

Vermont State Convention.

The thirty-third annual convention of the Vermont State Spiritualist Association was held in the Unitarian vestry, Montpelier, Vt., Jan. 9-10-11, 1903.

First session Friday, 2 p. m., Vice President S. M. Gould in the chair. A short song service by the congregation was followed by address of welcome by Mrs. Jessie Fallon, of Montpelier; Newman Weeks responded. The program consisted of singing, a short conference, addresses by Dr. S. M. Gould, Newman Weeks, Mrs. Abbie W. Crossett and Mrs. S. V. V. Booth.

Friday evening, 7:30.—Singing by the Unitarian choir; conference, followed by a lecture from Mrs. Abbie W. Crossett, subject, "A Broader Expression of the Religion of Spiritualism." Mrs. Effie Webster made brief remarks. Closed with singing by the choir.

Saturday morning.—Dr. E. A. Smith, president, called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock. After congregational singing the annual business was called; it was voted to adjourn until the afternoon. Congregational singing, followed by a lecture by Lucius Colburn, subject, "Is Life Worth Living?" Closed with singing.

Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock.—President Smith presided. Singing; Rev. J. Edward Wright, prayer; regular lecture, A. F. Hubbard, subject, "Happiness Found by an Understanding of Spiritual Law and its Revelations"; Mrs. Effie I. Webster gave messages that comforted many a lonely heart; adjourned for the business meeting.

President E. A. Smith called the business meeting to order; treasurer's report read, accepted and adopted; then followed the election of officers: President, A. F. Hubbard, Tyson, Vt.; secretary, James Crossett, was unanimously elected, after serving the Association as treasurer nineteen years; secretary, thirteen years, and on account of failing eyesight, asked the Association to excuse him, as it was impossible to serve longer. His resignation was accepted and Miss Anna Leonard of Calais, Vt., was elected secretary; Dan H. Chapman of Cambridge, Vt., treasurer; vice presidents, Dr. S. N. Gould, Randolph, Vt.; Mrs. S. V. V. Booth, Jericho, Vt.; Newman Weeks, Rutland, Vt.; board of managers, Dan H. Chapman, Cambridge, Vt.; Dr. S. N. Gould, Randolph, Vt.; Henry Child, Montpelier, Vt.; Newman Weeks, Rutland, Vt.; Mrs. Nellie Shaw, Morrisville, Vt.; Mrs. Addie Ballard, Ludlow, Vt.; E. J. Fallon, Montpelier, Vt.; L. D. Smith, St. Albans, Vt.; Lucius Colburn, Essex Junction, Vt.; auditor, Henry Child.

Saturday evening.—Singing by the Unitarian choir; lecture by Mrs. Effie I. Webster, with very satisfactory messages.

Sunday morning, 10:30.—A large number who attended the convention attended the Unitarian service. The church was prettily trimmed with holly and very attractive. Rev. J. E. Wright, the pastor, delivered a fine discourse, subject, "One Sect or Many." The service was very enjoyable.

Sunday afternoon.—President E. A. Smith presiding; meeting held in the church; Unitarian choir furnishing music; Mrs. Abbie W. Crossett gave an invocation; A. F. Hubbard gave the regular lecture, subject, "The Philosophy of Spiritualism, a Natural Religion." Mrs. Webster gave fine messages, acknowledged correct, and some remarkably so.

Evening session held in the vestry; Unitarian choir furnished music; Mrs. Effie Webster gave the lecture and messages, followed by remarks by Lucius Colburn, Rev. J. Edward Wright, Mrs. Abbie W. Crossett, Dr. S. N. Gould, Newman Weeks, Mr. Hubbard and Dr. Smith. A vote of sympathy was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, Editors of the Banner of Light.

Resolved, That the Vermont State Spiritualist Association now assembled, extend its loving regard and deep sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Barrett of Boston, for the earthly loss of their only child under such sad and unusual circumstances.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Montpelier Society for its generosity and kindness in extending an invitation for six years to hold the annual convention there, and furnishing a place of meeting; also to the officers and speakers for their valuable assistance, especially to Mrs. Effie I. Webster for her faithful work; to the Unitarian Society for the church, and to the choir for the very pleasing service of music and song.

