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“All things are ready, come” Matt 22; 4.

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## INTRODUCTORY.

In issuing this little leaflet, the main object is to advertise our camp, its location and etc., What we intend to do, who are to be our speakers, how to get here, and our conveniences for entertaining all who may attend our coming camp. If we possess short items of general interest to spiritualism, poems etc., we shall print them from time to time. We would be glad to notice other camps if we possessed any data; nothing requiring an extended notice, will be accepted. We do not expect to ri-

val any of the Spiritual papers; that is not our object. All articles must be short and to the point, and signed with the writer's name. Our paper is so small so boil it down. The editor reserves the right to reject any or all matter for publication, also to cut and slash until reduced to a size corresponding with the Leaflet. We shall treat all things pertaining to our Camp in a some what gossipy manner, hoping thereby to create a more friendly interest, one sufficient, if possible, to make its possessor an attendant, at our Camp, and by means of our little paper, become acquainted sufficiently with us, to give them a home-like feeling, when, we shall have the pleasure of meeting them.

In addition to our camp we have a large hall, seating capacity about 600. It is between railroad station and Camp grounds—two minutes walk from station. It has a thoroughly equipped stage, scenery is all complete. It will be used rainy weather and for entertainments.

## GOD'S FIRST TEMPLES.

The groves were God's first temples.  
Ere man learned  
To hew the shaft, and lay the archi-  
trave,  
And spread the roof above them - ere  
he framed  
The sounding anthems - in the darkling  
wood,  
Amidst the cool and silence, he knelt  
down  
And offered to the Mightiest solemn  
thanks  
And supplication. For his simple  
heart  
Might not resist the sacred influences  
That, from the stilly twilight of the  
place,  
And from the gray old trunks, that,  
high in heaven,  
Mingled their mossy boughs, and from  
the sound  
Of the invisible breath that swayed at  
once  
All their green tops, stole over him,  
and bowed  
His spirit with the thought of bound-  
less power  
And inaccessible majesty. Ah, why  
Should we, in the world's riper years,  
neglect  
God's ancient sanctuaries, and adore  
Only among the crowd, and under  
roofs  
That our frail hands have raised? Let  
me, at least,  
Here, in the shadow of this aged wood,  
Offer one hymn—thrice happy, if it  
find  
Acceptance to His ear.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

We want to make this a people's  
Camp in which all are interested.  
Therefore we are to have a Temperance  
Day and a Woman's day this season,  
and hope as the Camp seasons recur we  
may be able to interest all classes in  
the work we hope to do, by making  
more special days. Extend a helping  
hand.

Up to the present time man has  
found no place so inspiring, no place  
comparable with the temples of nature  
for soul-inspiring emotions. The forms  
of art may be cold, but in nature all  
tints are warm; all forms are made  
beautiful by their infinite variety and  
compel a worship that appeals to an in-  
finite individuality. The basic element  
in the development of spiritualistic  
faith rests almost wholly upon the  
magnetic forces that are generated  
within the aura of the children of  
nature. No amount of dwelling  
among the cities of civilization can de-  
stroy one's love for nature. There-  
fore Camp life brings to one health  
giving inspiration and is sought with a  
relaxing pleasure,

The Central N. Y. Spiritual Camp  
located at Freeville, Tompkins Co., N.  
Y.

Freeville is situated at the junction  
of the E. C. & N. and S. C. divisions  
of the Lehigh Valley R. R. about sixty  
miles northeast of Elmira; nine miles  
east of Ithaca; midway between Auburn  
and Owego, being about thirty-five  
miles distant from each; about fifty  
miles southwest of Syracuse and about  
the same distance northwest of Bing-  
hampton and ten miles west of Cort-  
land. Easy of access from the N. Y.  
C. R. R., Erie R. R., D. L. & W.  
R. R., & West Shore, as the two divi-  
sions of the L. V. R. R. intersect all of  
the named R. Rs'.

It is a town of about 500 inhabitants,  
pleasantly situated on the banks of Fall  
Creek. The Camp is situated at pre-  
sent, in Riveside coming flush to the  
banks of Fall Creek and in the center  
of the village, and is five minutes walk  
from the R. R. station. Ten passen-  
ger and accommodation trains pass over  
each division daily. The L. V. R. R.  
sells return tickets over each division at  
the rate of 2 1-2 cents per mile good un-  
til used. There are two good hotels in  
town. Board and rooms can be had at  
reasonable rates in private houses.

This association will not furnish any tents, but grounds will be offered to any who may wish to use their own, and a helping hand extended to assist them as needed.

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The dates of our Camp are July 24th "to August 8th" inclusive; as the dates are filled, the announcement will be made; and as soon as possible a complete program will be published.

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If all who are interested in our Camp will correspond with the President concerning anything that may pertain to our benefit. Making any suggestion ect, they will be thankfully received and duly appreciated.

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Every Spiritualist in Central N. Y. should take a personal interest in this Camp and try and condense into something palpable the promptings they feel in their better feeling of confidence, that in itself would do wonders.

