

GOLDEN JUBILEE.

First Association of Spiritualists, Philadelphia, Pa.

It is claimed that the movement known as Modern Spiritualism began fifty-four years ago at the time of the raps at Hydesville. It is therefore quite a record for an association to have been in active existence since 1852 or for a period of fifty years. As a matter of fact, the First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia is more than fifty years old. As a spiritualistic society distinctively it numbers its years at the half-century mark, but as a society for the investigation and study of psychology, it antedates even the rappings at Hydesville. It is known to have had a continuous existence since 1846, and tradition goes so far as to give its natal day five or ten years earlier still. This is a record of which its members may well be proud, and the work of the early pioneers reveals a fact known only to a few Spiritualists today—the fact that the philosophy of Modern Spiritualism made its

Columbus, Ohio; "Psychic Era," of Pittsburgh, Pa.; from the "Philosophical Journal," California; from the "Sunflower" of Lily Dale, N. Y.; from George T. Angell, President Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in acknowledgment of the auxiliary society, the Band of Mercy in connection with the First Association; from our own Andrew Jackson Davis; in the form of cables from Alfred Wilkinson, President British Lyceum Conference and from Mrs. Lydia Manks, a member of the First Association now sojourning in London, England; in the form of several hundred telegrams from prominent speakers, mediums and workers in the movement. These greetings were enthusiastically received, and resolutions adopted that same be suitably acknowledged.

SOUVENIRS.

A souvenir poem was read and given to each member of the audience every day the Jubilee was held: "A Toast," by Dr. T. Wilkins; "Message from a Spirit Child," Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader; "Woman," Mrs. M. T. Longley; "Our Golden Jubilee," Mrs. C. Fannie Allen. A souvenir song composed by Rev. Dr. Austin was sung at one of the meetings, also a Greeting Song, composed by Alice C. Barry of Philadelphia.

The souvenir badge designed by Mrs. Cadwallader, consisted of a white ribbon bearing name and date in gold letters, and a pendant upon which was a handsome picture of the temple and of the spiritualistic emblem—the sunflower. There were also badges and buttons for each officer and committee, and to represent each auxiliary society.

The temple was tastefully decorated with banners, flags, ribbons, palms, cut flowers, etc. Suspended over the platform were the words—(formed with seventy-two dozen carnations, made by Miss Clara Zimmerman)—"First Association, Golden Jubilee, 1852-1902." Illuminated with electric lights. These decorations were superintended by Miss Mary Humphries, president of the Woman's Progressive Union, with the help of the young people of the Sunflower Club and Lyceum.

VISIT TO THE MAYOR.

Sunday was filled to the brim with meetings, but Monday forenoon was devoted to visiting and rest. Tuesday forenoon a delegation of seventy-five Spiritualists met at Independence Hall, where old Liberty Bell hangs, and where the Declaration of Independence was signed. They sang American songs, placed their names in the visiting-book as "Spiritualists celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the First Association of Spiritualists."

Then they repaired to City Hall and were received by Mayor Ashbridge. In a neat speech Capt. Keffer presented the delegates as a body, and President Barrett of the N. S. A., Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, First Vice-President of the First Association, Rev. B. F. Austin of Canada, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twine of New York, Mr. J. Clegg Wright of Ohio, respectively. Each addressed the Mayor most appropriately and quite lengthy remarks. He spoke of the progress that had been made in fifty years, congratulated the association on having attained such an age, in the face of an opposition that must have existed in its earlier years; assured them they were most welcome, and that he rejoiced with them in an independence that allowed them to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. He deplored the gloomy condition of the weather (which he

laughingly remarked would not dampen their "spirits"), and hoped their deliberations would result in great good to their association and to the cause of humanity. He then cordially shook hands with each delegate, and very graciously accepted a souvenir badge fastened on his coat by Capt. Keffer.

In high spirits the delegates made their way to a special car which was waiting to take them to Fairmount Park, where they took another special car and rode nine miles, all within the limits of that beautiful park, which covers thirty-three hundred acres of ground. The electric cars have a nine-mile circuit. The carriage drive covers fifteen miles. Within the park are very many points of interest, one of which is the house in which William Penn lived. The Hamilton Mansion, the John Bertram House, etc., etc. The grass is God's grass and is disfigured with no sign "Keep Off." Some of the acres in the park and in other portions of

the city of Philadelphia are devoted to a most humanitarian purpose. An acre is given to a worthy person for cultivation. He is entitled to all the produce he can raise upon it. There are prize contests and the one who makes the most of his plot of land is given another acre the next year. The guide sent by the car company was most attentive and expressed great pleasure in the receipt of a souvenir badge.

BETSY ROSS HOUSE.

On Wednesday a visit was made to the Betsy Ross house in which the first American flag was made, and is now cared for by a special association, of which Mr. John Quincy Adams is secretary. The well known patriotism of Spiritualists was evidenced on this occasion by the hearty singing of "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." The exact spot on which Betsy Ross sat when she made the flag was pointed out, and of course the flag itself is on exhibition there. It was recalled how extreme was her danger as she stitched away on that beautiful flag that was to be the emblem of our nation. Speeches were made by Capt. Keffer, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, President H. D. Barrett, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twine and Capt. A. J. Washburn of Vineland, N. J. Capt. Keffer was a soldier in the Mexican and Civil War and at Gettysburg lost his right arm in defence of his country's flag.

Capt. F. J. Keffer during the Civil War was taken as a prisoner at the Battle of Ball's Bluff, Virginia, and was held with fourteen others as hostages for fifteen confederates who were taken on the sea as pirates and brought to Philadelphia. For three months Capt. Keffer was kept in solitary confinement with his fellow prisoners. One cell was theirs. There they ate, slept, lived day and night, not for a moment being allowed to step outside its walls. His final release was due to Judge Cadwallader of Philadelphia, who decided that the confederate pirates should be treated as prisoners, and so effected an exchange for Capt. Keffer and his companions. The mention of Judge Cadwallader's name afforded the opportunity for a most appropriate introduction of Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader.

The visit to this little home was pronounced one of the most inspiring occasions of the entire Jubilee.

ATLANTIC CITY.

On Friday morning a number of the visitors and resident Spiritualists of Philadelphia went to Atlantic City on the coast of New Jersey. It is about a two hours' ride from Philadelphia. This little excursion was a happy thought, just the added touch necessary to round out the Jubilee week in a quiet, restful manner that would prevent the excited brain from too sudden a reaction. The reception by Mayor Story at the city hall, however, caused the delegates to feel that the Golden Jubilee was still in session.

SERVICES AT THE TEMPLE.

