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IF I WERE GOD.

Immortal should all of mortality be,
If I were God;
Infinite all that is finite in thee,
If I were God;
The luminous lillies forever should shine,
The golden grapes drip with a delicate wine,
The red roses flames on the lush-trailing vine,
If I were God.
The song birds should sing in an evergreen bower,
If I were God;
And twitter and trill through a wingless hour,
If I were God;
And never a leaf in the green forests gay
Be torn from its bough, for no dark, wintry day,
Nor wild thunder tempests should rise in our way,
If I were God.
Never a heart should be broken on earth,
If I were God;
Never a misery follow our mirth,
If I were God;
Sin should shrink far out of sound and of sight,
The wrong that is rapturous always be right,
Nor fagot and steel be symbols of might,
If I were God.
The fires of friendship should faithful burn,
If I were God.
Heart unto heart should unchangingly turn,
If I were God.
Never should longings be vile or vain,
Never be pestilence, farewell or chain,
Never be death, disappointment or pain,
If I were God.
The dreams be fulfilled of the poets and sages,
If I were God;
And all the grand yearning of infinite ages,
If I were God.
The march of humanity, strong and sublime,
Should ring with the footfalls of angels in rhyme,
And reason be regnant in every clime,
If I were God.

WILL HUBBARD KERNAN.

The Charity of the Spirit World.

"My feet have trod on thorns to come to you."
Such was once the significant message of a guardian angel to her earthly charge, symbolizing the greatness of the sacrifice which a bright spirit makes who renounces the joys of heaven to come down and abide with the suffering ones

of earth. The self-sacrifice of our Lord himself, who left his seat at the right hand of the Eternal Father to come down to save a ruined world, the spirit which prompts many a medium to continue in the field, fighting for the truth of spirit return, in despite of poverty, reproach and mental anguish, this is the spirit which has prompted that mighty effort now making by the angel world to enlighten and save mankind. It is not for the fun of the thing that advanced spirits strive with the hardness of the human heart, and seek to lift up the grovelling soul, to open the eyes of the spiritually blind, to win the sensual organization to a higher life. As Elizabeth Fry left the comforts of her happy home to minister to the poor prisoners of Newgate, so did Christ visit the spirits in prison, so did the bright angels also visit the abodes of the wicked in spirit life, and so do they willingly minister to the spiritual needs of the inhabitants of earth. Who can be so sufficiently grateful for the love, the long suffering of his guardian angel? With aspirations for the highest, with the opportunity to commune with the pure and exalted intelligencies of the upper world, he yet devotes himself to his earthly charge, ever seeking to impress him for good, ever striving to protect him from spiritual and from earthly foes. This doctrine, which is an article of faith in the Catholic church, is for Spiritualists a living fact. Such charity is in immortal souls.

We speak to the Spiritualist, to the initiated into the mysteries of the New Dispensation, to him who knows by blessed experience that he has a spirit guide, and we ask: Why does not your guardian desert you, as your earthly friends do, when you are in misfortune? Why does he not abandon you when you deserve to be abandoned to your fate? Why not? Why does not the mother abandon her child in prison? She may not be able to reach him, but she watches outside the walls, and sooner or later the prison doors are opened and she clasps the erring son to her heart. So we may grieve our spirit friends, and may by our acts build a wall of adamant between us and them, but immortal love refuses to be balked of its mission.—Ex.

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In only six states of the Union are mothers conceded to be the legal owners of their children.

The daily papers now state that the legal plea of insanity in murder cases is giving place in the courts to one of subjection to hypnotism.

The First Spiritual Society will give another of their popular monthly entertainments at Music Hall week after next, concluding with a social dance.

The New York Christians, who have a Jew for a God, refuse to allow their children to associate with the Jewish children in the private schools of that city.

A call has been issued by a number of prominent gentlemen of St. Louis, Mo., for a convention of representatives from all the states, for advising a better plan for the care of helpless and dependent children.

Dr. J. M. Temple is doing good work at the First Spiritual Society's meetings in Music Hall. Dr. Temple has improved wonderfully as a test medium since his last visit to this city. He gives tests both afternoon and evening.

If some professed Spiritualists could realize the injury they are doing to others, and the consequent trouble they are storing up for themselves by indulging in evil thoughts and malevolent, slanderous gossip, they would not rest until they had cured themselves of their idiotic jealousy.

