canyons with precipitous walls. On the plateau top are numerous volcanic elevations, varying in age from the young cinder cone to the denuded stock. Over the district silicified wood is well known, occurring at the base of a gravel and sand horizon, little consolidated, belonging to the late Tertiary or Pleistocene times, and lying with slight unconformity in part upon probable Triassic strata and in part upon Carboniferous, the older formations being little disturbed.

The trees now petrified originally grew to large size, eight or nine feet in diameter for the largest, probably conifers, and perhaps not very different from the forest growth of part of the present plateau. This ancient forest was apparently thrown down by the wind, for tree butts are common in horizontal position, while only one was found erect. The gravel and sand covering would seem to have come soon, for only a few have fillings of sediment in hollows or give other indications of decay; the logs were buried at least 50 or 60 feet deep. The weight of the overlying sediments crushed the trees so that the horizontal diameters are commonly greater than the vertical as they are seen in place. Silicification was probably accomplished by percolating surface waters, as the logs are distant from volcanic vents, as far as known to the writer; then no hot water deposits were seen accompanying the logs, and the distribution as seen over many miles, and reported much more widely, would also militate against the theory of change by hot waters.—*Scientific American*.

## A Big Dam.

The curious point is made by a writer in the *Scientific American* that, if a channel of sufficient size and depth were cut from the Caribbean Sea to the Pacific Ocean, the Gulf Stream would no longer flow across the Atlantic and warm the shores of Europe, but would pour into the Pacific Ocean. The islands forming the Caribbean Sea act on the principle of a breakwater or dam, holding the water that has been forced into the sea by the tides and trade winds, and cause the water to be higher in that sea and turn it into the Gulf of Mexico which becomes the reservoir or fountain head, whence the Gulf Stream flows like a river from a lake, being the equalizer of water as well as heat, and making its way in the direction of the greatest deficiency of that element. Further, the warmth of this wonderful steam is accounted for by the fact that its waters are supplied from the tropics the tide waves acting on the principle of an eddy, so it has counter currents also, this theory resting upon the assumption that the water is higher on the east than on the west side of the Isthmus of Panama; and, great the continent of America being the great dam in the ocean that forms the Gulf Stream, by placing the continent of America so that would lie east and west, there would be no Gulf Stream.

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### Summerland, Cal.

The Summerland Spiritualist Association held anniversary services on March 29th at Liberty Hall.

The morning services were opened with music by the orchestra. Then followed a short history of Modern Spiritualism. After this came an inspirational song, and a most excellent and interesting lecture by Bishop Beals.

At the close of the morning session the ladies of the association served an excellent dinner.

The afternoon exercises were opened by the orchestra, repeating, by request, the overture "By the Sea." Then one of James G. Clark's poems was read. This was followed by an original song sung by the quartet.

Prof. J. S. Loveland delivered a lecture upon "The Relation of Spiritualism to Progress and Reforms of the Present Times."

The evening program consisted of a solo by Mr. Cole; an original anniversary poem by M. E. Taylor, followed by a lecture upon "Inspiration."

This closed a very interesting, profitable and well attended anniversary meeting.

Both the instrumental and vocal music was written through the mediumship of Mr. L. Cole, and had its initial hearing on this occasion.

MRS. M. A. SPRING, Pres't.

### Baltimore, Md.

The First Spiritual Church celebrated the Forty-Eighth Anniversary by having service, morning and evening, in their hall, Hazzer Building, Franklin street, Sunday, March 29th. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags and flowers.

The Religio-Philosophical Society united with the First Spiritual Church in the morning. After singing, the pastor, Mrs. Walcott, opened the meeting with an invocation. Mr. Fickey, the president, followed with impressive remarks of explanation of the event. Mrs. Ida P. A. Whitlock, our speaker, gave the honorary address, which was very interesting. Mr. Schirm delivered a fine spirited address, somewhat patriotic as well as spiritual. Mr. Stanglen, president of the "Religio," made the closing address in a very able and affectionate manner. The exercises were interspersed throughout with singing, conducted by Mr. Broom; Miss Prichard was organist. Mrs. Whitlock closed with the benediction. Considerable talent was shown by each of the different speakers. A kind and truly harmonious feeling existed. The only thing occurring to mar the happiness of the occasion, the rain, prevented as large an attendance as would otherwise have been.

In the evening Mrs. Walcott did justice to the principal address. Mr. Schirm delivered another animated discourse, followed by the regular test medium, Mr. Rapp, who gave many excellent and satisfactory tests. Mr. Twedell also gave tests, and did very well for his short time as a medium. Mrs. Walcott never did better, and she, Mrs. Whitlock, Mr. Stanglen, and Mr. Schirm each had the profound attention of the audience, and deserve much credit for their earnest work in the cause.

On Tuesday night, the memorable 31st, the "Religio" Society had a brilliant success in their entertainment at Sutros Hall, the First Spiritual Church returning the compliment and sympathy, attended their anniversary.