E. J. Fallon, in behalf of the Montpelier Society, extended an invitation to the Association to hold the next annual convention, January, 1904, in Montpelier. The attendance was good; the lectures fine; the music inspiring; but the hour came when we were obliged to say good bye.

Janus Crossett, Sec'y.

Waterbury, Vt.

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of any kidney disease or be distressed by stomach troubles or tortured and poisoned by constipation. Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine will be sent free and prepaid to any reader of the Banner of Light who needs it and writes for it. One dose a day of this remedy does the work and cures perfectly to stay cured. If you care to be cured of indigestion, dyspepsia, flatulence, catarrh of stomach and bowels, constipation, or torpid and congested liver; if you wish to be sure that your kidneys are free from disease and are doing their necessary work thoroughly; if you expect to be freed from catarrh, rheumatism and backache; if you desire full supply of pure, rich blood, a healthy tissue and a perfect skin, write at once for a free bottle of this remedy, and prove for yourself, without expense to you that these ailments are cured quickly, thoroughly and permanently with only one dose a day of Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine.

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Missionary Work.

We are actively at work—and can do more if friends of our Cause will more energetically prepare the way for us. We do not want any vacant dates and will accept all offers as we can meet them. Our labors seem to be called for in the middle west more than elsewhere. Every locality desiring us should apply at once so that we can arrange our route. All we ask is that the friends shall meet the local expense. We trust to collections and donations to pay our way. Thus the N. S. A. enables us to co-operate with every locality desiring missionary meetings. Every society employing regular speakers can arrange one or two nights for us and thus add to their interests. We feel assured that all speakers and mediums will co-operate with us, but find the societies are slow to act. Every auxiliary of the N. S. A. is offered our services, as well as unorganized localities.

During January we held meetings in Lancaster, Pa., the fourth and seventh. A good, working society holds here under the presidency of Geo. A. Kiche, an earnest supporter and defender of our Cause.

At Ephrata, the fifth and sixth, we had well-attended meetings, which enthused all present. The people here are hungry for spiritual food.

We next visited Big Run, and although blizzards raged, we had large audiences and received evidences of good results to follow.



Fainted On Broadway

Woman in an Unconscious Condition Found on Sidewalk.

Upon Examination at the Hospital, Her Body was Discovered to be Covered with Scars, Caused by the Hypodermic Injection of Morphine—Facts Published as Warning to Other Women.

The above headlines recite the actual experience of a poor wreck of a woman who had once held an honorable and lucrative position in a large mercantile house in New York. Her health began to fail, and instead of taking rest and proper medical treatment she resorted to stimulants and morphine.

The hospital physician discovered that her primary trouble was an affection of the womb, which could readily have been cured in the first stages. If when she had first felt those severe pains in the back, the terrible headaches, the constant sense of fullness, soreness and pain in the pelvic region, she had heeded the warning that serious trouble was in store, and commenced a regular treatment with the Pinkham Remedies, as did Mrs. Rober of Chicago, whose letter follows, the polypus in the womb would have been dissolved and passed away, and to-day she would have been a well woman.

Why would women let themselves drift along into terrible suffering and sickness in this way, when there is monumental proof that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is daily relieving thousands of women from this very trouble? There is no excuse for any woman who suffers to go without help. Mrs. Pinkham is very glad indeed to give her personal advice to any one who will write for it, and the following letter simply goes to prove that the Vegetable Compound will positively cure female ills:

"Since the birth of my baby I suffered from womb trouble, backache,

irregular menstruation, also intense nervousness.

"After trying different remedies with no relief I was induced to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. To my surprise and delight I found after taking my first bottle very great improvement. I continued its use and it has made me a well woman.

"I am so grateful to you for my recovery that I wish to thank you, and if this testimonial will be of any use to other suffering women, you have my full permission to publish it."—Mrs. MARY ROBER, 5492 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Free Medical Advice to Women.