Sunday morning the Jubilee exercises began in earnest. The neat little temple on Twelfth Street was filled with happy people who seemed to thoroughly enjoy the feast that had been prepared for them. The music for all the meetings was under the direction of Mrs. J. Frank Bacon, assisted by the choir, Mrs. A. North, Mrs. A. Benner, Miss Blanche North, Miss Clara Zimmerman, Miss Isabel Roberts, Mr. Edgar Bell and Mr. Bert Benner. The Corbin Quartette, Prof. Mettke, Mr. Haas, Mr. and Mrs. Woodring, Miss Frances Caspader, Mrs. J. H. Young, Mrs. Belle Dixon, and others. Rev. B. F. Austin of Canada invoked the presence and assistance of the angels. A "Jubilee Greeting" written by Alice C. Barry of Philadelphia, and dedicated to the Association was read. The president, Capt. F. J. Keffer, welcomed to the temple, the home of the Association, "the officers and members of the National Association, and all officers, members and representatives of all other Spiritualist societies, and all mediums who have been the means of demonstrating the truth of the return of our dear friends from the other side of life." He paid tribute to the old workers, told what the society had accomplished and said he felt we had a place among the religions of the world, and that our mission is to bring into conscious unity the seen and the unseen worlds.

H. D. Barrett, President of the N. S. A., responded in the name of the National Association, three of whose members were present, and in the name of the officers and members of the different societies, local, state and national.

"The purpose," he said, "that has called us together is one of mighty moment. Fifty years have rolled away into the mystery of the past, and we are face to face with the beginning of a new cycle in the history of our movement. Behind us is a record that who runs may read, and may find therein, if he will but study, inspirations to a higher life, a mightier purpose."

The speaker gave a rapid survey of the history of the Association. The mention of Andrew Jackson Davis in connection with its formation brought a storm of applause. Name after name was brought forward, not only in connection with the First Association, but with the history of Spiritualism in general.

"It is only fitting that we should dwell for a moment lovingly upon the events of those days in the far off times when to bear the label 'Spiritualist' was to be tabooed in society, when to acknowledge one's belief in the communion of the angels was to have one's sanity questioned."

"Are we here to welcome merely the dawn of this new day or the lessons that these years have taught us, that we may build a new and loftier character, nobler ideals, purer concepts of what life is?"

"A spirit of harmony pervades your assembly. You have seen other societies spring up in Philadelphia, and you have given them your psychic impress. Philadelphia has always been a centre of thought. From here sounded forth the liberty bell, proclaiming liberty of thought to all mankind. We take up the new duties, the new issues and face the rising sun of the new half century that is before us. Good friends, as we go forward to meet the

day that is dawning, let us give not only one thought, but let us ever keep in mind the sacrifices, the struggles, the mighty conquests of the olden time and keep before us the emancipated ones who have gone before us."

the N. S. A., of which he is Vice-President. He complimented the Association on what it had done and was doing. "You have given the world a new thought. You have assisted in bringing about a better and a higher civ-



Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader,
Vice-President, First Association and Chairman Committee of Arrangements.

Pass on, ye who have overcome, and we who are yet in mortal form, let us go forward conquering the lower self and rising into immortal life and soul freedom."

Mrs. Cadwallader in presenting communications and greetings said: "Away back in the early time when there was no association of Spiritualists, just a few brave pioneers, the raps at Hydesville and the attending phenomena made it worth while to organize as a body. This association is the result, and in its honor we are here this morning. We have greetings from all over the world. If we were to read all the words of encouragement and congratulation that have been sent to us from all over this land this Jubilee would not last four days, but all the year. Let me hope that it is the beginning, a jubilee for Spiritualism placed on its proper pedestal, as the greatest of all religions, that this Jubilee shall make the people of this city see that we have every right to demand recognition as citizens, loyally abiding by the laws of our country. I give you greetings from the world."

"We are Spiritualists. Are you not glad? The gates of heaven are no longer closed. Our dear ones are not dead. Spiritualism has rent the veil, and we are here to celebrate it. We are here to let the angels see that we rejoice and that they are not forgotten."

Some of the greetings already mentioned were presented at this time, and indeed at every meeting some resolutions, letters, cables or telegrams of congratulation were read.



Egbert Benner,
President Sunflower Club.

Mr. McVey, president of the Second Spiritualists Association, in his remarks referred to Spiritualism as the second coming of Christ. Mrs. Thomas M. Locke, once an officer in the First Association, now Secretary of the Philadelphia Spiritualists Association, said a few words.

Hon. Thomas M. Locke spoke in behalf of

ization. You have builded wiser than you knew."

"In 1864 I attended the meeting of the Harmonical Society, which was called to consider the expediency of securing a charter. I was not a member, but I was interested. Capt. Keffer was there also. It was thought the charter would have to be procured by applying to the legislature, and I was delegated to look into the matter. I went to the house one evening, and in that body I found not one Spiritualist. But there were two who were liberally inclined. One had even attended seances. I had a talk with him and he told me there was no reason why we could not have a charter. That was on Monday evening. On Tuesday I received word from Dr. Childs that it was not necessary to use any more persuasion as the charter was procured through the instrumentality of Judge Allison. I have had some knowledge of this body ever since that time and I congratulate and compliment you on the fact that you are the oldest Spiritualist society in the world."

Mr. Chas. H. Barry of the Columbia Ave. Spiritual Conference said his society had been in existence for eleven years, and if there was a distinctive feature of the society it was that they tried to conduct it on a scientific basis.

Mrs. Hoffman represented the German Society of Philadelphia, which she said had been in existence only one year, but had a membership of fifty. Speaking and messages are given in the German language.

Mr. C. L. Stevens, trustee of the N. S. A., was cordial in his greetings in the name of the N. S. A. and the association at Pittsburgh of which he is an officer. He believed Spiritualists should be more cordial one with another, more like the Methodists of the older times, who were all brothers and sisters. He also thought Spiritualists should have more confidence in themselves. When the Pittsburgh society wanted a charter a lawyer advised them not to attempt it, as it would cost considerable money and would probably result in failure; but they tried another lawyer, and within a week's time had their charter.

Mrs. Hartmann from Wilmington, Del., said twenty years ago she was connected with the society, but was now in the same work in Delaware. Mr. I. N. Buchwalter of Roversford represented his society at that place.

Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twine of New York said she was an honorary member of the Woman's Progressive Union of Philadelphia, and she presented loyal greetings. The Union, she said, was a good child of the First Association. "I want you to say God bless it. If you don't believe in God, just think it. I am also an officer of the New York State Association, and bring greetings from that association. We do not claim much for our State, but we never forget that in a little cottage at Hydesville, three little girls were ordained by heaven and the spiritual world to bring the first raps that heralded the advent of Modern Spiritualism."

The "Toast" proposed by Dr. T. Wilkins was read by H. D. Barrett and received with cheers.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Dedicated to the First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia, Pa.

Prologue.

In eighteen hundred and fifty-two, When fates were many and friends were few, A band of workers small and true, A noble work to do.

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Capt. F. J. Keffer,
President.

appearance long before the phenomena were heard of or presented at Hydesville or Rochester. It is not too much to assert that Spiritualists owe as much and more to Andrew Jackson Davis in his inspired books, than they do to the phenomena that have appeared in recent times, inasmuch as his works are of themselves expressions of the highest phenomena.