We had a glorious time. All hail the advent of Modern Spiritualism!

MRS. J. W. CHILD, Sec.

### Erie, Pa.

The First Spiritual Society of this city, celebrated the Forty-Eighth Anniversary of the new religion on Sunday April 5th, 1896, at the Opera House. A large and appreciative audience greeted the speaker, Hon. L. V. Moulton, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and everybody expressed satisfaction at hearing this intellectual giant of the Northwest. Services were continued on Monday evening following by ex Rabbi S. Well of Bradford, Pa. Mrs. R. S. Lillie of Cincinnati, gave two charming lectures on Sunday the 12th inst., and J. Frank Baxter of Chelsea, Mass., is to be with us on the 19th inst. SIDNEY KELSEY.

The divine aura pulsates through matter as blood circulates through the veins.—Randolph's "After Death."

### NOTES FROM ALL POINTS.

PATTERSON, O.—Mrs. Maggie Stewart of Piqua, O. is conducting very successful meetings at Forest, Harden Co. O. She occupied the Opera House Sunday 19th inst., afternoon and evening.—Corr.

SAN JOSE, CAL.—Mrs. Dr. Dobson writes that a desirable location near San Diego has been donated towards the "Home" she has in view of building. Cash donations may be entrusted to her by addressing it in care of Box 132, San Jose, Cal.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—The Times Union gives Dr. C. W. Hidden a very flattering notice concerning his lecture and healing tests at the Park Opera House of said city. Dr. Hidden, like all common sense spiritual healers, treats the patient as it becomes an up-to-date proficient. No ancient methods in imitation of historic characters are employed to attract attention. Dr. Hidden is satisfied to be himself, and places the credit where it belongs.

SCHOOLCRAFT, MICH.—Our Camp Meeting at Bankson Lake Resort in Van Buren Co., Mich. four miles from Lawton, on the Mich. Central R. R., nine miles from Schoolcraft or Marcellus on the Grand Trunk, will open June 6th, continuing two weeks, closing June 22nd. It is a desirable place for camping. We will have the best of talent.—MRS. HATTIE NESBIT, Sec.

YONKERS, N. Y.—The Y. S. S. held its first anniversary on the 3rd of April, at the same time celebrating the Spiritual New Year. A. Fred Andrews and J. E. Morey addressed the meeting. Dancing and supper closed the event. On the 10th a reception was given Mrs. Brigham and a substantial souvenir presented to her as a remembrance of the Society during her absence in England. Miss B. V. Cushman accompanies the former on her journey. Mrs. E. Gale made the presentation speech.—T. M.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—Lectures will be delivered by Mr. J. J. Morse for the public in National Hall, Ellis Street, between Polk Street and Van Ness Ave. as follows: Sunday April 19th, "Man's Release from Matter." Sunday April 26th, "His Post-Mortem Circumstances." Admission free. Lectures commence at 7:45 p. m. Lectures will be delivered by Mr. J. J. Morse for members only, at the headquarters of the California Psychical Society, Room No. 35, Wenben Building, corner Sutter and Mason Streets as follows: Wednesday April 29th, at 3 o'clock p. m. "The Psychology of Education." Part I.—"Intellectual." Wednesday May 13th, at 3 o'clock p. m. "The Psychology of Education." Part II.—"Spiritual."

The traditional flood was due to the burning of a planet between Jupiter and Mars, which caused the earth's axis to change its inclination to the ecliptic.—Randolph's "After Death."

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Program.—Saturday, 10 30 a. m. Business meeting, reports of committees, election of officers, resolutions, and other important business. 2 p. m., address of welcome by the President, Mr. C. E. Bingham, impromptu poem and lecture, Jennie Hagan-Jackson. 7 30 p. m., lecture, "The Development and Demands of Modern Spiritualism" by Mr. J. Frank Baxter, followed by a test seance.

Sunday, 10 30 a. m., conference at Odd Fellows' Hall, Main street. 2 p. m., at Unity Hall, poem and lecture by Mrs. Jennie Hagan-Jackson. 7 30 p. m., lecture, "The Value of Phenomena in establishing Beliefs" by J. Frank Baxter, followed by a test seance. The musical part of the program will be conducted by the well-known singer and composer, Mr. A. J. Maxham, of Washington, D. C.

Societies and persons interested in conducting meetings are kindly invited to send in reports of the year's work. MRS. J. E. B. DILLON.

### Locals and Personals.

—Services were held by the Peoples' Religious Spiritual Society Sunday, April 19th, at their hall, corner Fourteenth street and Central avenue. We had Mrs. Mary Garrett, also Mrs. Katie McKay and the mediums of Pansy and Silver Leaf on the platform. Mrs. Dreese was also called out of the audience by "Dollie." Many beautiful messages and tests were given through them. Cpt. Humphreys, of Indianapolis, a late arrival at the hall, was also called to the platform and pleased the audience with a beautiful inspirational lecture. There will be a social at the home of Mrs. Garrett this Wednesday evening, beginning with a trumpet seance, after which cake and ice cream will be served. Admission 25 cents.—B. Bechtold.