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by women only. A woman can freely talk of her private illness to a woman; thus has been established the eternal confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America which has never been broken. Out of the vast volume of experience which she has to draw from it is more than possible that she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case. She asks nothing in return except your good will, and her advice has relieved thousands. Surely any woman, rich or poor, is very foolish who does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance.

A few earnest souls here are determined to present our Cause in its proper light, which is the only way to prevent defamation.

At Pittsburg we had a large audience before us the evening of the 13th. This society under the presidency of brother C. L. Stevens is in incessant activity, and monthly employs the best talent procurable. Our work here this evening, and its results, show what a society can do to help the missionaries and their own interests by a special effort. Miss Lizzie Harlow is having splendid success here during this month and we assisted her at the regular meeting Thursday evening.

We are now in Wheeling, W. Va., amidst a daily series of meetings from the 19th to the 26th. The local society here is active and earnest, always growing. That shows what energy will do. No cause ever prospers by waiting for results. We must create and deserve them. Our meetings here are large and the public interest is awakened.

Henry Brunhaus, as president, G. W. Way as the local medium and Mrs. Kane Davis as speaker, with an enthusiastic membership, are achieving great good here, making this society a pride of the N. S. A. an object lesson of the possibilities of Spiritualism to serve the people.

We are to serve in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sundays of February, and desire week-night calls near there.

Being constantly encouraged by good results in local societies and interest in Spiritualism manifested by the people everywhere, we go, we are hence enthusiastically and fraternally your public servants.

G. W. Kates and wife.

Announcements.

G. W. Kates and wife want calls in the middle-west for March and April. If the far West want them later, calls must be received at an early date. Address them, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Edgar W. Emerson would like to make engagements for a few open dates between now and July. Address, 128 Bridge St., Manchester, N. H.

The Sunshine Club, Clara E. Strong, president, voted to attend the meeting of the Golden Rule Society in Cambridge next Sunday evening, February 1, and assist Bro. Graham in his meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The First Association of Spiritualists, Philadelphia, in its Temple, 12th and Thompson streets, conducted a special memorial service for Xilla Barrett in connection with the Lyceum session Sunday, Jan. 25, at 2:30 p. m. W. J. Colville delivered a brief address and poem. Mrs. Cadwallader, Guardian of the Lyceum, presided.

N. R. Xilla Barrett, the youngest member of the Lyceum, was made a member on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Association during May, 1902.

W. J. Colville is now lecturing in the Temple every Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., and Fridays at 8 p. m. Classes in Spiritual Science Saturdays 2 and 8 p. m. Temple of Honor, Hall 591 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Mrs. J. Fredericks, president. Miss Wheeler writes: Sunday, Jan. 11, being stormy, our meetings were small, our home talent serving the society. Jan. 18, meetings large, Mrs. Orms, another new medium, gave independent messages for the first time in public; all recognized. I believe we should encourage the unfolding of spiritual gifts.

The Boston Spiritual Lyceum will meet as usual at Paine Memorial Hall on Sunday next at 1:30. Subject for the day, "What and Where is the Noblest Work of Nature Done?"—E. B. Packard, Clerk.

Cambridge Industrial Society of Spiritualists, Mrs. U. M. Hartwell, president, will hold the next meeting Friday, Feb. 13. Circle 3 p. m.; business meeting, 5 p. m. Super 6:30, 15 cents. At the evening meeting Mr. J. S. Scarlett will lecture and give spirit messages.—Mrs. M. Merritt, Cor. Sec., 35 Brookline St. Malden Spiritual Association will move on February 1 into Odd Fellows' Hall, Malden Square, because we require more seating capacity. On that day, the first Sunday of the month, the platform will be graced by fine speakers and mediums. Visiting mediums will be paid for. Arrangements will be made for their services in the future.—Mrs. M. Myrup, President, Mrs. G. A. Pollock, Secretary and business with full quarter. All cars stop at the door.

The First German Spiritualist Society of Greater New York celebrated its second anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 25, with a public meeting held at Lexington Hall cor. Gates and Nostrand Aves., Brooklyn, 8 p. m. Services were in the German language. Trance lecture, tests and good music.—Fred Meyer, Sec.