Send this paper to some investigator friend.

Dr. J. M. Peebles has returned to San Diego and will devote his energies to his Sanitarium, in connection with Dr. Watkins, the eminent psychic and and slate-writer. In a letter to the editor of the *Farmer and Labor Review* this week, the doctor says: "I am in receipt of the MEDIUM, well gotten up, neat and filled with good, solid reading matter. Who gets it up? Who is editor? I confess that I cannot find out. It ought to grow and increase."

Coming from the source it does, the above compliment is sincerely appreciated by the editor of the MEDIUM, that mysterious personage who has been inquired about so frequently. A glance at the heading of this page will solve the mystery.

The New York *Recorder* is a liberal and progressive metropolitan paper. It gives place every Sunday to two or more columns of Spiritualist matter, such as articles from distinguished writers, debates, etc. In a recent issue is an article from the pen of Lyman C. Howe, entitled, "Is Spiritualism Superstition?" He held that Spiritualism is not superstition, but that the bible rests upon Spiritualism; and cited many cases in support of the views advanced. The mystery of ancient days is now all explained by modern Spiritualism, by giving a rational relationship between the two worlds and reducing fantastic apparitions to consistent realities, to normal human beings, as natural after death as before. The closing passage of the article is replete with great beauty of language:

"It takes the ghostliness out of ghosts, and introduces us to an eternal world closely allied to this, and in sweet human sympathy with us. It puts the new wine of love into the arteries of religion, and pumps out the dead sap, long soured and curdled under the freezing frowns and grim horrors of materialistic superstition. Its mission is to conserve all the good in all systems, past or present, and encourage a spirit of fraternity between all different sects. When death broods over love, and the sad heart struggles with its weight of grief, kissing the lips of clay and warming death-frozen cheeks with hot tears distilled in the furnace of agony, the voice of Spiritualism steals through the gloom with a tender refrain as soft and sweet as a mother's kiss, lays its healing wand on the aching wound and breathes the music of heaven into the sobbing soul, and 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'"

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Quite a large number of persons have taken advantage of our offer of a psychometric and planetary test reading by a reliable psychometrist, FREE to every yearly subscriber, and more are coming in every week. Nearly every one, so far as heard from, has been satisfied and pleased with the reading received. If any were not satisfied, they had only themselves to blame, as our offer distinctly states that applicants should "give name, date and place of birth, IN YOUR OWN WRITING." Some do not comply with all these conditions, and consequently get imperfect readings.

Our offer will be held open awhile longer, and we can assure you good results from the investment of your half dollar.

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Religious intolerance is still rife, even in Los Angeles. It is not many weeks since the MEDIUM, young as it is, had a taste of it. It was first printed in a job printing office managed by a man who is a believer in the second and early coming of Christ, and is one of the "elect" who is to help run this earth after it is made over. After the second issue of this paper he refused to allow it printed in his office again, as its teachings were "pernicious and false." No doubt the man is honest in his belief, yet it is rather inconsistent for him to object to this paper as "pernicious" in its teachings and too wicked to be printed in his office, when he had just completed the printing of a barkeeper's guide, entitled "Fifty fancy drinks and how to mix them" besides other saloon work. But he is equally as consistent as the majority of his class.

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A thought is a prayer, whether it be of love or hate. All the good, blessing and healing powers are involved in and evolved by good thoughts; and all the evil, cursing and destructive forces are involved in and evolved by bad thoughts. "He who thinketh an evil hath already committed it," because the thought-force has been evolved that inevitably does the evil. Mankind, in their ignorant and sensual state, lose sight of the terrible responsibility of each human being for what he mentally evolves. The direct work of the mind to construct or destroy is far greater than that of the hands to build up or tear down, for the latter are limited in the scope of their labors, while the mind is comparatively unlimited in the area of the good or mischief it can do.
—Advance-Thought.

A Startling Phenomenon.