But the fifty years of consecutive history of a society that is unqualifiedly spiritualistic in character deserve more than a mere offhand observance. Accordingly it is fitting that the First Association of Philadelphia should hold special services in honor of the great event. The Golden Jubilee was therefore devised and carefully planned in order to mark this epoch for the future history of the world.

To Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements is due the phenomenal success of this celebration. She was very ably assisted by her committee, Miss Mary Humphries and Mr. A. Groom, also the sub-committee representing all the Society's auxiliaries to the First Association: Woman's Progressive Union, Twentieth Century Sunflower Club, The Progressive Lyceum and Band of Mercy. But it was due to Mrs. Cadwallader's magnificent generosity and untiring energy that the importance of this Golden Jubilee was recognized by the Spiritualists of the world, that for four days and nights the interest in the exercises never flagged; (indeed it was so active at the close of the regular exercises that a sort of overflow meeting was held Thursday night, which took the form of a grand reception, and culminated Friday in a trip to Atlantic City, where the delegates were received by the Mayor of that city), that there was not a hitch in the proceedings and that every one finally went home happy and proud.

On Saturday, May 10, the visitors began to arrive in Philadelphia in order to attend the entire series of meetings. Two informal receptions were held in honor of President and Mrs. H. D. Barrett, representing respectively the N. S. A. and Banner of Light, and Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twine one of the speakers of the First Association. The former was held at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, and was attended by the Jubilee Committee, and Board of Trustees of the First Association. The latter was under the management of Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Van Kirk and was attended by the members of the Woman's Progressive Union. Both were enjoyable affairs. Music, brief addresses, refreshments, toasts and social converse characterized both.

GREETINGS.

As an evidence of the national and international interest taken in the celebration, greetings were received from the President of the United States; from the National Spiritualists' Association at Washington; from the National Spiritualist Federation of Great Britain; from the British Lyceum Union, Alfred Kitson, Secy.; from the London Spiritualist Alliance, E. Dawson Rogers, President; from the Manchester Spiritualist Alliance, A. W. Orr, President; from the Spiritualists of Canada through Rev. Dr. B. F. Austin; from every Spiritualist State Association in working order, and from very many of the local associations through their officers; from the Morris Pratt Institute College of White-water, Wis.; from the "Two Worlds" of Manchester, Eng.; from "Light" of London; from the "Spiritual Review" of London; from the "Lyceum Banner" of London; from the Junior Spiritualist Club, London; from the "Banner of Light," Boston; "Progressive Thinker," Chicago; from "Light of Truth," of

F. H. Morrill,
Secretary.

Glenwood Combination Heater.

Nashua, N. H.
Weir Stove Company,
Taunton, Mass.

Gentlemen:—
The Glenwood Combination
Warm Air and Hot Water Furnace which
you placed in my house three years ago
has given excellent satisfaction. The hot
water attachment makes easy and even dis-
tribution of heat to all points, something I
was unable to accomplish previously with a
much larger hot air furnace. I have found
the heater easy to manage and economical
in the use of fuel.

Yours truly,
August 1, 1898. Henry H. Davis.

Write for handsome Furnace book to
Weir Stove Company, Taunton, Mass.

Residence of Henry H. Davis, Nashua, N. H.

that says "Your dear ones that you think
you have laid in the tomb are living today!"
All hail to our Roll of Honor to those who
have gone on all hall!

Mrs. Minnie Brown, a Philadelphia medi-
um, added to the impressiveness of the
hour by bringing messages from some of the
well known workers who have arisen to the
higher life, and whose names are on the
Roll of Honor.

"THIS IS WHY WE CELEBRATE THIS IS
WHY WE JUBILATE!"

Harrison D. Barrett made the jubilee ad-
dress and sounded the note that rang through-
out the entire jubilee: "This is why we cele-
brate; this is why we jubilate!" Like a
college call, it was caught up by the other
speakers and members of the association and
repeated on all occasions. "We have many
reasons," he said "for celebrating, for jubi-
lating on this occasion. This is an hour
when we can glance in retrospect, and for-
ward in prospect, when the past and present
and the future become united as one, and we
can realize that we are living in the
midst of an eternal now. We celebrate be-
cause of the preciousness of the truth that
has been vouchsafed to us. We jubilate be-
cause we can rejoice in gladness of song and
purity of thought, at the inspiration that the
golden heart has given unto us. We cele-
brate because we love the preciousness of
that truth, because we are enthralled by the
mellow music that is coming forth from the
harpichords of the angels, because we are
in love with progress and are enjoying those
inspirations of being that make for righteou-
ness, when we seek to live them aright."

"During the evening twelve new members
were taken into the association: Sarah Rich-
ardson, Irene Leslie, Edw. Gundermann,
Margie Bertwistle, Mrs. E. B. Leslie, J.
Stanton Mettlen, Dr. Barbara Hauptle, Thos.
Bertwistle, Amelia J. Gundermann, Edgar
Bell, L. A. Neyer, Agnes A. Neyer. They
all entered pleasure in being able to join at
this time and become jubilee members. Mr.
Barrett as President of the N. S. A., was
requested to receive them as Spiritualists
pledging themselves to work for the Cause,
and the right hand of fellowship was given
by President P. J. Keffer and Vice-President
M. E. Cadwallader.

In addressing them Mr. Barrett said in
part:

"This is an occasion fraught with great
importance. Union is our watchword, co-
operation our inspiration, brotherly love the
staff of support upon which we rest. The
combination of these three factors in the
lives of individuals helps to harmonize and
civilize mankind. This association rounding
out more than fifty years of history, and
long based upon the principles that it has
not living for self alone, but for time, but
for eternity; a charge that will be yours to
keep through all the coming years of your
lives, that you shall in honor remember to
prefer your fellowmen to yourselves, that you
will go upon errands of mercy to help those
who need aid, that you will rise above all
temptation of selfishness or unkindness, and
give the cup of cold water to those who are
thirsty, the raiment to those who are not
clothed, the food of love, the water of kind-
ness, the raiment of attention; these give I
a charge, each and every one, to bestow upon
those who are in need. I charge you also to
remember the principles of your organization,
of which you are about to become members.
Do you agree to the following declaration?"

We regret that lack of space will not per-
mit us to reproduce the Declaration of Prin-
ciples at this point. They were read in court
during the Melroy will case by the oppos-
ing lawyer, who agreed that he would will-
ingly sign his name to them except the clause
that expressed belief in spirit communion.

As the twelve new members stood upon the
platform, the congregation sang "Happy
Greeting to All," the benediction was pro-
nounced by Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, and
the most inspiring program was brought to a
close.

"A RESUME OF THE EVOLUTION OF SPIRITUALISM DURING THE LAST FIFTY YEARS"

The principal address of Monday afternoon
was made by Mr. J. Clegg Wright, of Ohio.
We give a portion of it only.

"The stream of time runs on and carries
your consciousness from phenomenon to
phenomenon, from thought to thought. Time
steals upon your life, youth mingles its happy
state with maturity and silently age creeps
on. But there is no time in eternity. The
truth never grows old. There is an overlast-
ing freshness and beauty in the immortal
soul."