Mrs. Martha C. Price, recently from Chicago, is in Boston, and at present located at 37 Huntington Chambers, 30 Huntington Ave., where she is prepared to give lessons in Natural and Self Healing. Mrs. Price is forming interesting classes, both afternoon and evening, in her special line of work. Private instruction to those desiring it at their homes, individually or in classes.

Rev. Julietta Yeaw of Leominster, inspirational speaker, will address The First Spiritualist Society, Fitchburg, Mass., Sunday, February 1. W. J. Colville's lectures in Philadelphia are attracting highly representative audiences. In addition to regular services on Sundays at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., he lectures on Fridays at 8 p. m. and gives lessons in Spiritual

Science on Saturdays at 3 and 8 p. m. As W. J. Colville can only speak in Philadelphia a very few weeks longer, all who desire to profit by his teachings must do so immediately. All meetings held in Temple, 12th and Thompson Streets.

William Spiritualist Progressive Union Church, Shepherd Hall, 185 Moody St. Our speakers for February are Mrs. Katie Ham, Feb. 1; Mr. S. Scarlett, Feb. 8; Mr. A. F. Billan, Feb. 15; Mr. H. L. Clough, Feb. 22. Supper from 6:30 to 7 p. m. every second Wednesday in the month. Circle every Wednesday at 3 p. m.—Ella A. Wheeler, Cor. Sec.

After a very successful month's work for the spirit world, Mrs. May S. Pepper closed her engagement with us this evening, and our best thoughts will follow her to her next field of labor. Next Sunday Miss Margaret Gauls will return to us for the remainder of the season. I have to acknowledge the receipt of five dollars from a Canadian friend who signs himself "Merrie Xmas;" \$5 from Mrs. Thompson; \$1 from an unknown friend, and 50 cents from Mrs. Morse. All for the benefit of Mrs. Mary Morrell. Dear friends, you are aware that when anyone is incurably ill with a lingering disease, money is constantly needed to procure the necessities of existence, hence I must again ask you not to become weary in well doing, but to send in your contributions, however small, that the last days of this poor woman may be made at least tolerably comfortable. I warmly thank all who have so kindly responded to my numerous appeals in the name of the suffering recipient.—Marie J. Fitzmaurice, Sec., 638 E. 135th St.

W. J. Colville is in New York each week from Monday to Friday. His lectures are now being given in Alliance Hall, Windsor Arcade, 5th Ave., Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 p. m. also Wednesdays 8:15 p. m. In Brooklyn on Thursday at 8 p. m. at 77 Court St., close to City Hall. W. J. Colville is also giving lectures and answering questions on Spiritual Science in East Orange, N. J., at 69 Washington St., on Tuesdays at 3 and 8 p. m. All letters, etc., for W. J. Colville should be addressed to 183 Lexington Ave., New York.

Leslie Auxiliary connected with the Boston Spiritual Temple will give a social and supper in Appleton Hall (Paine Memorial Building), on Monday evening, Feb. 2; supper at 6:30. As this is our first, we cordially invite our friends to be present and enjoy the evening with us. Donations of money or refreshments will be very acceptable. Supper, 25 cents.—Mrs. S. P. Dunham, Miss Louisa Baxter, Mrs. Henry S. Rowe, Com.

"They Shall Dream Dreams and See Visions."

I saw a beautiful lake, very clear, calm and smooth; and on the shore there was pure white sand; very pure and white. A beautiful angel stood on the shore and picked up the sands one by one, and threw them into the lake. As they touched the water I could see the little ripples they made, very small at first, and extending far out, larger and larger. Presently I saw living insects or animals flying over the water of the lake, and agitating its surface. Soon a storm or wind seemed to blow over it, disturbing and throwing the water into commotion. When the animals or insects flew over the lake, the angel kept throwing in the grains of pure white sand; but when the tempest came and threw the water into such a great commotion, the angel ceased its labors and folded its arms, looked on and waited until the storm was over. A little child that had been playing on the shore when the lake was peaceful and calm, ran away in terror when it became so much agitated.

