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THE THINGS THAT CANNOT FAIL

When the anchors that faith has cast
Are dragging in the gale,
I am quietly holding fast
To the things that cannot fail.

I know that right is right;
That it is not good to lie;
That love is better than spite,
And a neighbor than a spy.

In the darkest night of the year,
When the stars have all gone out,
That courage is better than fear;
That faith is truer than doubt.

And fierce tho' the fiends may fight,
And long tho' the angels hide,
I know that truth and right
Have the universe on their side.

—Recited in the House by the Chaplain,
REV. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D.

ANNUNCIATION

On Flanders' fields where poppies red
Watch o'er our hero soldier dead,
A mother bows in prayer.
She prays in earnest accents low,
That some how she be made to know,
Her boy—safe—"over there."

Then spoke a poppy—a brilliant one,
And nodding, said: "Our work is done,"
With tender care we've spread
Our slumber seeds to soothe their sleep,
Our warm, red petals to cover deep
Here where your sons have bled.

Behold, you mothers one and all,
Your sons have answered to the call
Of sacrifice and duty!"
Lo, as she spoke, and in her stead,
An Ascension Lily raised its' head
In pure and radiant beauty.

And now who sees a poppy red
Within its' cup—or so 'tis said—
Sees also lilies white;
In answer to that mother's prayer
That all is well—that Over There
Her boy LIVES for the Right.

ANNA H. BOKER.
For The National Spiritualist.

AN HEROIC SOUL WHO FACED LIFE OR DEATH WITH SUBLIMITY OF CONFIDENCE

Kenneth MacLeish son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew MacLeish of Glencoe, Ill., a suburb of Chicago and the father well known in the business world of that metropolis left his classes in Yale University to enter the aviation service of the Allies in March 1917, before the United States had become one of the belligerent nations.

He rose by merit to a Lieutenant in that branch and on October 14, 1918, was flying as a pilot with British forces. Since that date his parents, kinsmen and friends, have passed days of increasing anxiety and nights of distressful waking hoping that the report listing him among the "Missing" would be followed with tidings that he was still alive although held as a prisoner.

At the end of the snail like three months of heart breaking sufferings comes the sad cable that he was killed on the above date when shot down with his three companions and the burial place of his body has been located in Belgium.

Study each sentence of the last letter by him to his parents, if you can without tears welling into

your eyes and your heart swelling with pride that he was a countryman of yours—do not overlook his triumphant: "I SHALL LIVE" and then ask yourself what is the worth to—Humanity in the Now or Hereafter of the Hohenzollerns, Hindenbergs, Leudendorfs, Von Tirpitz and all who sailed the Pirate Craft of German Kultur when compared with gallant MacLeish and thousands of other brave men sacrificed upon the altars of civilization to stay the fiendishness of those Brutes by Divine Right Acting for a Deity Created out of their own hearts and minds.

His letter reads:

"If I find it necessary to make the supreme sacrifice, always remember this—I am so firmly convinced that the ideals I am going to fight for are right and splendid ideals that I am happy to be able to give so much for them. I could not have any self-respect, I could not consider myself a man if I saw these ideals defeated when it lies in my power to defend them.

"So I have no fears! I have no regrets; I have only to thank God for such a wonderful opportunity to serve Him and the world. No, if I must make the supreme sacrifice I will do it gladly and I will do it honorably and bravely, as your son should, and the life that I lay down will be my preparation for the grander, finer life that I shall take up. I shall live!

"You must not grieve. I shall be supremely happy—so must you—not that I have 'gone west,' but that I have bought such a wonderful life at so small a price and paid for it so gladly."

NO LONGER SEES THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY

Rev. Simon J. McPherson D. D., recently experienced physical death at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, where he was headmaster of a school for boys.

He was for seventeen years pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago and highly influential within that denomination and without it, for he held directorships in the Crerar library, in Lake Forest University, as well as in McCormick Theological Seminary.

During that pastorate he once sermonized. "The first five minutes after his death determines where a man shall spend all Eternity." Evidently he was indulging just then in a most gloomy outlook, fully comforting only to a pronounced Calvinist.

Did he have in mind the unexaggerated utterance of an inspired author of his Infallible Bible who said: the dead know not anything? Since one is supposed to be a long time dead it would seem from that to be a state of blissful ignorance of unending duration and one just as effective at the instant the inbreathed spirit is outbreathed from the body as five minutes later.

The good Doctor's time schedule immediately following an individual transition no more appeals to us than does his fatalistic doctrine of non progressiveness in that bejewelled land where Jasper gates, studded crowns and golden harps may become so common as to pall upon their possessors and find their way into the discard of oversatiety.

Why not accept the oriental colorings in description of a Future Life as necessary to stir the imagination of an age that had not yet risen to a recognition of those realities which eye had not seen, ear heard and of which the heart had not conceived.

Eternity is not a prison house, but made up of broadening planes established in conformity to universal laws toward which every soul can grow who wills, struggles and aspires so to do. Only the dross and dregs sink to the depths.

Let us appeal from the earthly theologian to Dr. McPherson the soul reborn into quickened

mentality, clarified vision and natural but beatific realities.

Has he now learned, that reform is not denied to, nor progression withheld from any individual soul willing to struggle toward, or for it? We are born into this life that we may grow and reborn into that other for the same purpose.

Spiritualists know the nearness of Ingersoll's brave soul to Eternal Truth when he said: "in the night of death hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of an Angels wing."

FLORIDA'S ANSWER TO LAURA BLACK- BURN'S POEM IN OUR FIRST ISSUE ENTITLED "SONG"

If the months are getting long
With snow upon the ground,
Why don't you come to Florida
Where summer will be found.

If the brooks are frozen over
And not a blade of green,
Why don't you come to Florida
Where summer can be seen.

If you long for April
With its song birds and flowers,
Come right quick to Florida
This fairy land of ours.

—Anon.

IS SPIRITUALISM RESPECTABLE?

"I have received perhaps hundreds of letters from people who are interested in psychic research, protesting that they are not Spiritualists, and then proceeding to narrate a lot of experiences which are exactly the same as those on which Spiritualists base their right to name their creed. I also meet or correspond with many people who similarly oppose Spiritualism as a religion, but announce their adhesion to psychic research as science. For a student of psychology this is an interesting situation. Perhaps the student of logic would be quite as interested in the paradoxes of the situation. But it is well worth while to inquire into the reasons for all this, and they will go deeply into the general influences that affect all creeds whatsoever, whether religious, political, scientific, artistic, literary, or ethical."

PROF. JAMES H. HYSLOP.

The above is the opening paragraph of an article in the Journal of The American Society of Psychical Research, on "Spiritualism, Ignorance and Respectability," by Prof. Hyslop.

The whole article is worth quoting, but there is one feature that concerns the Spiritualists very particularly. The Professor attacks the respectability of Spiritualism as a religion under the utilization thereof by Spiritualists. He charges that they "accepted any unwise or unesthetic performance that satisfied their craving for 'phenomena' or 'demonstration.'" That sounds rather illogical for a Psychic Researcher to make against us.

Yet, there may be much truth in the charge so far as it relates to some Spiritualists. What have the Spiritualists generally to say about being unesthetic? Are they lacking in "the sense of the beautiful"? Have seances been lacking in an expression of the sense of fine feelings and amidst coarse surroundings? If so, in some instances, is such characteristic of seances in general?

Are not seances frequently conducted upon very particular aesthetic principles and amidst such surroundings?

There is much in this for you to examine and to prove the truth or falsity. To correct and combat this charge appears to be an important requirement, if such an opinion prevails.

What have you to say about this statement: "The Spiritualists have been too slow to recognize the real cause of their failure to conquer the world?" Also reflect upon: "They have sacrificed science, dignity and aesthetics to a shibboleth."

Do not get overexcited with the further charge: "They worship twaddle as if it were a revelation of the highest order of knowledge."

That statement is born out of hearing ignorant spirits and Indian spirits communicate. You know that a high order of intelligent and cultured spirits also communicate.

A recognized sentence is: "The critic who sneers is usually ignorant and snobbish."

What cause do Spiritualists give for severe criticisms?

All this shows that we must present the very best of our philosophy and religion in public services. And, it is of the utmost importance that we employ aesthetic halls and erect excellent edifices for meetings; for soft cushions and pipe organs inside of elegant edifices will impress the superficial; and of these we now have quite a number.