"You are a body corporate representative
of the highest phase of human thinking and
life. The phenomena of Modern Spiritualism
have come, and have established themselves
in the order of scientific demonstration, and
never can it be said any more that the phe-
nomena of Modern Spiritualism are lacking
in demonstrative character, and in capabil-
ity to maintain the sequential continuity of
consciousness."

"Before I touch upon the mighty changes
which have come during the last fifty years
in the development of scientific psychology,
let me speak to you about the conditions that
prepared the coming of Modern Spiritualism.
Those of you who have made yourselves ac-
quainted with what I may call the evolution
of philosophy, as it came into the study of
the schools about the end of the seventeenth
century, those of you who have familiarized
yourselves with the controversial aspects of
philosophy, will have noticed that a perfect
change of ground has been taken. Since such
great questions as the settlement of this
world, the civilization of America, modifica-
tions have come in philosophy, affecting and

changing to a large extent the doctrines of
the world. Up to the time of the seventeenth
century, the method men pursued for the in-
vestigation of the problem of the soul's ex-
istence rested upon the a priori method entire-
ly. Poetry and philosophy in the past united
and faith reigned supreme. Then faith took
the place of controversy and debate and spir-
itual authority assumed the reins, and held
them until the end of the seventeenth cen-
tury. Then there came a powerful influence
into the schools and it was decided that
psychology must be pursued on new lines,
due largely to the force of the thinking Des-
cartes. From him we get the rise of the study
of a physiology and anatomy of the nervous
system."

"From the study of physiology came a de-
sire to have and present to the world a phys-
ical manifestation of mind apart from brain.
The Rochester knockings were not the first
spiritual manifestations we world had known,
but the investigation of the rap had a power-
ful effect on the general tendency of spiritual
thought; for when once you awaken man's
intellect to a spiritual inquiry you at once
start the source of inspiration and inven-
tion."

Excerpts from this lecture will not begin to
do it justice. The speaker referred to the
attempt made in the middle of the nineteenth
century to prove a future life by scientific
methods; the effect that the study of hypno-
tism had upon our movement, and of what
was termed the dream state. Step by step
he traced the awakening of the spiritual
thought and its growth up to the present time.

"Today the subject has come into its grand
proportions. Spiritualism is so magnificently
great that there is nothing in the world to-
day touching it in splendor and power. It
comes to your consciousness. It comes to the
shadow of your life. The touch of its
thought makes the whole world akin. You
have philosophically drifted into the widest
humanitarianism; you have drifted into the
widest field of intellectual liberty, realizing
that man grows best where he can grow free-
ly, where the winds of inspiration can blow
upon his intellect."

"There will be some dissatisfaction, some
mental pain, but it is better that man should
gather the fruits of his soul's possession in
the objective mind. It is better that he should
learn to walk alone while here, for in the
empire of his soul's consciousness he is monarch
free and untrammelled. Go on then. The
foundations you have laid in this build-
ing in days to come will be the centre and
the power, the fulcrum for further spiritual
and intellectual development. Bury your lit-
tle prejudices. Unite in sympathy. Sustain
the mighty cause of inspiration and of in-
tellectual advancement. Sympathize with
one another. There is a brotherhood for the
human race. The struggle is very great. In
this commercial era, this era of financial ad-
vancement, this era when the power of en-
lightened energy is taking the place of spiri-
tualism, there is coming a day in which the
soul will rise to higher, and yet higher and
grander inspirations. What of the nations?
They are coming together. What of the peo-

ple? They are coming together. What of
inspiration? It is coming to all. Humanity
over the hills of time is adopting the great
declaration, 'The world is my country, to do
good my religion.'"

Rev. Dr. Austin, Mrs. Twing and Mr. C.
L. Stevens closed the afternoon exercises
with pleasant remarks.

TWENTY-SEVENTH CENTURY SUNFLOWER CLUB.

The Monday evening meeting was in charge
of the young people of the Sunflower Club.
Egbert Bonner, president, presided. Miss
Amelia Gundermann read a historical sketch
of the club, which is an outgrowth of the
Y. P. S. U. It was founded by Dr. and
Mrs. N. F. Ravlin, Nov. 19, 1898, and is
auxiliary to the First Association. It is
called the Sunflower Club because that flower
always turns its face toward the sun, signi-
fying a desire for light. It holds meetings
every Monday evening. A committee on en-
tertainment is appointed, which serves one
month. First Monday of each month is de-
voted to the business of the club. The second
Monday to parliamentary law. The other
evenings are devoted to entertainment,
in the form of theatre parties, dances,
sketches, plays, evenings to poets, etc. The

net proceeds of the entertainments are given
to the First Association. An annual picnic
is held. The officers are elected every year.
The present officers are President, E. Bon-
ner; first vice-president, Mr. A. Groom; sec-
ond vice-president, Miss Blanche North; sec-
retary, Miss Amelia Gundermann; treasurer,
Mr. Edw. Gundermann; trustees, Mrs. M. E.
Cadwallader, Miss Sarah Richardson, Lou-
is Bailly, Miss Clara Zimmermann, Samuel
Harrison.

Letters of greeting were read from Mr. L.
C. Evans, president of the National Young
People's Union; from Dr. and Mrs. Ravlin,
Manchester Spiritual Alliance, the Sunflower
Club of England, and various other organi-
zations.

All were received enthusiastically. Dr.
and Mrs. Ravlin endeavored themselves greatly
to the young people when in Philadelphia,
and were lovingly referred to many times
during the evening; also Mrs. C. Fannie
Allyn, a general favorite with all members
of the club. She too sent a greeting and a
handsome gavel, made from wood that she
brought from California. As Mrs. Cadwallad-
er said in presenting it to President Bonner,
as the gavel that should be used hereafter in
all the deliberations of the club, one would
know it came from Mrs. Allyn, if there was
no letter accompanying it, as it was deco-
rated with the red, white and blue ribbon.
President Bonner said he appreciated her re-
membering them. "She certainly used it
right," he exclaimed as he proudly accepted
the gavel.

Mr. Wm. Ahles explained more fully the
purposes and scope of the club in a brief ad-
dress. The symposium of three-minute
speeches, "Why I am a Spiritualist,"
that followed was one of the most striking
features of the entire jubilee. The young
men and women of the club, many of whom
had never stepped upon a platform before,
the majority of whom had never made an
impromptu speech, gave a series of most in-
teresting and told why they were Spiritual-
ists. We regret that we cannot report their
remarks in full. Mr. Adams, Mrs. Cadwallad-
er, Miss Isabel Roberts, Mr. Harrison, Miss
Gundermann, Miss Zimmermann, Mr. Ahles,
Miss Irene Leslie, Mr. Edgar Bell, Miss
Bell, Mrs. Wm. Groom, Mr. Mettlen,
Mr. Louis Bell, Miss Blanche North, and
Mr. Bonner, participated in the symposium.
Mrs. Twing with tears in her eyes remarked
that she never felt so sorry her children did
not live as when she heard those young peo-
ple, some of them faltering but all of them
proudly give their experiences.