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We have all heard of the old deacon who said he "had been a member of the Church for thirty years and it had never cost him a cent" It is allright to sing "Salvation is free," for rightly understood it is as free as the pure air of heaven, but in the sense usually sung we are frequently reminded that some one has to pay for it, i. e. organized salvation. Mankind are usually accounted selfish, but when one is in a thoroughly happy mood what is more proper than a wish to share it with one's friends? Therefore when salvation is experienced, it is but natural that in the pleasure felt, others should be invited to join in and partake. When this point is reached a necessity is felt for association and organization follows. Organization carries with it the idea of expense. No matter whether the organization be Church or Camp, I hope our friends will keep the idea of association before them and be ready for organization when the Camp opens.

The speakers engaged at present are E. J. Rowtell of Canton, Ohio, Frank T. Ripley of Boston, Mass., Lyman C. Howe of Fredonia, N. Y., Rev. J. C. Hogan of Forest City Pa. for Temperance day, Rev. J. M. Scott of Ithaca, N. Y., James T. Morrison of Ithaca, N. Y., W. Wines Sargent of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Marian Carpenter of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. C. M. Nickerson of Buffalo, N. Y. It is expected that J. W. Dennis of Buffalo, N. Y., will be present to lend a helping hand whenever needed. Mrs. S. A. Armstrong of Buffalo, N. Y., will act as Chairman.

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There was a good old elder in our town who resided there intermittently, and returning after one of his absence's was met by my father with this greeting, "Well, Elder, how are you?" The Elder answered, "I thank God I stand where I did thirty years ago." I hope no one who may receive this little publication may find an echo of this sentiment in his condition. It is a sad commentary on a person's life, that thirty or even one year finds them no farther [advanced] in the world's progress. Such is not life, it is existence. There is no class of people who should so nearly keep step with the advancement of the times as thorough spiritualists. We have learned that "in union there is strength"; and our ranks are being more thoroughly organized at present than ever before. Societies are being formed in many sections and Camps are multiplying in all directions. Already, so far this season, engagements have been entered into for the formation of three new Camps in this state in as many different sections. So then, "let us be up and doing" or an even line with all that our faith brings to us for betterment, hoping that it may be our fortune to let a "Kindly Light" fall on the pathway of a fellow mortal.

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We hope to make arrangements for special rates during our Camp, with the R. Rs. centering here, also for special trains Sundays if needed.

The Camp will be located on the same grounds as last year. Owing to the closeness of the money market it was deemed best to make no effort to change the site until times were better, or a surplus fund be accommodated.

The committee will be pleased to engage board and rooms in advance of the meeting of the Camp, for all, who may wish them so to do.

We hope no one will be offended if we ask all who receive this Leaflet to send us a one cent postage stamp, they may send more if they wish, and they will be gratefully accepted. We are not circulating these Leaflets by subscriptions, they are for the benefit of our Camp and in that way we hope they will be productive of much good to humanity. As our Camp is young and has no permanent funds, somebody has to pay the expense. Where so small an amount is asked it certainly can not prove burdensome.

Man is a myriad, stringed instrument facing every point of the infinite radius, and able to receive and repeat all the harmonies of the universe. His bosom contains the germs of all conceivable grace, perfection, and spiritual beauty. The glory of sun and stars is eclipsed by the glory of that reason, of that soul that can weigh and measure sun and star.

Man fronts two worlds at once with something of the animal and something of the angel in him. He belongs to substance, yet lives amid the shadows; he lives in the world of forms while the eternal perfections of which these forms are symbols live in him; he sees the symbols with his eyes, but he feels the divine verities signified with his spirit.

SELDEN J. FINNEY.

#### THE FOUR LEAF CLOVER.

The queen of fairies on a day,  
Was busy making clover,  
And when her task was done, she found  
She had one leaf left over.

At first she knew not what to do,  
Indeed, was almost frightened  
To waste a whole great clover leaf.  
But suddenly she brightened.

Then, calling her assistants, said,  
"I find in making clover,  
I must have somewhere counted wrong,  
Here is a leaf left over.

"So haste, and bring me here  
A clover from the meadows,  
And I will tell it lovely tales  
Of sunshine without shadows.

"Of merry hearts and happy days,  
And hours of rarest pleasure;  
Of smiling faces, dancing feet,  
And rapture without measure.

"And then I will to it affix  
This leaf which is left over;  
Good luck shall always follow him  
Who finds a four leaf clover."

We trust our friends will not view with too critical an eye, our efforts in this initial number of the Leaflet, as it has been hastily compiled under adverse circumstances. We are only endeavoring to show with what persistent effort we are trying to make the Camp of Central N. Y. Spiritualist Association one worthy of your attention and patronage. We are justly proud of the array of speakers thus far engaged, and feel safe in the assurance that we can present you with an intellectual feast every day during the meetings. If this little messenger shall arouse in its readers the same degree of enthusiasm for the cause that inspires your committee, then its mission shall have been accomplished, and with it a new impetus given to the cause yet to prevade the earth. We trust each and all may look forward with fond anticipation to the time when winters icy bands shall be unclapsed, and we shall revel in God's beautiful sunlight, meeting again in fraternal friendship at our coming reunion.