Before long we may be charged as are the Episcopals, by Prof. Hyslop, "that it made no difference what we believed or what we did, if we only dressed well, we would be saved. Neither faith nor works were important here, but aesthetics."

Let us, therefore, be careful not to become too æsthetic.

GEORGE W. KATES.

FIELD STUDY BY SUSIE C. CLARK IS IT NEEDED?

It would be a moderate statement to declare that an army of N. S. A. missionaries would be necessary (a regiment would not suffice), to arouse upon this Pacific Coast an interest in, or even hospitality toward our Gospel of Spirit. An ebb tide exists, at present, which is not encouraging and the ignorance exhibited by the legal authorities is both dense and appalling. As an example of this hostility, (for it can be called by no milder name), one of our speakers and mediums—Mr. Frank Kenneth Brown, recently carried his advertisement of the approaching Sunday service, to a San Francisco paper, announcing that his subject for lecture would be: "Spiritualism and its uses," and to a prominent Oakland Daily, he offered the theme, "The Need of Spiritualism."

A prompt "No" was the answer he received, the editor affirming: "This paper shall never admit in its columns, that there is any 'need' of Spiritualism." But Mr. Brown contended "I have bought this space in your paper, I have paid \$1.50 for the square I am using, which is headed 'Spiritualism,' and bears the name of my society." Still the editor was immovable and imperative, and no amount of argument would influence him a particle. This heretical statement could not appear in his paper. Therefore, the speaker was obliged to compromise, and use the subject "How to be spiritual."

Now, is this religious freedom? Does this illustrate the liberty to which an intelligent American is entitled in enjoyment of the faith he espouses and holds sacred? Is there no "need" of Spiritualism at the present day? How else can that time-worn query be answered: "if a man die, shall he live again?" What other tangible proof of the great and wonderful fact of immortality can be furnished to the seeker after truth, save by other world testimony? On what other source of comfort can the bereaved heart rely? Then of what other church has the world so much "need," as of Spiritualism, the only religion capable of proof?

Is it not then amazing, pitiful, in this enlightened twentieth century, that whole communities and municipalities remain in such benighted ignorance regarding this pearl of great price, of which we are custodians—the Light which lighteth the world—this chiefest of all blessings, which is being trodden under the feet of men? What stronger incentive could be furnished to every spiritual disciple, to bear our standard on, to rally to its support most valiantly, devotedly, to hold our torch high, that it may illumine and enlighten the world, for its rays are for the healing of nations. Then comfort ye, comfort ye, my people! A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

SUSIE C. CLARK.

N. S. A. Missionary.

MRS. CLARA WATSON

TO THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST: While you came as a great surprise to many of us still your coming is none the less welcomed. There is room for you in the great domain of Spiritualism and there is need for you.

Surely the hour was ripe for your coming. At the dawn of the new year, the beginning of the new order of things, your advent is heralded, and many brave hearts will give you glad welcome. You come in the interest of a great movement and back of you there is the highest tribunal of organized effort in the cause you represent. —The National Spiritualist Association.

The name you bear is significant. No one can mistake the place you occupy in the great realm of thought, in the much needed field of reform and have you not come at this opportune time to raise your voice against the tendency of Spiritualism today to lose its identity in being swallowed up in the maelstrom of churchanity?

As the legalized organ of the N. S. A. your voice, your counsel, will be heeded. May you live long to wage warfare with error and blaze the way for Spiritualism to be kept separate and distinct as a school of thought, unhampered by the forms and ceremonies of the dying past.

We greet you, THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST, in the name of the ever living now.

James town, N. Y.

CLARA WATSON.

GREATER NEW YORK

A correspondent writes from New York City that despite opposition malignant and persistent, the cause of Spiritualism goes forward in a steady line of progress. Arresting and prosecuting mediums continues, but there seems to be a lull in the persecution, as I have heard of but one arrest in some months. We know, of course, that the beastly claws are sheathed but temporarily. We must meet the onslaughts with the defense of might, and strike back with vigor.

The societies auxiliary to the General Assembly of Spiritualists of the State of New York are holding successful meetings, and accomplishing good. Many strangers are attracted, interested, and awakened. Already numbers have espoused the cause we advocate, and some day will become war horses in the labor of enlightening humanity in matters spiritual.

Many private seances are being held, and it is amusing to learn of the scheming devices our enemies employ in striving to gain entrance where they are unwelcome and have no right.

There is a great demand for spiritualistic literature, and the wide world seems awakening to the light of truth. Good wishes for THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST arise on every hand, and the National Spiritualist Association is a bulwark of strength upon which we lean confidently, gratefully and proudly, acknowledging the wise talent exercised in its governmental action. The societies not affiliated with our state and national organizations are also holding meetings regularly with satisfactory results, and the banner of truth is aloft from all the places where Spiritualists assemble to really advance the Cause of Spiritualism.

CAMP LIFE IN FLORIDA

This certainly has been the banner year for Cassadaga Camp. The cottages are well filled, and the hotel to overflowing. Why not, with such a genial host and hostess as "Our Jack Lillie" and Mrs. Mary Hardenburg, both with their pleasant smiles, and a handshake for each and every one?

The talent has been first class in regard to lectures, Mr. Whitney and Mrs. Harding both at their best and doing splendid work.

Our president, Joseph Slater, is a live wire, and not only oversees the work but rolls up his sleeves and works hard and has done a great deal for this camp.

Dr. Hillgoss, back at his old post as chairman, makes one's heart feel glad to see his cheerful face and hear his encouraging words. He and his good wife are leading lights here.

Then we must not forget dear Mr. and Mrs. Buddington, he with his walking stick, piloting the

strangers to Inspiration Point, Clegg Wright's old home, and many other places of interest. And Mrs. B., almost ninety-five years young, sang us several solos New Year's day at the hotel, and her sweet voice will be remembered by all who were there, and a "God bless you" went forth from all those friends to her.

The social part of the camp is above par. Something doing all the time. The masquerade was a grand success. Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Whitney as "Blue Bells" marched off with the first prize. Our Dr. Critchley as black mammy and her baby, and Mr. Morely as black daddy took the burlesque prize, while young Mr. Slater and others got prizes for their parts.

There is an entertainment every Wednesday evening and all are well attended. The dances and card parties have their places, and taking all into consideration no one has any complaint to make, since every one seems happy.

I was delighted to know we have a new born SPIRITUALIST, and hope it will spread until it reaches from coast to coast.

MARY J. JONES.

DOUBLETS

Great men love to dwell upon the virtues of the masses. The masses love to dwell upon the flaws in great men.

The German agents didn't put the superman across . . . only the snooperman.

"He lives whose life is fed with dreams,
Is warmed by Love's unpurchased beams
And guided by the Hope that gleams
Far, far ahead!"

One gathers that the great Powers would find peacemaking much easier if the small nations would only be magnanimous and self-sacrificing.

Scientists now assert that the whale gives a barrel of milk at a milking. No family that includes young children should be without a whale. Enlarge your aquarium.

If Hell were abolished, that would mean less pain in the hereafter . . . but just think of the vast amount of pleasure that would be taken away from certain prophets on earth.

The trouble with lots of people who try to assert themselves is that they haven't any selves.

When you are in despair over the world and look out into the night, and seek to draw courage and inspiration from the stars, did it ever occur that this world is . . . also a star!

Bolshevism is a state of mind entirely surrounded by whiskers.

Last night I woke and found between us drawn—
Between us, where no mortal fear may creep—
The vision of Death dividing us in sleep;
And suddenly I thought, ere light shall dawn

Some day, the substance, not the shadow, of Death
Shall cleave us like a sword. The vision passed,
But all its new-born horror held me fast,

And till day broke I listened for your breath.
Some day to wake, and find that colored skies,
And pipings in the woods, and petals wet,
Are things for aching memory to forget;
And that your living hands and mouth and eyes
Are part of all the world's old histories!

Dear God! a little longer, ah, not yet!—Gosse.
BREN' EPHRAIM.

TEXAS AWAKENING

Spiritualism in Texas is growing steadily. We have had so much against us in the past, and the distance is so great from one town to another, it is almost impossible to cover the territory.