Rev. B. F. Austin of Canada made the ad-
dress of the evening. His subject was
"What Spiritualism Has Done for the Young
People, and What the Young People Can do
for Spiritualism."

"Spiritualism has given you a new heaven
and a new earth in which to dwell. Out of
the gloom and shadow and darkness engendered
by the old theology born of superstition
and ignorance Spiritualism has come into a
world of joy and gladness. The old world
with gloom and curse has passed away. We
have a new world decorated with flowers,
carpeted with green, stored with bounty, attest-
ing on every hand the beneficence of the great
Infinitude. The old heaven and hell have been
replaced, and almost I would say
regardless of expense. Heaven is no longer
a penitentiary or a torture chamber, and
man no longer a worm of the dust, a hell
deserving sinner, mortgaged to the devil, and
in fear of eternal damnation. Man is divine,
God manifested in flesh, with access to the
universe in his hand. I want to impress upon
your minds your divine origin and destiny.
Remember, you are children of infinite love
as truly as was the Nazarene in the days of
old, and like him you are called upon to a high
and holy ministry for the service of human-
ity. Into this new world this brighter out-
look, Spiritualism invites the young people
today and calls upon you to enter the field
and labor with abundant hope of reward. She
offers to you what every young man and
woman ardently desires, a service of thought,
liberty of action, and the opportunity of get-
ting good and of doing good."

"Thanks to our angel friends who reopen
the doors of communication between the two
worlds, and thanks to the noble souls who
first received the light of Spiritualism, and
who, in the midst of the world's scorn and
sectarian persecution, stood steadfast to the
truth, it is possible for the young people to-
day to think their own thoughts, to feel their
own convictions, and still enjoy the respect
and good will of society. Spiritualism has
made it possible for every man to express his
convictions about God and the devil, and
about hell, and about this world and the
next without being subject to fine and im-
prisonment. Spiritualism offers to you the
safest knowledge of God and the best guide
to human conduct of any system of ethics
the world has ever known. It teaches us
the whole duty of man, is not as expressed
in the catechism, to glorify God and enjoy
him forever, but to find out the laws that
govern his own nature, and bring life and
purpose into harmony with the laws of the
universe."

"So Spiritualism is not a perplexing med-
ley of commandments for the young people.
It has only one commandment: live up to
your highest knowledge of God and your
nobler ideals of right. Outside of this law
there are as many systems of ethics as there
are different systems of religion. There is
no real authority outside of an appeal to this
law of nature. This one rule will do more
to bring us into harmony with nature and
to lead people to happy, prosperous and
healthy living than all the other systems of
ethics combined."

"Spiritualism offers you the key of knowl-
edge. Multitudes go through life searching
for the solution of the riddle of the universe.
Spiritualism gives the key in that one word,
spirit. Spiritualism invites you into fields of
labor. There are four departments of labor:
first, the department of discovery. Here
Spiritualism marshals the young people, puts
a pick-axe and shovel in the hands of every

individual, and sets him to digging for truth.
Here I see the motto, Seek the truth, buy
the truth and sell it not. Second is the
school. Here young people are taught how
to apply the truths that they have learned
in nature to right living, how to embody the
higher truths of Spiritualism in noble, beau-
tiful lives, and the motto of Spiritualism here
is Live the Truth. The third field for Spir-
itualism we might call Evangelism. They are
called to go forth giving truth to their fel-
lowmen. They are taught that is the home,
by the fireside, on the platform, through the
press, wherever they come in contact with
their fellow men, they are to send out the
sunlight, the rays of truth into the dark-
ness around them. The motto of Spiritual-
ism here is, spread the Truth. Truth is not
for hoarding. The fourth is altruistic endeav-
or. You are taught that its purpose is to
wipe away the tears of humanity, to remove
poverty, to heal the sick, to banish fear and
to lift all men into a sense of their divinity
and spirituality."

"I would say again my young friends, you
are as divinely called to this work as
were the apostles of the Nazarene, as truly
as was the Nazarene himself, called by your
higher nature, called by the needs of hu-
manity, by the voice of the angel world to
work in this altruistic field for the good of
your fellowmen. Under no system of relig-
ion, under no system of philosophy or teach-

ing that the world has ever had can a young
man or woman live so full, rich, joyous and
free a life as under the spiritual philosophy.
It starts you right. It starts every man out
to be his own priest, to make his own church,
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Harrison D. Barrett in a short address on
"The Young People of Spiritualism: Their
Influence and Responsibility," and Miss Mar-
saret Gault gave evidence of the truth of
spirit communion by a number of messages
from arisen friends. Her profound work
by brief remarks, and was most cordially
received by the audience. She was obliged to
return to New York the following morning,
but expected to return for Wednesday. Much
to the regret of the people, illness prevented
her from doing so.

Tuesday afternoon remarks were made by
various prominent workers, among whom was
Mr. B. B. Hill, a trustee of the First Asso-
ciation, and one who, in a quiet way, is al-
ways doing for Spiritualism, not only for his
local association, but for the Cause every-
where.

B. B. HILL'S ADDRESS.

"This occasion is indeed one of importance
as well as one of unusual interest in the
history of Spiritualism, and this time-honored
association. It is with no small degree of
pleasure that I am able to participate in this
golden jubilee by adding my testimony in
evidence in the cause of truth, and a brief
report of my career as a veteran in the Cause
of Spiritualism. I cannot claim to be a vet-
eran in this parent association, as before be-
coming allied with it I have worked in other
fields, but I may be termed a veteran at
large."

"Nearly fifty years ago, I began as a student
to investigate this all-important subject.
In this half century, I have investigated its
phenomena, studied its philosophy, and done
what I could to uphold and aid in the ad-
vancement of its truth and publish to the
world its great revelations handed down to
us from that world beyond the boundaries of
mortal life."

"As a student and worker I have found
truth all along the way, as well as evidence
and opposition in various forms; but having
had the great object in view of gaining the
truth, I have pressed steadily onward, ignor-
ing opposition. The truth has given me free-
dom from the bonds of a false religious edu-
cation, and false theories. I stand forth to-
day untrammelled and ready to follow the
bright beacon light of truth, let it lead where
it may."

"The First Association of Spiritualists of
Philadelphia has marched steadily on for a
half century in the campaign for truth, lib-
erty and human rights. It has pressed on
through sunshine and storm, regardless of
ridicule and opposition. It has done a grand
and noble work; it is continuing that work;
its temple in which we are assembled to cele-
brate the golden jubilee is one of the results
of that work."

"The majority of the pioneers of this time-
honored association whose places on the re-
tired list in this life, have not only been
promoted in the life beyond, but are still
marching on in spirit life, that now 'dis-
covered country.' Shall we doubt they are with
us today, joyously celebrating this notable
event? Those who have the spirit vision
from time to time brush aside the thin veil
between the other side and this, and tell us
of our comrades over there, working with us
in the interest of this jubilee and the Cause
we so dearly love."