The people up around Lake Michigan are excited over a recent wonderful phenomenon that certainly cannot be explained by any ordinary process of reasoning. One night a steamer was crossing the lake with a load of passengers, when a bright light appeared off the starboard bow, apparently about fifteen miles distant. The officers of the vessel could not account for it, and steered toward it, hoping to solve the mystery. As they approached it the light grew intensely brilliant and began to flash at intervals. Suddenly a mountain of darkness appeared to rise between the boat and the light, but the blaze was flashed over its top. Then a second light appeared, seemingly about five miles to the westward. By this time all the passengers were on deck, and so intense was the glare of the lights that umbrellas and other objects were held up to protect the eyes. At just 2 a. m. by the captain's watch the lights flashed, there was a terrific rumbling like a quadruple peal of thunder, and then the lights disappeared. Almost on the instant a tidal wave struck the ship, and the phenomena were over. No one could explain the occurrence. One of the passengers said the glare was greater than two noon-day suns, and he thought the end of the world had come.

A few years ago a similar phenomenon was witnessed from the deck of a steamer on the Columbia river. The light remained for some time, apparently moving ahead of the steamer, and was of great size and brilliancy. Prophetic and spiritually inclined people at once pronounced it a "spirit light," and predicted that these lights would soon become numerous, and that they are the forerunners of a great spiritual influx and of great changes on earth.

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Next Week.

A letter received this week from the medium who is to have charge of our Spirit Message Department, informs us that the first installment of messages will reach us in time for the issue of Feb. 16, probably.

The Catholics of this country are making a vigorous kick against the recent edict of the pope against their holding membership in secret societies. In the east they are holding meetings and passing resolutions asking that the edict be withdrawn.

That able writer and veteran worker in the cause of Spiritualism, Hudson Tuttle, has issued a new edition of his work on Psychological Science, and added a chapter on development, holding circles, etc. He has reduced the price to 75 cents. This is a valuable work for Spiritualists, and especially those who are seeking development. Mr. Tuttle's address is Berlin Heights, Ohio.

Last year, remarks an exchange, there were in this country 9,800 murders and 4,912 suicides. This is at the average rate of more than one murder every fifty-four minutes during the whole year, and a suicide every hour and forty-seven minutes. The number of murders for 1894 was nearly three times that of 1889, and the number of suicides more than double. In the six years there have been an aggregate of 36,970 murders. This terrible increase in these crimes is mainly due to the financial depression that causes so much misery and trouble throughout this country. May the hosts of light concentrate their forces upon the law-makers of our nation and bring about an early change for the better. We believe they will!

Well—were it not a pleasant thing to fall asleep with one's friends; to pass with all our social ties to silence from the paths of men; and every hundred years to rise and learn the world and sleep again; to sleep thro' terms of mighty wars, and wake on science grown to more, on secrets of the brain, the stars, as wild as nught of fairy lore, and all that else the years will show, the poet forms of stronger hours, the vast republics that may grow, the federations and the powers; titanic forces taking birth in divers seasons, divers climes; for we are ancients of the earth, and in the morning of the times—Tennyson.

Send this paper to some investigator friend.

There is something wrong with the mail service in this city, very evidently. Some of our subscribers receive their paper three days after it is mailed, and some not at all. This is not an extraordinarily busy time at the postoffice, and there is no excuse for such delay.

Among the notable Spiritualists who have recently passed over, are Hon. J. J. Owen, of San Francisco, and Rev. Sam'l Watson, of Memphis, Tenn., an ex-minister of the church. Both are old workers in the cause and have done their share in the regeneration of mankind from a materialistic to a spiritualistic plane, and both will meet their reward in fullest measure.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean has this about Spiritualism: "It is a common thing among a large class of people to sneer at Spiritualism; it is questionable whether it would not be much wiser to explain the well-authenticated phenomena before doing so. There are wonderful discoveries being made—and there is nothing unreasonable in Spiritualism. There have doubtless been frauds and charlatans who have worked Spiritualism to make money. But the fact remains there are many things in the so-called Spiritualism unsolved."

The MEDIUM is informed that the family of B. M. Raiford, who was taken to the asylum recently, are in straightened circumstances financially. Here is an opportunity for Spiritualists to practice what they preach, and demonstrate by their works that they are in earnest in their professions. Mrs. Raiford has nine children to care for, the eldest being but about sixteen years of age. Both Mr. and Mrs. Raiford have been earnest workers in the cause, and always among the first to respond to the wants of the needy, and in their present misfortune the family should not be forgotten, nor allowed to want.

Since the above was written, we learn that the Spiritual Unity Social at the Lampman residence, 422 West Seventh Street, next Friday evening, will be made the occasion of a benefit for the Raiford family. All are invited to come and bring an offering of at least a dime or a pound of groceries.

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