January 19 we reorganized the First Spiritualist Church of Houston with 47 live, active members and these officers: President, William Bradburn; Vice President, E. E. Holtkamp; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Tenney. Our Vice President of the

Texas State Spiritualist Association is doing good work in Austin where we hope, in the near future, to have a strong organization.

We have good organizations in San Antonio and Galveston. Forth Worth has three societies working under charters from the state; Dallas has one, Houston one, and we hope before the year is out to have many more.

We are working strictly under the state and national organizations and feel sure that is the only way we can ever expect to eliminate the tares from the wheat and win the recognition we deserve.

The Ladies' Auxiliary (the Sun Flower by name) is doing good work in raising a Temple Fund and some bright day in the future Houston Spiritualists will have a place in which to hold their meetings all their very own and the angel world will be glad.

GRACE C. LOWREY,
President Texas State S. A.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM

The spiritual philosophy is broad and comprehensive. It is based upon facts demonstrated, and teaches that law governs all manifestations. There are no miracles according to this philosophy. Every atom of matter is subject to law, every manifestation of the invisible realm from the mind of man to the mental powers of angels, and the thoughts of God are subject to law. (If the universe is of this thought).

Men are looking for the spirit world and seeking to find out God. In this they are like *the fish swimming the sea in search of the ocean, or the swallow sailing the vaulted heavens seeking the atmosphere*; for man, while seeking to learn of the spirit world, is truly living in it, and while seeking to find God he is a part of divinity himself. Jesus told the barbarous and ignorant Israelites that they were God's when he said "Ye are Gods."

The Spiritualists are sometimes accused of robbing Jesus of his divinity, which is not true. We accept Jesus' own words and grant divinity to every human being, Jesus included. He said: "I and my Father are one." "Ye are all Gods." He called himself a man and our brother.

Immutable and unchangeable law governs all worlds, suns and planets, like men, the lower animals and plants, have their birth, growth, maturity, decline and death, and in each case death means, not annihilation, but transition to new life in some other form.

All of this is mystery but no part of it is miracle, because it is all governed by law. It was different way back in the days when temples were built for Gods, and dungeons were built for men; such men as dared to think. In the belief of the people of those days every phenomenon of nature was a miracle, and the world was full of special Providences of God.

Spiritualism has taught us that law rules everything. It has been said that "there is nothing impossible with God." Our little children may be receiving this kind of teaching in the orthodox Sabbath school today. *Nevertheless it is not true.*

God cannot change anything that has transpired, or passed by. The words we have uttered, the thoughts we have had, the acts of our past lives, can never be changed by us or by all or any of the fifty thousand Gods who have been worshiped in the past. These acts are of the past and are never to return. Their results still live and have their effect upon us.

And herein lies the greatest lesson; since we cannot change a past thought, a word that we have spoken, or a single act of our past lives, and the effects of them all still remain with us in the present, we should learn the lesson this experience teaches. We should learn to think rightly, to speak only good words, to do only good deeds that the results following may be beautiful and helpful in our daily journey of life, and a living example to the world.

The question will often present itself to mortals: "What are we living for?" We look upon our neighbors and seek to know the motives inspiring their lives. Jesus said, "Man cannot live by bread alone," and still, eighteen hundred years after he said it,

many are living, apparently, with the one purpose, that of getting bread. Oh! the waste of effort and of time in chasing the almighty dollar! If men would outgrow the pernicious competition system and spend as much time and effort in acquiring intellectual and spiritual development as they now spend in acquiring material wealth, this world would become a world of harmony, a paradise, a real heaven in a single generation.

The church has sought for ages and is still persistently seeking to save man from himself, and the errors of his own making, but statistics show that crime is on the increase. Injustice is practiced everywhere, in the commercial, the political and the religious world. "War is hell," yet all nations go to war, and it would seem that nothing could stay the hand of this awful selfishness that causes war. Christianity, with its nearly two thousand years of struggle, has failed to correct these evils and the world demands some new and up-to-date methods of procedure.

The question now arises: What shall that new method be? The answer is given in Modern Spiritualism. It says that the doctrine of death bed repentance and forgiveness for sin has been and always will be, so long as taught, a curse to the race. It says, if we will bring our children up in the teachings that there is no forgiveness for sin, that each one must suffer the consequences of his wrong doing as a natural consequence, and each must work out his own salvation, the world will soon grow better as the children so taught will soon discover that it is easier and better to live good lives than to have to suffer the consequences of bad lives, and compensate for every wrong while working out one's own salvation. This will make one more self reliant and develop a stronger character than the teachings of another's atoning for his wrong doing can ever develop.

Added to this is our terrible competitive system of business methods. Its dire influence has permeated society everywhere until the social, religious, political and commercial world is saturated with its virus, poisoning the minds, blighting the lives, and temporarily ruining the souls of individuals of every class.

We, as a people, are not living up to the teachings of the golden rule, we are not doing unto others as we would that they should do unto us; but we have a new rule that is almost universally practiced, which is, "Do others quickly before they do you," and this has been so thoroughly practiced that we look for it, we expect it, in almost every transaction that takes place.

Through the practice of this last named rule we are developing a crop of criminals that is appalling. Honesty is no more the precedent, but dishonesty is almost omnipresent. Where will it all end? We answer: there is innate goodness in man. I have every confidence in the human race.

If we could see the motive behind every act of man we would find that the intent was good. He has been misled, and because of this love of principle, of honor, of justice, he has been led to go to war and kill his brother in his desperate effort to right wrongs.

He loves the right so well that he is willing to die for what he believes is right. He wants his family, his friends, the world, to enjoy the blessings of freedom, of justice, etc., and sacrifices his life, 'tis the most that he can do, that such rights may be given his kind.

O, who can doubt the motives of men when they are understood, and who would not feel free and safe to trust the welfare of the race in the hands of men, if they were free from the terrible effects of our competitive system and free from the erroneous religious teachings of the ages. We sigh for the day when men shall become free from religious prejudices, free from the selfish influence of our present business methods, free to live out their natural lives, and to triumph over wrong. Good is dominant. God rules and that day cometh so sure as time continues.

In the future our children will not be taught to be honest because "honesty is the best policy," but they will be taught to be honest because it is right. They will be taught how to make heaven and live

in heaven here and now, instead of preparing for, and waiting to enter heaven when they die.

All the world should be taught how to get into heaven now, and Modern Spiritualism is furnishing this education which everyone is welcome to accept and apply in his life if he wishes.

"Heaven is not reached at a single bound
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to the summit round by round."

REV. E. W. SPRAGUE.

MAINE.

Welcome, thrice welcome, to THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST, from the "Pine Tree State."

Because of the prevailing epidemic in the early season, our local societies were obliged to postpone the opening of their meetings until quite late, but at present the good work is going on and progress is being made. Unity Spiritualist Society of Bangor is meeting with marked success; attendance good; interest excellent, with membership increasing. The Progressive Spiritualist Society of Augusta are holding regular Sunday services very successfully. The First Spiritualist Society of Portland, recently reorganized, is making ready to accomplish much for the cause of Spiritualism; carefully and faithfully have they laid the foundation, and we bespeak for them abundant success.

The Progressive Spiritualist Society of Guilford have already held three sessions of meetings during the winter. Winfield S. Waldron of Hallowell has served them most acceptably as speaker and message-bearer. On account of much sickness among the members of the First Piscataquis Spiritualist Society of Dover, no meetings have as yet been held, but they purpose to have some in the near future. Winterport Spiritualist Society has been able to get together a few times, and Quatabacook Spiritualist Society of Searsmont is alive to the best, and doing what they can, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Bessie Wentworth.

The State Association is sending out Lyceum literature through the State Superintendent of Lyceums, and the N. S. A. Pamphlets are most gladly received by the people. We feel that Maine is making ready to do her share in the great work of the NOW, in giving to the people Spiritualism clothed in its rightful garments. The Camp-meeting associations are even now planning their season's work.

The Ladies' Aid of Madison purpose to have an excellent June meeting at Lakewood. Camp Etna will also hold its annual June meeting, which is always well attended; while Temple Heights hopes to exceed all former seasons in the value of its fall camp-meeting. Verona Park is not yet dead, as our faithful pioneer brother, Freeman W. Smith, informs us, but there is need of a helping hand in that locality.