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and those suffering from Bright's Disease, Consumption,
Nervous Tremor, Catarrh, Nervous Debility, Neuralgia,
Heart Disease, Rheumatism, Female Troubles, as well as
men and women addicted to the

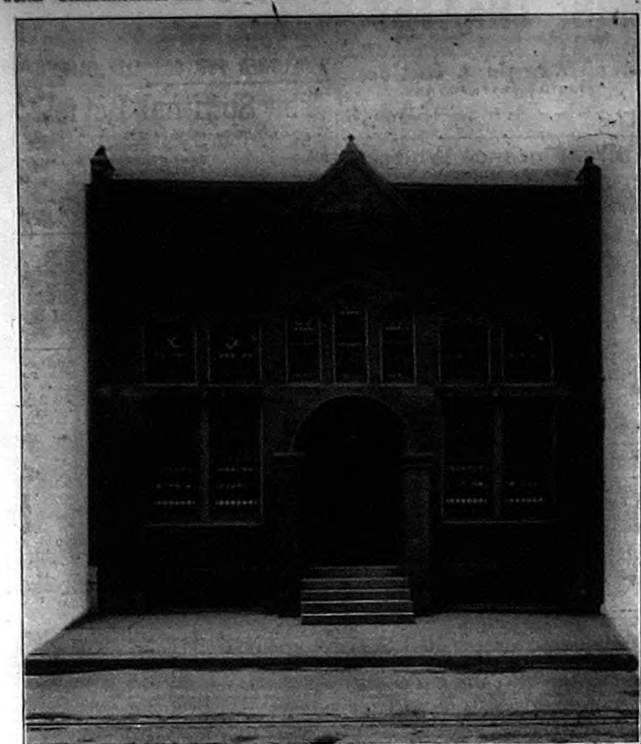
her body, and hence his violent emotion at the moment. It is scarcely necessary to add that there are hundreds of similar cases on record, and all of them thoroughly well authenticated.—The Harbinger of Light.

Golden Jubilee.

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"It seems eminently proper that the pioneer association of Spiritualists should have been organized in this historic city, for it was here the 'Old Liberty Bell' pealed forth the tones of liberty to an oppressed people over a century ago. Its chiming meant liberty in a national sense, but later, the spirit rap, or the click of the spirit telegraph electrified the world. Communications had been established

between the two worlds. The pioneers of this association caught the echo of the spirit rap; they listened diligently to the despatches that came daily from the spirit shore. Reassured and encouraged they pressed on and today we see the result. We have reason to take courage, and still go forward to a season of greater results in the future on the line of truth and progress.



Temple of First Association.

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SPECIAL LYCEUM HALL.

The little folks were out en masse at this meeting which was presided over by Mr. A. Groom, Lyceum Conductor. "America" was sung of course. Then there were the Golden Chorus Recitations, Lyceum music, and Mrs. Cadwallader presented greeting from Lyceums all over the country, both England and America, the Boston "Hatches," historic in Lyceum work, and Andrew Jackson Davis, the founder of the Lyceum. Addresses were made by the conductor, Mr. Groom, by Miss Clara Zimmerman, and Miss Amelia Gerdemann. The Sunflower Group gave the Motion Song and March. There was the Band of Mercy pledge, musical reading and Salute to the Flag. Flossie Quinton, the youngest member of the Lyceum, gave a reading. Many of the Lyceumists had prepared readings, sketches and dialogues for this occasion, but owing to the many unexpected and unlooked for features on the program, they were obliged to defer most of their work for the overflow meeting Thursday evening. Mrs. M. C. Barrett made a brief address on "Our Buds of Promise," and Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twine made the address of the evening.

"THE CHILDREN OUR OWN JEWELS."

I take a special pride in this rose bud garden of boys and girls. I am talking to children under one hundred years, but especially those who occupy the front seats. You children have not whispered nearly as much as the grown people tonight, and I just want to tell you that you have been a great deal better behaved than some of the rest of us. I want to tell you something and see if you can draw a moral from it. It is just as true a story as ever happened, and it happened a great many years ago when I was a little girl. I had a brother that was older than I. He was a real good brother, and he is a Baptist deacon now. He had a great deal of fun at my expense, because I believed in him. He was larger than I was. He could climb fences and trees and he could do a great many things I could not. He knew so much more, and so I believed in him. And I want to tell you how he deceived me one day. I think he ought to be ashamed of it yet. Indeed I do, because I feel badly about it sometimes now when I think of it. It was a terribly hot day in July, just as hot as pepper. My mother was a very busy woman; she was sewing most of the time. My brother said to me: "See, you go up to the house and get mother to let you make some paste, and I will make some wings and fly over the barn." I said: "Now, will you just as true as you live and breathe?" "Yes, but you must not tell mother and sister, because the women folks are so nervous." So I went home with the greatest importance, and I said: "Had you just as soon let me make some paste?" "What do you want it for?" "Because Bessie and I are going to do a little work. He will do it himself, but I will make the paste." And mother said: "Go about it." I made that paste the quickest you ever saw. I stirred it in the cup and I turned the hot water on it and burned my hand too, but I didn't mind that. My brother was going to do something not a single boy in the whole school could do! He was going to fly over the barn. Finally I got to the barn, with the cup held in my apron, because it was so hot. He had some seeds fastened together and he covered them with paper to make the wings. I wish you could have seen him when he had those wings fastened on. He looked like a great big bat. I was astonished at him myself. I thought, what if those wings should crack and he should fall!



Miss Clara Zimmerman,

Hon. Secretary of Lyceum and Instructor in Callisthenics.

He took me out under the apple tree, and took off my sunbonnet, held me close to him, and wiped my face that was all stained with tears. Something wet and cold fell on my face, and he said: "Didn't you know enough to know I was fooling you?" Well, I was so astonished to find that he had deceived me. It taught me a lesson and I want it to teach you a lesson. Don't believe anything you cannot see. Don't go blindfolded through the world. Have your eyes open and your souls open and try to understand all you can that is around you. That is why we want you in Spiritualism. We want you to know the truth, not because some one says so, but because you can find out it is true.

SURGICAL OPERATIONS

How Mrs. Bruce, a Noted Opera Singer, Escaped an Operation. Proof That Many Operations for Ovarian Troubles are Unnecessary.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I'm travelling for years on the road, with irregular meals and sleep and damp beds, broke down my health so completely two years ago that the physician advised a complete rest, and when I had gained



sufficient vitality, an operation for ovarian troubles. Not a very cheerful prospect, to be sure. I, however, was advised to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sanative Wash; I did so, fortunately for me. Before a month had passed I felt that my general health had improved; in three months more I was cured, and I have been in perfect health since. I did not lose an engagement or miss a meal.

Your Vegetable Compound is certainly wonderful, and well worthy the praise your admiring friends who have been cured are ready to give you. I always speak highly of it, and you will admit I have good reason to do so.—Mrs. G. Bruce, Lansing, Mich. \$5000 forfeit if above testimonial is not genuine.