The interpretation of this vision is this: The lake represents the human soul. The Angel throwing in the grains of sand is the spirit of good seeking to make good impressions upon us. The insects or animals that agitate the water, are the lower passions of the soul that disturb its calm waters. And the winds and storms are external and animal influences. The little child represents humility, and is driven away, when in the vexations of life, the soul loses its equanimity.

The lesson is, that we should ever keep ourselves calm and untroubled, if we wish to be influenced by the spirits of good in the upper and celestial spheres.

Rutland, Vt.

Newman Weeks.

Uses of Occult Sciences.

A Power for Good Lies with Palmists and Astrologers.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

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It is absolutely useless to advise people to keep away from palmists, astrologers, clairvoyants and fortune tellers.

They will go. It is the craze of the hour, and, indeed, it has always been deeply imbedded in human nature—this desire to peer into the future. Many great men and great women in all ages have shown a tendency to study the occult mysteries, and we may as well save our vitality for better uses as to exhaust it in a homily on the folly or wickedness of trying to know more of the future than each day gives us.

No one who needs the advice will listen. Those who will listen do not need it. Therefore, I am about to give my advice where it will possibly do some good—to the palmists and astrologers and fortune tellers themselves.

They form a large army in our land—larger than most people realize.

Their profession thrives. A few people patronize them openly and talk about it openly. Thousands patronize them secretly and keep silent, or lie about it.

At every charity bazaar the fortune-telling booths are the most popular and patronized. It is a relief to people to have the opportunity to do "for sweet charity" something they long to do for their own gratification, but fear to do for their own gratification.

Palmistry is to my mind an absolute mathematical science.

So is astrology, but it is much more difficult, and requires a greater brain and more time to master its secrets.

Personally, I believe there is a great truth in both sciences, and this belief increases my inborn awe and reverence for the great Creator of the marvelous universe.

Besides palmists and astrologers, I believe there are a few people gifted with seership—and possessed of a sixth sense not given to all of us. There are also many impostors and fakes.

Upon all these people who desire the patronage of curious humanity rests a tremendous responsibility. They can do much good or much harm. I have received benefit in my life from a palmist who foresaw business complications of importance for me, which put me on my guard in a way wholly unforeseen by my own mind.

Again early in life an astrologer who had told me many truths predicted a sorrow which never came, but which caused me much unnecessary pain and depression until the period of time mentioned by him elapsed. To all these people engaged in these very uncertain and dangerous professions I would say—use your knowledge, skill and gift to

help and encourage the people who come to you, never to depress, discourage or frighten.

Remember always man is greater than his palm or his horoscope. He can change and modify both.

Tell him so.

If you see early death indicated do not tell him. Urge him instead to study proper diet, to breathe deep, to exercise every limb and muscle every day, and to assure health and long life. Tell him his health needs looking after, and that he can become robust if he tries. So surely as he sets himself to work industriously he can.

If you see bankruptcy and poverty for him, do not tell him. Tell him only that he will not succeed without redoubled effort, industry, economy and caution. Urge him to save a little money, if only five cents a day. So surely as he wills it, and works for it, he can avoid penury and pauperism.

You may say to a man "You will outlive your wife," or to a wife "You will outlive your husband," but never say "You will be widowed within a year, or two, or five." It is blasphemy to set a time for death, and you have no right to put a great fear or a murderous hope into a human mind regarding the death of another.

I have known a man to grow kinder and gentler to his wife because he was told he would outlive her, and at the same time extreme old age was predicted for him; and I have known a restless woman to lay cheerful plans for her widowhood because the death of her husband was predicted within a year!

Do not sow such seeds in mortal minds. Sow hope, ambition, industry, courage, aspiration.

Warn those you see who are upon the wrong track, but do not tell them they will rush on to ruin. They need not.

Do good to credulous humanity—you can!

Sunday-School Recitations.

ALEXANDER WILDER.

A new superintendent was asking questions of the class. One unlucky lad had been in some mischief, when suddenly the question came to him in a sharp voice:

"Who created the world?"