I have not been able to get in touch with the other societies and people who are working for the advancement of the cause we love so well, but invite them to inform me of their doings, when I will most gladly communicate it to our NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST.

It were better to send a cheap bouquet

To a living friend this very day,

Than a bushel of roses white and red,

To lay on his coffin when he is dead.

MARY DRAKE JENNE,
Secretary of the Maine S. S. A.

The 21st Annual Convention of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association will be held at the West Side Masonic Temple, Oakley Boulevard, near Madison Street, April 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Wednesday evening there will be a Social and Dance.

10 Speakers and 20 Mediums.
John Slater, N. S. A. Missionary will be with us.

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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Adopted by the National Spiritualists'
Association, U. S. A.

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye also unto them."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual, and that he makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys Nature's psychic laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter.

DEFINITIONS

Adopted by the National Spiritualists'
Association October 9, 1914

1. A Spiritualist is one who believes, as a part of his or her religion, in the communication between this and the spirit world by means of mediumship, and who endeavors to mould his or her character and conduct in accordance with the highest teachings derived from such communion.
2. A medium is one whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the spirit world, and through whose instrumentality intelligences in that world are able to convey messages and produce the phenomena of Spiritualism.

IMPORTANT

Use Post Office Money Orders payable in Chicago for your remittances to us, or else Express Money Orders.

Banks composing the Chicago Clearing House Association have established a graduated scale of charges for handling checks on local banks in the various states. Some are covering this cost by adding ten cents to each remittance of that nature under fifty dollars.

At the present time we can use free of expense checks and drafts on Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

It is impossible for the office staff of THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST to make personal replies to all of the cheery words reaching them from near and distant sections of our country. Rest assured that not one of them is overlooked and all aid in strengthening our efforts to make this paper an influence for the cause of Spiritualism which shall spread with each succeeding issue.

Bear in mind that we aim to omit from our columns personal glorification of any or all of our Board of Managers and feel that satisfied readers will gladly proclaim their gratification with the publication wherever possible without attempt on our part to tell them what it ought to be.

Since it is our conception that the material and spiritual universe is something far grander than any one's individual ego, let us concentrate our united energies on building up THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST because it, speaks for the National Spiritualist Association, of the U. S. A., which is today the most forceful body in existence for proclaiming Spiritualism in this country.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST relies upon friends of the N. S. A. all over the United States to furnish news relating to Spiritualism in their own communities.

Everything of general interest to that cause is invited. Do not rely upon others to do it but see yourself that it is done. Whatever interests you from other fields will have a reciprocal attraction for our readers from your own.

Give prominence to all activities of State Associations and of other subordinate churches and societies.

We ask especially that every affiliated society chartered directly by the N. S. A. instead of by a State organization, will feel itself invited to these privileges as members of one common family circle.

Personals which mention the work and itineraries of Speakers, Mediums and Missionaries will always be acceptable. We ask for reports of events of gladness and sadness which make up the kaleidoscopic changes of earth life for all of us.

Note that our space is limited. Endless articles will be forwarded to the Reading Rooms of Heaven for perusal during Eternity.

Matter intimately connected with the present hours of human existence are solicited, for THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST looks to men and women yet in their bodies for its readers and we believe in live matter for living people.

We have the most profound regard for all who have been promoted from this plane and clothed upon with immortality so we shall not hesitate from time to time to profit by the fruitage of their labors left as the common legacies of mankind.

Fourteen of sixteen pages of the official program of the 46th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association which met in Chicago December 8 to 12, 1918, contained this footnote in black faced capital letters: "All Papers Are Limited to 15 Minutes; Discussions to 5 Minutes."

Every newspaper must establish its own standards of available space for each correspondent. The quality of the matter and the methods of its treatment must be separately considered in every such offering, so that a rule as inflexible as the laws of the Medes and Persians cannot be made universally applicable.

Crisp, comprehensive and concise correspondence and articles will put pepper and power into THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST.

"Have something to say; say it, and stop when you are done."

John Neal said: "Be comprehensive in all you say and write—To fill a volume about nothing is a credit to nobody."

Some one has compared words to sunbeams in that the more both are condensed the deeper they burn.

SHALL WE DISCARD THE WORD REVEREND?

Use one hundred words or less to tell THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST whether you think we as a people should abandon "Reverend" as a name for our ordained ministers.

If you so believe, state the title you would substitute therefor.

Bear in mind the word under criticism is recognized by the custom of centuries and conveys established meaning in courts of justice as well as in all walks of life. There is no inherent sanctity associated with it and while its use has been abused by representatives of various denominations can it yet be reclaimed for honorable service by those entitled to it? We sometimes note unflitting use of it by ministers of Spiritualism, for it is not intended to be unblushingly paraded in and out of season.

Mrs. Esther Bosley, now of Seattle, once urged in its stead "Spiritualist Minister" and formal abbreviation to "S. M." after the individual name. What say you?

CLERGY R. R. RATES

The management of the Western Passenger Bureau at Chicago has ruled that women regularly ordained as Spiritualist Ministers whose husbands are engaged in secular occupations are not entitled to the courtesy of reduced transportation rates. Husbands are thus not necessities but luxuries.

Only women wholly self-supporting, who give their time entirely to ministerial duties, depending for their living on the earnings therefrom, are to have clergy rates.

The holding of ordination papers does not insure passenger-rate concessions for men and women having private business and incomes, or who give scarcely merely for their own individual gain.

Let us hope that the time is not far away when all religious denominations of the United States will rise to the dignity of paying their missionaries and ministers so adequately that they can bear their own legally fixed costs of travel and not appear as candidates for the privileges of infants, idiots or candidates in transit to poor farms and other eleemosynary institutions.

Local Visiting List

Local and state auxiliaries of the N. S. A. may utilize one inch of space in our columns at forty cents per month in which to advertise their name, meeting place, services (Sunday and week days), pastor, medium, president and secretary.

No such card will be accepted for a shorter period than five months. Societies and Churches can then draw to themselves the attention of passing workers and visiting Spiritualists.

Chicago, Ill.—CENTRAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, Recital Hall, Auditorium Building. Rev. Thomas Grimshaw, Pastor; Mrs. Anna Zurfley, Message Bearer. Services 8:00 p. m. Sundays.

Denver, Colorado.—PROGRESSIVE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, Meets Sunday, 8 P. M., in L. O. T. M. Hall, Exchange Building, 15th and Arapahoe Sts. Pastor, Emma Lee. President, I. B. Scott, Secretary, J. T. McClure. Treasurer, Arthur Barrett.

Minneapolis, Minn.—CENTRAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH—703 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis. Minn. Geo. D. Field, President; Rev. M. D. Talcott, Pastor. Lecture Sundays 3:30 p. m. by Rev. M. D. Talcott, followed by messages. Lecture Sunday 8 p. m. by Rev. M. D. Talcott. Mid-week Meetings—Social—Wednesdays at 2:00 p. m. You are welcome.

Forge and Field

Trenton, N. J.—The First Spiritualistic Church has applied for a charter of affiliation with the New Jersey State Association and will give added strength to the latter body by injecting its own ginger into their co-operative efforts.

This local organization now holds its public services on Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 47 North Clinton Avenue in an attractive auditorium on the ground floor of Carpenter's Building where interested audiences are assembled.

Mrs. Emery, of Newark, served them one Sunday in January, Mrs. C. Fanny Allyn on January 29 and February 2 and Mrs. Dr. Madison of Newark on February 9. No one is allowed to fall asleep during these services. Even Horace Greeley's excuse for nodding during the sermons of the eloquent Rev. E. H. Chapin that he "closed his eyes to aid his mental concentration" is not sufficient there.

Milwaukee.—The Progressive Spiritual Society of which Margaret Jones is president, reports ninety-five members with frequent additions of new ones taking place and plans for purchasing a small Church building very near to realization.

Battle Creek, Mich.—We are having the largest attendance in the history of our church. Have just bought one hundred more chairs as we could not take care of our people the last three nights. May it not be that our pastor's recently arisen husband has become a more efficient helper than even when in mortal form?

Denver, Colorado.—John T. McClure, Secretary: Interest is certainly growing in our cause and work. We have about ninety members and the attendance at public services averages two hundred and over. In order that travelling workers and sympathizers may visit us we are inserting a standing card in *THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST*.