The fullest counsel on this subject can be secured without cost by writing to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be entirely confidential.

Remember this, be honest and true; don't deceive. My brother did not mean to do a wrong thing, but it was very wrong, and it hurt my heart. I was sorry and from that day to this I never have had as much confidence in him as I would have had if he never had done that naughty thing. To do something that seems only a joke is not always best.

WOMAN'S PROGRESSIVE UNION.

Wednesday was under the auspices of the Woman's Progressive Union and was a very interesting and instructive session, treating of the objects of the union and the work and influence of women in all walks of life. At the afternoon meeting Mrs. Sarah E. Benner, Mrs. Twine, Mrs. M. Van Kirk, Mrs. Whitman, Mrs. H. T. Millman, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. C. Nevins, Mrs. Wm. Ahles, Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Nager, Mrs. Mayberry, Mrs. Hartmann, Mrs. Annie Bremer, Mrs. Caboon, Miss Mary Humphries, all members of the union, took part. Mr. J. Clegg Wright made the address on "Woman." His tribute was magnificent in full, but our space forbids, and we must pass it by for the present with the remark that it was the third of his eloquence. Mr. Simpson and Dr. Austin also spoke upon the subject.

HISTORY OF THE UNION.

In the evening Mrs. Twine gave the history of the Woman's Progressive Union. "History has shown that whatever is necessary for the human development, sooner or later finds its own agency. The necessity is paramount, truth is revealed, and there are always raised up those who see their way to the furtherance of the truth. It has always been woman's privilege, and in some instances duty, to advance the interests of their brothers, hence the aid and auxiliaries to the church; and the work of the different organizations has been exceedingly helpful. But the growing independence of womanhood, the spirit that still declares 'No taxation without representation' has taken wonderful strides in independent work, and the influence of women's clubs and unions is felt in every civilized country. Because of a desire to promote the interests of our Cause, on the 30th day of March, 1889, fifty women adopted a Constitution and By-Laws and founded The Woman's Progressive Union. Since the organization there have been 220 women members, and during that time 34 have responded to the roll call of the angels. There have been three presidents, Mrs. Sarah E. Benner and Miss Mary Humphries. They have trusted and been betrayed, for nearly one thousand dollars was lost in the failure of the Spring Garden bank. But they were not dismayed, and their accumulations have amounted to several thousand dollars. It has always been their aim to use the larger part of their funds for a building, and to this union is largely due the honor of procuring this temple in which we are gathered. They paid twelve hundred dollars towards its purchase.

This organization has always stood for human justice, therefore the partnership of the home seems as necessary as does a home. Woman no longer believes in mortgaging herself, paying heavy interest, saving home funds, bearing children, caring for them, smiling with them and weeping with and for them and when the years shall have passed, standing alone, deemed incapable of caring for or using those whom she has helped to create. So she believes in the ballot because it is right and just, and because she believes it would give her better government and deeper politics.

Mrs. Twine referred lovingly to the arisen workers who "hold out their white hands and bid us love one another and plead for human brotherhood, for united effort, for unbroken ranks for unselfish honor."

The special feature of this evening was the presence of Mr. John Quincy Adams, Secretary of the Betsy Ross House Association. In response to an invitation from Mrs. Cadwallader, he came to the platform, and received a souvenir of the occasion a list of subscriptions for the preservation of the Betsy Ross House. It was signed by all the prominent visitors and speakers, and by the officers and many members of the association and its auxiliaries. Mr. Adams was escorted to the platform by two members of the Women's Progressive Union, and in accepting the list and also a souvenir badge, he made a most cordial and interesting address. One thing he did say, that for the many years that he had been secretary of the Betsy Ross Association, not since the Grand Army of the Republic had marched through that house sixty thousand strong had there been such an enthusiastic and patriotic body of visitors as the delegates from this Golden Jubilee. He said he felt honored to be present, to listen to the exercises, to receive their

flattering attention, and to pay his tribute to the memory of woman. Before he left the platform, the entire audience sang the "Star Spangled Banner." The applause was loud and long, and every heart thrilled when the American flag was waved over the congregation.

Honoring speeches were made by Mrs. Twine, Mr. Wright and Mr. Barrett. The last named speaker in behalf of Miss Margaret (Gaul), presented Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader with the sunflower badge in gold and enamel, studded with three diamonds. Miss Gaul desired the presentation to be made as an evidence of the appreciation of the Spiritualists of Mrs. Cadwallader's splendid work for Spiritualism, not only through this Golden Jubilee, but through her interest in and work for organization. It was enthusiastically received by the large audience that was present on that occasion.

Capt. F. J. Keffer, the honored President of the First Association, was the recipient of two bouquets of choice roses, which favor he briefly acknowledged in a very appropriate speech. Bouquets were also bestowed upon Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twine, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Yocum and Miss Frances Cadwallader, the soloists of the jubilee.

Votes of thanks were tendered the secular and Spiritualist press, to all of the speakers, mediums, musicians, young people, Lyceum scholars, and all others who had assisted in making the jubilee a success.

Fitting responses to the numerous greetings received from all quarters of the globe were presented, and were most enthusiastically adopted. There was no hitch in the jubilee program from start to finish. Everything moved with the regularity of clock-work, and all parts fitted together with such exact nicety as to cause all onlookers to wonder if outside influences were not largely in-



Miss Sarah Richardson,

Treasurer of Lyceum.

strumental in bringing the great celebration to such a triumphant close.

Heartily praise was generously bestowed upon the members of the committee on arrangements, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, Mr. A. Groom, and Miss M. E. Humphries, also upon their efficient aids, the members of the sub-committee. All committees labored with singleness of heart and consecration of purpose to make the jubilee a success. The splendid results attained is the highest praise that can be given them, and the truest tribute to their talents.

Another happy soul was Mrs. Dr. Hauptle, the "Psychic Era," was an interested spectator from the opening to the close. He addressed the people on several occasions, and his remarks were replete with inspiration and instruction. He took copious notes of the proceedings and will give his many readers the benefit of the same in his issue of June 15. Dr. R. F. Austin was one of the happiest persons at the jubilee. His smiling eyes and benevolent countenance inspired all who came in contact with him. It was good to see him there, inspiring to listen to his helpful words, and encouraging to sense his seeming optimism. He will give the readers of his progressive magazine "The Sermon," a rare treat when he reviews the Golden Jubilee for their benefit.

Another happy soul was Mrs. Dr. Hauptle, a hard-working member of the association. She gave each speaker and medium a souvenir of the jubilee at the closing session, and her kindly face beamed with pleasure as she listened to the appreciative words her gifts elicited from those who received them.