"I did it, but I won't do it again," the trembling lad replied.

A pupil in a Sunday School was waiting his turn, a few weeks ago. The question was:

"Who carried off the Gates of Gaza?"

"Please, sir," he replied, "it was not me. I was not out with the boys Hallow e'en night."

Sunday School Superintendent—"Who led the children of Israel into Canaan? Will some one of the smaller boys answer?"

No reply.

Superintendent, sternly—"Can no one tell? Little boy in that seat next the aisle. Who led the children of Israel into Canaan?"

Little boy, badly frightened—"It was not me. I just moved here last week from Missouri."

Another little boy was asked:

"Can you tell me what Commandment Adam broke when he ate the forbidden fruit?"

Thomas—"Please, ma'am, there weren't any commandments then."

A man of no comely countenance was teaching his pretty little four year old daughter in the mysteries of the creation. She was sitting on his lap in front of a large mirror. She looked intently in the glass and then asked:

"Fapa, did God make me?"

"Yes, my child," he replied.

"And did he make you, too?" she inquired again.

"Yes," he answered.

"Well," she remarked, as she again surveyed the figures in the looking glass, "he is turning out much better work lately, isn't he?"

An excellent cabinet photo. of "The Postkeeper's Ser" (A. J. Davis) for sale at this office. Price 35 cents.

"Look for the rainbow! Look for the silver lining! Mourn not! Mourn not!"

The reality of everything is spiritual.—Colville.

CITY OF BOSTON

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Board of Police, }
January 19, 1903.

The Board of Police for the City of Boston will receive applications for Licenses to Sell Intoxicating Liquors, under the Revised Laws and amendments thereto.

The Fees for Licenses have been fixed at the following rates for the year commencing May 1, 1903, and ending April 30th, 1904, viz:

For Licenses of the 1st Class, to Sell All Kinds of Liquor, to be Drunk on the Premises:	\$1,500.00
Common Victuallers:	1,100.00
For Licenses of the 2d and 3d Classes, to Sell Malt Liquors, Cider and Light Wines, containing not more than 12 per centum of Alcohol, to be Drunk on the Premises:	500.00
Common Victuallers:	500.00
For Licenses of the 4th Class, to Sell Malt Liquor, Cider and Light Wines, containing not more than 12 per centum of Alcohol, Not to be Drunk on the Premises:	500.00
Grocers:	500.00
A. Wholesale Dealers, issued only in conjunction with a 1st Class License:	500.00
B. Wholesale Dealers:	1,000.00
Distillers:	1,000.00
For Licenses of the 5th Class, to Sell Pure Alcohol, Cider and Light Wines, containing not more than 12 per centum of Alcohol, Not to be Drunk on the Premises:	500.00
Another License:	500.00
For a License of the 6th Class, to Druggists:	1,000.00
For a License of the 7th Class, to Sell Pure Alcohol:	1.00
For a Club License:	500.00

Licenses CANNOT be Transferred from one Person to Another.

The attention of all persons interested in the granting of "Liquor Licenses" is especially called to these requirements:

FIRST, TO APPLICANTS.

Application MUST be made on March 1.

SECOND, TO PROTESTORS.

All protests, including protests by neighboring owners of real estate ("N"), against the granting of applications must be made immediately after publication. The Board of Police will disregard any protest, which might have been, and through neglect have not been, made as above. In seeing upon the question of such neglect in making protests, the Board will assume that publication in the daily papers is sufficient notice to all interested persons and all such are now put upon their inquiry.

ROBERT F. CLARK, } Board
CHARLES F. CURTIS, Jr., } of
H. F. ADAMS, } Police.

*Extract from Chapter 100, Revised Laws.

Section 15. If before the expiration of the ten days following the publication of the notice, required by the preceding section, the owner of any real estate within twenty-five feet of the premises described in an application for a license to be granted by a common victualer to sell intoxicating liquors to be drunk on the premises notifies the Licensing Board in writing that he objects to the granting of the license, no license shall be sold on said premises shall be granted.