Lily Dale.—St. Paul, Minn. will lend two most estimable young women to aid in making the assembly's summer season of 1919 a success socially, musically and educationally. Miss Edith C. Wallenberg will again have charge of the Lyceum, while Miss Anna Whitwell, a popular visitor there several seasons ago, will be musical director and pianist at all auditorium services. An appreciative welcome will be accorded both of them, and their comradeship will be delightful to the "Bunch Club."

Suggestive.—Mrs. Grace L. Hayden, secretary of Unity Spiritualist Society of Bangor, Maine, sends an annual subscription for *THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST* and asks that the copy be regularly sent direct to the Bangor Public Library for use on its literary and reading tables.

Anderson, Ind.—The Spiritualists' Church of the Soul, Mrs. Annie M. Benninghofen, pastor, held special services afternoon and evening of Feb. 16 in the large I. O. O. F. hall, corner of 12th and Main streets. Visitors were present from several adjoining cities, among them State President and Mrs. F. E. Crum of Indianapolis, and State Vice President William Sutton of Muncie.

An excellent interest was manifested at both services as shown by attendance and attention. The music for the occasion was led by Miss Anna Obulus at the piano and John Sibbach on the violin. The speaker of the rallies was the president of the N. S. A. Mrs. Mina Simpson was message giver in the afternoon, hurrying from there to Kokomo for evening services. In the second meeting Mrs. Murphy Lydig gave a trumpet seance from the platform in the light.

The society named is planning for other similar activities.

Clinton, Iowa, Camp.—Thos. H. Ellis, secretary of the M. V. S. A., of 509 N. Newstead ave., St.

Louis, Mo., would like all friends and the general public who wish to receive a copy of the camp's program for 1919, when ready for distribution, to send him their names and addresses together with those of persons who may become interested in receiving one.

Bellaire, Ohio.—Let us introduce a wee and winsome Miss of nine pounds, avoirdupois who registered arrival February 24 for a prolonged stay in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Burda. Her full address is Alice Victoria Burda, box 102, Indian Run, Bellaire. The mother, nee Adelaide Burleigh, a graduate and later teacher of English at the Morris Pratt Institute, there met as one of her students the happy husband and now proud father. Hearty congratulations to parents and daughter.

Book Inquiry.—A correspondent wishes names of author and publisher of "The Spirit World Interviewed" and where the volume can be obtained. Do you know? Then tell us.

Washington, D. C.—The Unity Spiritualist Church is meeting with splendid success this season. The meetings have been well attended with earnest, interested seekers for truth, the "boys in uniform" being particularly numerous and attentive. Mr. and Mrs. Kates alternate in their Sunday discourses, although Mrs. Kates follows each lecture with spirit messages. Mr. Kates, earnest and forceful, is in remarkably good physical health, while Mrs. Kates seems to be getting better and better in her lecture work. Some of her lectures are exceptionally meritorious, especially when Spirit Aaron gets the upper hand of the talkfest.—I. C. I. E.

Newport, Ky.—The First Spiritualist Church, Overton, St., opened their season for the year Sunday, Sept. 22, that date being the anniversary birthday of the founder, Edwin Crawley, a highly esteemed citizen of Newport, and a loyal Spiritualist.

Sarah Charles acted as chairman of the program for afternoon and evening, consisting of the best talent. Mrs. Marion Carpenter of Detroit, Mich., by her inspirational lectures so won the hearty appreciation of her audiences that they are all wanting a repetition of her visit to us so they may again listen to her lectures and meet her pleasant personality in the near future. She was assisted by the pastor, Mrs. Emma C. Brown, an old and faithful worker, and Mrs. Bader—who is now in Chicago—"God speed her."

We have not a large membership, but good attendance at all meetings. But, with a strong Woman's Aid which is non-sectarian, a corp of good workers and the loyal support of our pastor, whose efforts for the uplifting of the Truth of Spiritualism are persevering, we are much encouraged.

RUBY DAMERON, Sec'y.

San Francisco.—The First Spiritualist Temple is in a flourishing condition under the pastorate of Mrs. Mary A. Wells, assisted by Miss Collar and Mrs. Hetty Gray as associate pastors. On Feb. 23 Mrs. Lillian A. Bronce received licentiate papers at the hands of the Northern Division of the California State Association represented by Florence E. Heckman, vice president, Jennie Francis, secretary, and Mollie Phelps, director.

Because of her earnest work the Temple board and members are proud to have aided in procuring papers which will promote the wider use of Mrs. Bronce's beautiful powers.

Spiritualism in our city at the present writing is progressing rapidly. Our society will have a hearty welcome at all times for visiting Spiritualists who make themselves known to us. We send greetings and thoughts for success to *THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST*.—President.

Detroit, Mich.—The First Temple Society is enjoying the services of Bro. and Sister E. W. Sprague during January and February, and all classes of the usual activities are in full swing. A good list of applicants for membership is presented at each monthly business meeting. The Psychic Class, the Ladies Aid Society, the Lyceum, and the Young Peoples Club are working faithfully and harmoniously in their several spheres and the outlook continues encouraging.

Wheeling, W. Va.—"Attendance at the Temple is growing every week. Last Sunday the place was packed and we had to carry up chairs from the first floor to seat the people. Our pastor's Psychic work was better than before. So many people are seeking his ministrations that he gets very tired and finds it difficult to get necessary rest."

Prominent Southern City.—What the people want is a rousing good paper that will shake their constructive minds to a point of realization both in material and spirit concerns. I find many Spiritualists in this city yet the plain spoken ones are few, due to the fact that in the south an interesting fight is on between Catholicism and Masonry and the police are taught to work against Mediums to protect their own religion. I am personally acquainted with our city judge and will talk with him on the subject and hand him a copy of *THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST*.

SEEKING TALENT

Mrs. Abbie E. Farr of 409 West Superior Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, writes on behalf of the local body of which she is president: "Would like to come in touch with some of our good workers, who wish to fill in one or more Sundays between July 15 and September 1 as they pass to and fro during the vacation season. We prefer those who can and will give both lecture and phenomena, though the latter not absolutely essential."

A society in a widely known New England City, other than Boston, is seeking to fill a permanent position with a first class speaker and message giver. None but the very best and an honest worker will be considered. A Lady of refinement and pleasing personality, with a charitable Spirit towards others, is sought. In addition to the society duties an excellent field for private readings is offered together with well equipped hall and connected demonstration and waiting rooms.

Applications sent our Chicago publication office will be forwarded to those concerned.

READY FOR FIELD WORK

Aldrick E. Hanson, one of the graduates of the Morris Pratt Institute, who is a credit to his alma mater, will, after the middle of May, be at liberty to fill engagements with local societies or camp meetings either for occasional or permanent services. During the winter months he is supplying various accessible points in Wisconsin and Illinois. He has also rendered service in Minnesota. Address him at P. O. Box 875, Whitewater, Wis.

Rev. H. W. B. Myrick, of Gentryville, Mo., may be secured by local societies and for convention and mass meeting occasions as well as for summer camp meetings. His former training in an orthodox pulpit serves to give him strength for our public field.

Mrs. Lora E. Wells, 865 Fell street, San Francisco, Cal., has been released from an invalid's hospital in perfect health and feels better equipped for field work in that state than ever before. She is ready to undertake a campaign of activity wherever needed.

Mrs. Maytie P. Lane, P. O. Box 202, Lily Dale, N. Y., will be open to engagements until September 1st, 1919, for lectures, message giving and demonstrations of Healing at local societies or camps. She also officiates at weddings, christenings and funerals.

"MINNESOTA"

Our State President tells me that the twenty-first annual Mid-Winter Mass Meeting of the State Spiritualists' Association of Minnesota was the very best and the most successful Mass Meeting that the State Association has ever held. If he had not told me, I should have believed that it was, any way, for I do not see how any one could have been better. I managed to get down to the Hall on the evening of the entertainment preceding the opening of the Mass Meeting and I had the most fun that I have had for the longest time and I enjoyed every minute I was there.

I met Mrs. Thyra Engson who opened the entertainment with a piano solo which she played just beautifully; and I found out that Mrs. Engson used to be a little girl by the name of Thyra Bergstrom only just a few years ago; what a shame it was that she had to change her name! I can't understand why people want to change their names. I am sure I shall never want to change mine, and when she was a little girl just a few years ago, she used to go down to the "ST. PAUL SUNFLOWER LYCEUM" every Sunday morning where she learned so much about Spiritualism that she graduated and got married and now she has a lovely little girl of her own nearly big enough to go to the Lyceum.