The mention of Mr. J. Clegg Wright's name was always a signal for applause, and every word that fell from his inspired lips was listened to with profound attention. At the beginning of this report we stated that the jubilee culminated at Atlantic City. We were wrong. On Friday evening a theatre party composed of twenty Spiritualists, the committees, societies and speakers went to the Girard Avenue Theatre and listened to "The Merchant of Venice" played by Preston Clarke and Bertha Creighton. At the close of the performance, Miss Creighton gave a reception to the party. She said in a cordial and graceful manner that her grandmother was quite a worker in Spiritualism, so the subject was not new to her.

On Saturday afternoon and evening the second annual celebration of the Atlantic City Conference at Hague was held in Kenneseth-Israel Temple. Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, the only one present who was really at the Hague Conference, made an address in the evening, and Harrison D. Barrett as representative of a large body of Spiritualists of the land, all of whom believe in peace, was also asked to speak on that subject, which is of so much interest at the present time. Among the speakers were Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, D. D.; Judge William N. Ashman; Count Cassini, Russian Ambassador; May M. Cohen, of the Women's Council; Rev. Russell H. Conwell; Isaac Sharpless, President of Haverford College; Hon. Chas. Emory Smith; Dr. William P. Wilson, S. O. D.; and Rev. Chas. Wood, D. D.

A number of the Spiritualists, among them Rev. Dr. Austin, were present. This was a grand finale to the week's celebration of the Golden Jubilee.

Reporter, M. C. Barrett.

As an evidence of the manner in which the affair was treated by the secular press we quote the following notice which appeared in the Atlantic City Evening Union.

SPIRITUALISTS SEE NIGHTS OF THE CITY. A Large Delegation Came Here This Morning and Were Welcomed by Mayor Stoy—Were Given Freedom of the City.

A delegation of Spiritualists who have been attending the Golden Jubilee of the First Association of Spiritualists, of Philadelphia, came to Atlantic City this morning and spent the day here, returning to Philadelphia by an afternoon train. The party was welcomed and given the freedom of the city by Mayor Stoy, who met them at noon in his office in the City Hall.

Those who composed the delegation were: Captain F. J. Keffer, president of the First Philadelphia Association, the oldest in the world; M. C. Cadwallader, vice-president of the same body and chairman of the committee

\$250 IN CASH PRIZES.

We are anxious to extend the circulation of The Magazine of Mysteries in all the cities and towns of the United States, and secure at once the names and addresses of people who would be interested in our Magazine, the managers of The Magazine of Mysteries have decided to offer the following cash prizes:

One 1st Prize of.....	\$100.00
One 2d Prize of.....	50.00
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Ten 4th Prizes of \$5.00 each.....	50.00
Sixteen 5th Prizes of \$2.50 each.....	40.00

Thirty-one Prizes in all.....\$250.00

Each competitor must send to the office of The Magazine of Mysteries a list of twenty-five people (names and addresses), who are likely to be sufficiently interested in our paper to become subscribers. The names and addresses must be carefully written, and the name and address of the sender must be written at the top of each sheet. Nothing else is required, and no more than twenty-five names must be sent in. The names must be selected from any city or town in the United States.

To each address received the Subscription Department will send out by mail immediately upon receipt of the list a Magazine of Mysteries circular, making a special subscription offer of unusual interest, and good only if accepted within twenty days from the date of the offer. Every individual subscription and all clubs received in reply will be placed to the credit of the competitor sending in the list. The circular will offer special inducements for the securing of the clubs.

The first prize will be awarded to the sender of the best list—that is to say, the list of twenty-five names which brings to The Magazine of Mysteries the largest number of subscriptions, whether singly or in clubs, in answer to the special circular sent out. The second prize will be awarded to the sender of the second best list, and so on. The prizes will be paid in cash, and the awards will be announced immediately after the close of the competition. Supplementary prizes (consisting of books) will be awarded to every competitor from whose list at least five subscriptions are secured.

CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION.

Any person in good standing in any community can send in a list, but only one list may come from one person.

You may include in your list people in any city or town in the United States, and you can scatter them as widely as possible.

If two competitors should include in their lists the name of the same person only one circular will be sent out, but full credit will be given to each competitor if the person whose name is duplicated should subscribe or should send in a club.

No competitor must enter in any way into any compact with the people whose names are sent in with the end in view of capturing a prize. It is desirable, however, to write or talk to the people whose names you send, urging them to subscribe or requesting them to get up clubs.

The management reserves the right to throw out lists which show evidences of careless preparation in the matter of addresses or the names of which have been selected at random from directories or blue books. Competitors are expected to send the names of people whom they know something about, and whose addresses they are sure of. In every other particular competitors are absolutely free in their choice of names.

All lists must be received at our office on or before Monday, June 15th. No lists can be changed after they are sent in. Not more than one list will be accepted from the same competitor. The results will be footed up and credited to competitors on August 1st, and the prizes will be awarded and paid immediately after that date. The list bringing the best results will get the first prize. Mail your list to:

THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, Subscription Department,

22 North William Street, New York City.

of arrangements; H. D. Barrett, of Boston, Mass., president of the National Spiritualists Association; M. A. Groom, of England, conductor of the Progressive Lyceum; Mr. B. B. Hill, one of the trustees of the Philadelphia Association; Mrs. M. C. Barrett, associate editor of the Banner of Light, of Boston; Mr. R. M. Simpson, Pittsburg, editor of the Psychic Era; Mrs. M. Van Kirk, vice-president of the Woman's Progressive Union; Mrs. John Metz, representing the Twentieth Century Sunflower Club; Mrs. S. Snyder, representing the German Spiritual Society; Miss C. Myers and Miss Minnie Brown.

The society of which the visitors are members, has been holding its anniversary sessions during the whole of the present week, in the Spiritualists' Temple, Twentieth and Thompson streets, Philadelphia. Prominent Spiritualists from all over the country have been in attendance.

On Saturday evening last, a reception was given to the President of the National Association. On Sunday night a jubilee sermon was preached to the members. Mayor Ashbridge received the delegates on Monday, and they were then shown through Independence Hall.

Sessions in charge respectively of the Sunflower Club, the Progressive Union and the Women's Progressive Union, were held during the balance of the week until today when the delegates came here.

Take Notice.

Friday, May 20, is Memorial Day, set apart by the authority of the law in honor of the arisen heroes of the Republic. As a tribute of respect to the departed defenders of our flag, the office of The Banner of Light will be closed throughout the day. Our patrons will kindly take notice, and see to it that their contributions are in our hands one day earlier than usual.

Live the Better Life.

In all Nature's great realm, there is but little that is not good in itself.

Total badness can hardly be found in the realm where Infinite Goodness reigns.

Conscious beings have a lower and higher nature; the lower is as necessary to existence of the higher as the higher is to the lower.

The way of the Soul of Nature is to evolve the higher from the lower, in everything and everywhere.

To live the better life one must ever see the better, desire the better, commune with the better.

He must behold the life, see the purpose, and feel the good.

There is no way of eliminating the lower but by growing the higher.

The perpetual search should be for good more and for gratification less. No person would ever have a child whose eight extended to the life of the child or man. No person can ever see evil anywhere who sees the God-life there. No person can fail to live the better life who has the better life evolved within him.—The Enterprise.