—The Society of Spiritual Unity had a good attendance at Wildy Hall Sunday evening. Miss St. Omer discoursed on "Silent Voices." "Out of the dim, dead past, I hear an echo of voices now silent, for many a weary year," she said, "voices of those who have long been laid in mother earth. The voice of Washington still speaks to the American people, saying 'put none but Americans on guard,' voices from the other spheres; the voice of nature speaking in no uncertain tones; the voice of conscience which warns us of evil, which if only heeded would lead to a better condition. Crime would be diminished. Let us listen to their lessons, so that we may be prepared to journey on towards an endless progression where all is well done." Her psychometric readings and tests prove her ability to read the souls of individuals present, and to bring messages from the unseen. Her services can be secured for camp-meetings this summer.—Sec.

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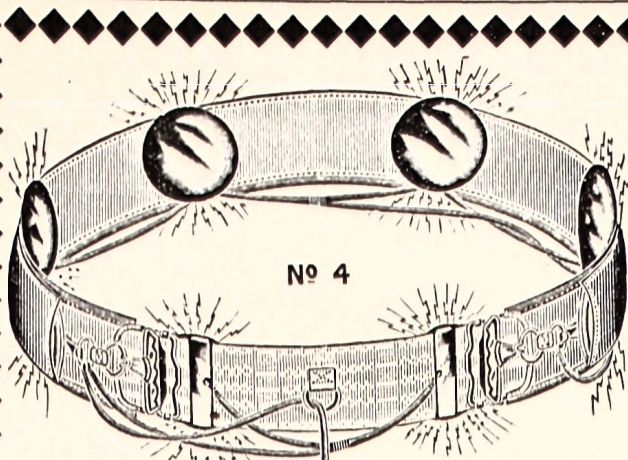
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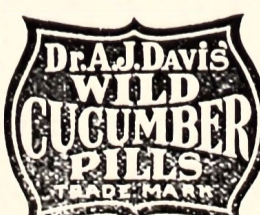
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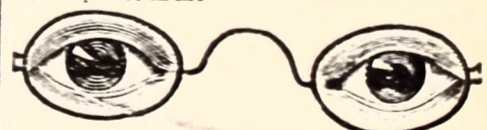
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Italy, at the time the census was taken, affords a fair exemplification of the Jesuit system of education. Out of twenty-four millions of people seventeen million were unable to read the letters of the alphabet. The Jesuits reduced Spain to a guitar, and Italy to a hand-organ. The Jesuits claim the liberty to instruct. For some centuries they have held in their hands, at their discretion, at their school, at their ferule two great nations—Italy and Spain—illustrious among the illustrious; and what have they done with it? I am going to tell.

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Spain, magnificently endowed—Spain, which received from the Romans her first civilization; from the Arabians her second civilization; from Providence—and in spite of the Jesuits—a world, America; Spain has lost—thanks to them, and their brutal yoke, which is a yoke of degradation—the secret of her power, which she received from the Romans—that genius in the arts, which she received from the Arabs, that world which God gave her. And in exchange for all that they have made her lose what she has received. She has received the inquisition, which has burned upon the funeral pile five millions of men! Read history! The Inquisition, which exhumed the dead in order to burn them as heretics. The Inquisition, which declares children heretics, even to the second generation. See what they have done with that focus of light, which you call Italy! They have extinguished it. That colossus, they call Spain, they have undermined. The one is in ruins, the other in ashes. See what they have done for these two great nations.

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When we calmly reflect upon the Jesuit institution, its infamous career of artifice and crime, the immense treasure and domain it has acquired by trick and treachery; when we call to mind the avarice by which it has been actuated and the duplicity it has practiced; when we consider how utterly regardless of every maxim of justice and every principle of honor it has been; how, with the mailed hand of superstition and with anathemas, more dreaded by the ignorant and degraded than a thousand pistols, it has demanded, like a highwayman, tribute from everyone it chanced to meet; it looms up before the imagination as a vast and mysterious corporation of outlaws, whose right is might, whose object is wealth, whose profession is power and pious plunder. It traffics in the hearts and souls of men; sports with eldritch hopes and fears, and makes merchandise of heaven and hell, time and eternity. It rises before the imagination like some black and midnight monster, dripping with human gore—an embodiment of every deformity, an incarnation of every loathsome, hideous and unsightly demon, and a just embodiment of the character of the arch fiend. Wars, revolutions, plots, assassinations, intrigue, moral corruption, and unparagoned cruelty have marked its history. They have been driven from Germany and excluded from Italy, the home and center of popery. But, like a snake in the grass, which escapes destruction by its subtle glidings, this old dragon of Popery has artfully succeeded in winding its hideous trail of human misery across the ages, and with its head unbruised, and with its fangs still red with the blood of martyrs, it boldly confronts the European colossus.

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