The opening piano solo was followed by vocal selections by Miss Lillian May Swanson and Theodore Schlukebier, then a piano solo by Miss Anna Whitwell and by six beautifully rendered readings by Mrs. Maud Pratt Smith, which were enjoyed and appreciated by every one.

The regular sessions of the Mass Meeting were held on Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday afternoon and evening at the Minnehaha Halls. Mrs. Mary Talcott Pastor of the Central Spiritualist Church of Minneapolis gave the Lecture on Friday afternoon. She spoke on "Spiritualism, a Vital Factor in the Reconstruction of the World." In the evening Dr. Geo. B. Warne President of the National Spiritualists' Association lectured on the topic "PUSH POWER AND PURPOSE."

And when Mrs. Whitwell, Pastor of the First Spiritualist Church of St. Paul, lectured on Saturday afternoon on the topic "HOW MUCH DOES WOMAN OWE TO SPIRITUALISM" and based her lecture on the three words "SUFFRAGE, SOCIALISM AND SPIRITUALISM" I thought that Spiritualism must be bringing new Trinities to the attention of the World. Dr. Warne had the three P's Mrs. Whitwell the three S's and the National Spiritualists' Association has on its new edition of the beautiful propaganda pamphlet dedicated "TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED AND TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED, UNDER THE UNITED FLAG OF THE NATIONS, FOR THE FREEDOM AND LIBERTY OF THE WORLD" the trinity of the three great Red White and Blue Flags, the American, English and French beautifully entwined together on the Front page. I understand that a copy of this new Inter-Allied Pamphlet has been mailed to representatives of all Nations attending the Peace Conference at Paris. I think there must be a significance in the fact that Spiritualism has unfolded three New Trinities in one, Three Day Mid-Winter Mass Meeting, attended by Three Members of the Board of Trustees of the N. S. A.

Alonzo M. Griffen of Chicago lectured on Saturday evening on "SPIRITUALISM AS A DESTRUCTIVE AND A CONSTRUCTIVE FORCE."

At each of the above meetings which were attended by a large and appreciative audience the lectures were followed by Spirit messages by Mrs. C. Lee, Mrs. J. D. Clemmy, Mrs. C. Willar, Mrs. I. Holtman, Mrs. M. Griffin and Rev. Sam'l Rogers and the work of each one was so good as to receive the approval and approbation of every one who attended the meetings.

The Sunday meetings were held in the Beautiful Halls of the Masonic Temple where 800 people can be comfortably seated. At the morning meeting Mrs. Laura Johnson of Minneapolis gave a short talk which she followed with Spirit Messages, Mrs. C. Nelson of St. Paul and Mrs. A. A. Hanson of Minneapolis also gave Spirit Messages.

At the afternoon meeting Alonzo M. Griffen lectured on the topic "THE WORLD BEAUTI-

FUL" and Mrs. C. L. Pettee and Mrs. J. P. Whitwell gave Spirit Messages. Both morning and afternoon meetings were splendidly attended, and at the evening closing meeting the large hall of the Temple was filled almost to its capacity with an intelligent and appreciative audience. The meeting was opened at 7:30 with a thirty minute Organ recital by Miss Anna Whitwell and the lecture of the evening was given by Dr. Geo. B. Warne on "HEARING AND FOLLOWING." His lecture was followed with Spirit Messages by our veteran worker Mrs. Mary Jacobs of Minneapolis. I am sorry that I cannot tell you something of the lectures and messages which were all so splendid, and there were so many marks and words of approval from all sides, but I know that my space is limited, and I must not overstep my allotment. I do want to say, however, that the musical part was fully equal to the high standard of the rest of the program. Vocal solos and duets were beautifully rendered by Members of the Lyceum, also by Misses Sadie and Ida Schlukebier, Miss Lillian May Swanson and Mr. Geo. E. Goodwin. Mrs. Warne accompanied Dr. Warne and all were delighted to meet her and to see her looking so well.

Much regret was expressed that Mrs. Paul Beuhler whose name had been announced to give Spirit Messages on Sunday afternoon was not well enough to fill her assignment. She has been in poor health for many months and it is the earnest hope and prayer of her many friends that she may soon be restored to health and strength and be able to resume her duties as pastor of the North Side Spiritualist Church of Minneapolis.

Nearly all of our Minnesota Mediums and Pastors are now subscribers to THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST and many of them are working hard to get in many new subscriptions before the end of March. They all say Minnesota must do HER PART and then some. I think we have wonderfully good, faithful, loyal and energetic workers in Minnesota and I know that they want to uphold the Banner of the NATIONAL in word, deed and effort. And we are ALL going to work hard and try to send in through our president just the biggest list of subscribers to THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST that you have ever had? I know that several lists have been sent in already and am wondering who will be the next one to send us in a list of names. We have already sent out to some of our best friends in Duluth Bemidji, Wheaton and Winona several copies of THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST AND THIS MONTH we shall hope that each one in those towns receiving a copy will see this letter and will accept it as an invitation to become a subscriber to THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST, subscription price \$1.00 a year, and so be entitled to be considered a loyal member and supporter of the N. S. A. If our friends in those towns will send me a few items of interest concerning the Spiritualist Movement, in their localities, to 17 East Third Street, St. Paul, Minn., I will try to use them in my next letter to the April number of THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST.

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CONDITIONS IN NEW YORK

Our correspondence indicates a widespread interest among Spiritualists of different sections of our country as to what steps will follow after the adverse decision by an upper court of the Empire State in the case of Mrs. Alice I. Ashley.

It is most vital to the future rights of mediums in that jurisdiction that no one shall try to blunder in through mistaken zeal and confuse the pending efforts for justice now being slowly advanced by those officially responsible for direction of the battle.

It would not be the part of discretion for us to publicly reveal at this stage the moves pending in the matter. Let it suffice now to know that President J. F. Steckenreiter and his fellow officers of the General Assembly of New York Spiritualists are not asleep as to their responsibilities.

They have decided to appeal another case covering all the issues involved in the Ashley litigation and preliminary steps for carrying it up were most carefully planned in the inferior trial court. It is believed by the legal talent employed to be in some points stronger than the lost case and a favorable determination of it by the highest State Court will

be welcomed by Spiritualists everywhere as merely common justice to their religious rights as American Citizens.

The officers of the General Assembly feel that the appeal of Mrs. Ashley's case was a mistake and did not know it had been taken until the unfavorable decision was announced, carrying it higher being the action of the interested party and personal friends acting on private legal advice.

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Every Spiritualist in the state of New York should rally with financial donations to help the official board of the General Assembly in carrying out the following praiseworthy undertakings.

"Proper protection and defense of our mediums. 'Carrying up through the various State Courts of a meritorious medium's case for a decision as to our rights as a religious body of people—obtaining of any needed legislation for the following purposes: to hold the sanctity of the seance room as inviolate as the confessional of the priest; to permit any investigator or seeker after truth to openly make an appointment with any duly accredited medium as freely as with a doctor, lawyer, minister or priest, to protect the title of medium by law, just as fully as is that of M. D. or Dentist, and thus aid in distinguishing mediums from those who appropriate that name to more easily prey upon the public for selfish ends."

Our people everywhere have a part and a place in helping on a campaign of that character.

Wake up, Spiritualists of New York and of the United States!

Send your donations to Mrs. Milton Rathbun, treasurer, 306 West 112th Street, New York City.

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THE NATIONAL PAMPHLET

When the Board of Trustees of the N. S. A. in St. Louis, formulated and adopted and decided to publish the sixteen page pamphlet dedicated to "OUR BOTS OVER THERE AND THEIR MOTHERS OVER HERE" they acted with more wisdom and with greater results for the good of the N. S. A. and for the cause of Spiritualism than their highest hopes could lead them to anticipate.

As stated in our previous announcement, the pamphlet consists of sixteen pages seven of which are devoted to Patriotic Aids and to Spiritualist Hymns. Seven other pages are arranged under the following heads, giving a very complete outline of the fundamental principles of Spiritualism. "DEFINITIONS" "DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES" "OBJECTS" "WHAT SPIRITUALISM IS AND DOES" "SPIRITUALIST LOYALTY PLEDGE" "MAN" "SPIRITUALISM A SCIENCE" "A PHILOSOPHY AND A RELIGION."

So great has been the demand for the pamphlet from nearly every State in the Union that the first two editions have been almost entirely disposed of and it will be necessary for the N. S. A. very shortly to publish a third edition in order to meet the constant and growing demand for the pamphlets.

The encouraging words of commendation received from Presidents and Secretaries of Societies and Associations as well as from private individuals who have received and used the pamphlets testify strongly as to its value and merit. Very many such letters are being received constantly, from them I quote a few that are typical of the many.

From St. Louis, "ENCLOSED FIND \$2.00 SEND ME 100 COPIES IT IS GRAND AND WILL DO A GREAT DEAL OF GOOD." From Etna Maine. "I AM SO VERY MUCH PLEASED WITH THE WONDERFUL BOOKLET, I SHALL TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN PLACING THEM WHEREVER IT IS POSSIBLE." From Philadelphia, Pa. "WE ALL ENJOY THOSE PAMPHLETS, THEY ARE WITHOUT DOUBT THE BEST PROPAGANDA MEASURE EVER PRODUCED, SEND ME ANOTHER THREE HUNDRED." From Memphis, Tenn. "I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU, THE PAMPHLETS ARE MASTERFUL, FULL OF GOOD SPIRITUAL TRUTH AND NOTHING SUITS ME BETTER." Again from Etna Maine. "THEY RECEIVE A HEARTY WELCOME FROM NEARLY ALL TO WHOM I SEND THEM. I HAVE MANY LETTERS OF THANKS SPEAKING IN MOST

TENDER APPRECIATION OF THE LITTLE PAMPHLET. From Boston, Mass. "IT IS BEAUTIFUL AND I AM SO GLAD TO HAVE THE WAY MADE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO HAVE IT IN QUANTITY, I ENCLOSE \$2.00 for 100 COPIES." From Memphis, Tenn. "MY FIRST SUGGESTION TO YOU WILL BE, GET EVERY LIVING SOUL ON EARTH TO READ YOUR MESSAGE IN THIS PAMPHLET."

IN MEMORIAM

BAKER.—Mrs. Francis Elizabeth, wife of William H. Baker, passed from physical life on February 2, 1919, at the family home in Baker's Corners, Hamilton County, Indiana, in her seventy-seventh year. She was a native of Auglaize County, Ohio, and the last survivor of—ten children born to Thomas and Jane Hussey, her going making an unbroken parental circle on the other side.

Prior to her marriage on February 14, 1874, she had taught school in Auglaize and Mercer Counties Ohio and in Hamilton County, Indiana. She had inherited from her Quaker ancestry sturdy characteristics which made her life a ceaseless thrifful round of activity and truly fitted her as a devoted companion for her husband in establishing the family homestead in the midst of the experiences of pioneer days as a beacon light of hospitality for forty-five years.

Beloved by all who knew her she is not only sincerely mourned by her husband, by her daughter Mrs. Jesse Hodson and husband and three children Myrina, Jewett and Elizabeth Hodson, but by a large circle of kinsmen and friends.

The final services were conducted at the residence on February 4 by Dr. Geo. B. Warne in the presence of a multitude of people of various beliefs. Interment followed at Sheridan, Ind.

Having been faithful in earthly duties she has entered upon the greater rewards of the Life Beyond.

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KELLY.—The death of Albert H. Kelly in the early morning of Sunday February 9 came as a startling shock to the many friends of himself and family at Pittsburgh, Pa. and Lily Dale, N. Y. He was around in apparent health only the day before and it seemed as though the years before him must be many for his age was only 46. He had recently purchased and began repairs on the Tididout Cottage, next to Library Hall, at Lily Dale preparatory to summer occupancy by his family. He was a loyal friend to the assembly and especially to the Young Folks' Bunch Club. All who knew him turn with tender thoughts to Mrs. Kelly, Little Albert, and all his kindred.

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BARTH.—Mrs. Helen M, wife of Joseph Barth passed from mortal life at the family residence in Chicago Tuesday Morning February 11 and memorial services were conducted first at the home and afterward at the Lily of the West Temple on February 14 by Mrs. Maggie Waite, the latter briefly participated in by Geo. B. Warne, Thomas Grinshaw, Oscar A. Edgerly, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, C. A. Burgess and Frank Joseph, the large Temple being filled to overflowing with sorrowing friends.

Mrs. Barth in the relations of daughter, wife, mother, medium, neighbor and untiring worker for Spiritualism had won hosts of personal friends who share in the sorrow of the husband, son Herbert, daughter Ethel, and the entire circle of relatives over her transition. It hardly seemed as if she could be spared from the activities of earth.

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THAYER.—Memorial services for Sergeant Sanford A. Thayer were conducted on Sunday February 16, in Unity Church, Boston, by Samuel L. Bailleu, Mrs. Minnie M. Soule and Rev. F. A. Wiggins. He passed out in France another sacrifice on the altar of American heroism. His all too short life had been so successful and promised a very bright future. Sympathetic thoughts will go out from many hearts all over the country to Mrs. Margaret J. Butler who had been both Mother and Grandmother to him and he was to her a priceless earthly treasure.

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SPECIAL TRIBUTES

Tribute to Geo. L. Humphrey

It was my privilege to know Mr. Humphrey for many years.

As a true man—an artistic musician, a refined and ever genial gentleman, I have never known one more truly to fill the above qualities.

More than thirty years ago, at Lake Brady, Ohio, Mr. Humphrey as creator and leader of the finest orchestra in the middle west. (The Akron Band) furnished the music for the season (several years) at the Lake Brady Camp.

I do not claim to have "converted" him to the truth of Spiritualism, but he lingered after the orchestra had played—to hear the 1st discourse my guides gave that season. And after that day he was always an interested listener.

He appreciated and responded to my desire for soft, devotional music before the invocation and his selections were of chaste, classical numbers such as one inspired loves to hear.

After several years, his presence at Lily Dale—with his splendid New York Musicians—again brought me in almost daily contact with his genial presence—and his marriage to Mrs. Humphrey (so long honored president of Lily Dale Assembly) was a cause of congratulation.

We all feel to mourn with her the human loss—and companionship of one so gifted and true.

May the light of our Divine knowledge of the Higher Life sustain her and all to whom he is dear, and may they realize that he is "nearer by one form less" than before transition.

CORA L. V. RICHMOND.

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Lily Dale, N. Y., Jan. 29th, 1919.

At an early hour of the morning of December twenty-eighth, our beloved member, George Llewellyn Humphrey departed on life's Great Adventure.

The members of this committee feel that they voice the sentiments of each and every member of the Educational Society of Lily Dale, in expressing deep sorrow at the loss of this beloved co-worker and in sending love and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

They also wish to state the earnest appreciation of the members of the Society, of Mr. Humphrey's musical talent and marked achievements in the musical world and to acknowledge with deep gratitude, his untiring efforts to give to Lily Dale the best his distinguished talent, and the art he so loved, could supply.

Lily Dale Educational Society.

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Mrs. E. W. Vogeley

The Lily Dale Educational Society announces with regret, the passing of a beloved member, Mrs. E. W. Vogeley, at her home 508 Franklin Avenue, Wilkesburg, Pa. Tuesday, January Seventh.

Through this committee the Society wishes to extend to Mr. Vogeley, his daughter and the many close relatives who will miss the dear earthly presence, heartfelt sympathy, and to emphasize the blessedness of the Spiritualist faith that knows no separation, save that of material form.

Lily Dale Educational Society.

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LYCEUM DEPARTMENT

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THE CHILDREN

"O little feet! That such long years
Must wander on through hopes and fears,
Must ache and bleed beneath your load
I, nearer to the wayside inn,
Where toil shall cease and rest begin,
Am weary thinking of your road.

"O little hands! That weak or strong,
Have still to serve or rule so long,
Have still so long to give or ask:
I, who so much book and pen
Have toiled among my fellow men,
Am weary thinking of your task.

"O little souls! As pure and white,
And crystalline as rays of light
Direct from heaven, their source divine:
Refracted through the mist of years
How limitless your work appears
How much surpass all work of mine."

A CHILD'S LAUGH

"Strike with hand of fire, O weird musician, thy
harp strung with Apollo's golden hair; fill the vast
cathedral aisles with symphonies sweet and dim, death
touches of the organ keys;

"Blow, bugler, blow until the silver notes do
touch and kiss the moonlight wave and charms the
lovers wandering midst the vine-clad hills;

"But know your sweetest strains are discords
all, compared with childhood's happy laugh—The
laugh that fills the eyes with light and every heart
with joy."—Ingersol.

Through the ever open gates of life comes each
year some great truth, some universal hope that
gleaming through the present of shattered days lights
the pathway of saddened ones. Wonderful it is
that the greatest light that ever has shone through
is not through the hand of the philosopher, scientist
or sage but through the gifted power of little chil-
dren.

We who this month will celebrate with enthusiasm
the advent of modern Spiritualism I trust will not be
unmindful of the part childhood has played in the
New Revelation. There is a debt we owe to the
living children in partial payment for that which
the little children of Hydesville have given humanity.
These little ones living who some day must face
the Death Angel whom we have been taught by
orthodox teachers closed every avenue to natural life
and expression.

We always try to teach our children in a general
way to meet bravely all obstacles and conquer them.
The last enemy to overcome is Death, and the only
way to defeat this is to know it does not bar the
way of life or opportunity but is indeed the open
arch whose way leads to endless progression.

God bless the children, the gate tenders, the road
builders to Paradise.

If fate hath given thee no child
To lie within thine arm
That by its presence undefiled
Should keep the soul from harm
If thou wert truly Mother-born
Thou wouldst have played the part
Found other little ones forlorn
To fold within thy heart.

ANNA L. GILLESPIE.

THOUGHTS BY A PRACTICAL MODEST LYCEUM WORKER

To the Lyceum Department of THE NATIONAL
SPIRITUALIST:

We are often criticised and called non-religious
because we do not teach the Bible to our children.
Our spiritual Lyceum is a non-sectarian Sunday
school. Teaching creeds and precise dogmas is not

our object. Our aim is to guide the child's tastes
and ideas, but never to dominate them.

We believe the religion of the world is essentially
one; that the foundation of the religious mood is the
belief that the world is spiritual and alive, filled
with and moved by good will towards the individual.

Any lesson that helps the child to feel spirit and
think good will in the universe is a religious lesson.
Any lesson that helps to break down the sense of
isolation of the individual is a religious lesson.

Whatever brings the individual into confidential
relations with the purposes in the world, that seem
to include his own, and supplement and protect them
is a religious lesson.

The greatest need of the Lyceum today is
teachers. Teachers should understand that education
is drawing out and unfolding the ideas of the child,
rather than putting ideas into his mind.

How are we to maintain our ideas of guiding
the child's tastes and ideas if we do not find out
what his ideas and tastes are?

The story-telling method seems to be the most
efficient way of reaching the child and gaining his
confidence.

Touching the child's life through the medium of a
story is like a friendly hand-clasp. The little ones
immediately enter into the spirit of the lesson, and
each one has some personal experience or observa-
tion to relate.

A story is especially useful in developing char-
acter. A fault can be made very unattractive and
repulsive and the good very desirable without being
too preachy.

Many of the Bible stories appeal to the child and
are especially good for the middle period of child-
hood, both in their moral and intellectual effects.
For example, the story of "Jacob's Ladder," with a
pencil sketch of angels coming and going, and Dr.
Austin's poem, "Jacob's Prayer," for the spiritual
interpretation makes a beautiful lesson.

All the Bible stories worth telling could be treated
this way. Our children would then have no occa-
sion to feel ashamed when the familiar Bible stories
are referred to in our schools, as many of them claim
they are, but could meet the so-called Christian on
his own ground.

If through our lessons we bring the child into
harmonious relations with the laws of nature and
create an attitude that will foster the completion
in him of the growth which nature herself is trying
to carry on, a process in which he is to be trans-
formed from a playing, irresponsible child, to a
working, devout adult, and keeping him balanced in
this transformation, and true to the course of de-
velopment, can any creed or Bible do more?

The Lyceum is not for children only. We recog-
nize the fact that any adult is capable of greater
spiritual and mental unfoldment. Any adult desir-
ing such growth should attend the Lyceum and keep
growing.

An earnest worker from Minnesota.

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AN IDEAL PRAYER

Not more of light, I ask, O God,

But eyes to see what is;

Not sweeter songs, but power to hear

The present melodies;

Not greater strength, but how to use

The power that I possess;

No more of love, but skill to turn

A frown into caress;

Not more of joy, but power to feel

Its kindling presence near;

To give to others all I have

Of courage and of cheer!

No other gifts, dear God, I ask,

But only sense to see

How best the precious gifts to use,

Thou hast bestowed on me!

Give me all fears to dominate,

All holy joys to know;

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C. FANNY ALLYN

Six lines by Mrs. Allyn printed in "Glad Tidings"
in 1898.

Angels waiting at Life's Gate,
We would turn from sin and hate,
Loving ones in peace divine,

We would learn at Wisdom's shrine,
Live in goodness on this shore
Till we join you evermore.

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I was glad to see that Brother Howe of the West
Side Lyceum had sent in this ancient rhyme of
mine. I have had the pleasure of working with
him years ago in a Lyceum. Now to see that he
is still active in the work brings many pleasant mem-
ories.

It is stated that Paul Jones, of Revolutionary
fame, responded to a call of "Have you struck your
colors yet?" by saying, "No, I've just begun to
fight." So after over 50 years in Lyceum and
Rostrum work, I feel the same.

There is so much need of teaching spiritual prin-
ciples, instead of dogmas; living rightly instead of
vague beliefs; knowledge instead of faith, that every
year increases the importance of the work! Our
English cousins are more alive than we are to the
Lyceum work.

Americans seem to delight in "messages" to
themselves. But the duty of the active work, to
others, is lost sight of by many.

My Bible (personal) reads *All days too holy to be
wrong. No day too holy to do right.* I know that
many have not yet grown to following the old
command of "Remember the Sabbath," etc, but pre-
Constantine's manufactured Sunday. As the man
was a murderer, I fail to recognize his leadership.

Some ask, "Why remind us of this? Keep on
day!" I prefer to try to keep all days. Do I? No!
no! I keep company with the rest of the world.
But like the little girl who prayed: "O Lord, make
me a good girl but if at first you don't succeed,
try, try, try again!" But if we teach causes and
effects and in our Lyceum teach:

No marriage without true love; parents are re-
sponsible for children's ante and past natal character;
we shall arrive at more holiness than theology has
been teaching.

Not faith but knowledge! Not belief in salva-
tion through one man, but through ~~many~~ many
prayer by good deeds and kindly words; Hate
of no person, but fight against injustice and Wrong.
Daily aspirations for a better life; Reception of
thoughts from Our Arisen Friends; Concentration
of thought and readiness to find good thoughts, good
deeds and the kingdom of heaven within, ~~here~~ as
now!

We need Lyceums for adults as much as for chil-
dren. So, I am with Paul Jones. I daily find the
need of learning more. I am 77 in years, but I feel
I am only 7 in knowledge. And while I echo the
need for young workers, I do not find them so
more enthusiastic in the work than we of the older
class.

Like our patriotic friends, it takes some experi-
ence to bring out the necessities of a spiritualist
education. I have worked with three generations
in patriotism and spiritualism! I saw a flag raised
at a Spiritualist camp where no salute was given.
Old Glory went bravely up the flagstaff. With an-
other W. R. C. woman I stood at "attention." Two
men removed their hats. I believe in the young
workers. We need them and welcome them! But
some of us older ones, like Daniel Webster, "don't
live." We are still active even though wrinkles and
gray hair tell us we are old in years. "Amen."

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THE ADVENTURE BEAUTIFUL

Today the journey is ended;

I have worked out the mandates of fate;

Naked, alone, undefended,

I knock at the uttermost gate.

Lo! the gate swings wide at my knocking;

Across endless reaches I see

Lost friends with laughter come flocking

To give a glad welcome to me.

Farewell! the maze has been threaded;

This is the ending of strife;

Say not that death should be dreaded,

'Tis but the beginning of life.

From a poem in a soldier's letter published in the
Literary Digest.

E. C. J.