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## GENERAL SURVEY.

THE SPIRITUALISTIC FIELD—ITS WORKERS,  
DOINGS, ETC., THE WORLD OVER.

TO CONTRIBUTORS.—It is impossible to publish everything that comes to this office, however meritorious it may be, and no one should feel in the least offended because his (or her) article does not appear. Our space is limited, and we often deeply regret that certain articles are crowded out.

Bear in mind, please, that we cannot publish weekly reports of meetings. Whenever a change is made in speakers, or anything of special interest, send us a brief item, please. A great deal can be expressed in a dozen lines; but long reports will not be used. Meetings of local interest only. We extend cordial invitation to all speakers to send in their appointments to lecture, and general movements, which will be read by at least 40,000. We go to press early Monday morning, and items must reach us as early as Friday or Saturday in order to have a chance of being used.

Communications must always be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer, or no attention will be paid to them.

Amie Lord Chamberlain writes from San Diego, Cal.: "Mrs. Mary P. Merrill is a pleasing speaker, and is now working a two-month campaign with the National Avenue Spiritualist Association. Mrs. Maude Freitag is astonishing the skeptics and delighting her many friends with the wonderful ballistics this month for the First Society. Mr. Ben Barney, the well-known medium, is doing a good work for the Advance Guard. There are many good leaders in San Diego, but I have not space to mention only Mrs. R. C. Clark, with whom I am now stopping, and she is truly one of the most wonderful women of the age. Mrs. Clark has done wonders for me. I can remember a cruel and a cruel time of the time with out help from a cure, and my head, from which I have suffered so much since the Herd accident in Boston, has been greatly benefited and I have no doubt will be entirely cured through her powers. Is unconscious when doing her work, and has made many converts to Spiritualism."

Mrs. Willa R. Carrington writes from Nebraska City, Neb., of her interest in Spiritualism and of her experiences in connection therewith. She affirms "there is everything to substantiate the theory, that our dear departed in spirit-land are enjoying a conscious existence, and are God's messengers of peace and warning to us."

Arrangements have been made for Anniversary celebration in the First Spiritualist Church, Denver, Colo., March 25, 26 and 27. March 28 Dr. G. C. B. Ewell has accepted a call to Leadville to conduct Anniversary exercises, and will spend a week or more in a series of meetings, and respond to calls connected with the work.

Theodore F. Price commences a two-months' engagement at Grand Rapids, Mich., the first Sunday in March, and will be in Buffalo, N. Y., for the First Society of Spiritualists, during May.

G. H. Brooks closed his second engagement for this season with the Unity Spiritual Society, of Milwaukee, Wis., the last night in February. His engagement was very successful indeed. The society was never more prosperous than now, and there is perfect harmony through it all. Mr. Brooks goes to St. Joseph, Mo., for the month of March, and his address will be 417 South 9th street, St. Joseph, Mo. He will respond to calls for further and further engagements. Send telegrams to the above number. His three night meetings in Leon, Wis., were successful. Much interest seemed to be manifested.

Geo. F. Perkins writes: "I have returned to Chicago, and am more than pleased with the attention and appreciation of my work at Fort Wayne, Ind."

C. W. B. writes from Hebo, Oregon: "I live almost on the shores of the old Pacific Ocean, but I do not live so far away that The Progressive Thinker does not reach me once a week, freighted with the grand thoughts of Modern Spiritualism. We have quite a number of Spiritualists here, and some of them are quite a credit to the cause. Some of our mediums and home talent expect to visit the camp at New Era, Clackamas county, Oregon, the coming summer."

Mrs. Caroline Duell writes from Cottage Grove, Oregon, to voice her disappointment in finding that Mrs. Myra F. Faine's "Easy Lessons in Spiritual Science" text-book is not a very fine recommendation as proved beyond doubt, and she says: "I find all the good and proper teaching of this otherwise truly spiritual book contradicted and rendered useless by this to me (and I believe the majority of Spiritualists)—unscientific, useless assertion, that is utterly incapable of verification."

Sarah Stone Rockhill writes from Alliance, Ohio: "We are having meetings in the Independent church here. Mr. Dell Herrick, of Akron, speaks next Sunday, and the following Sunday Mr. J. R. Bellert, of Battle Creek, Mich., lectures on the law of vibration. His lecture last Sunday on the above subject was perfectly as I could wish. He lectured here in the City Hall last evening to quite an audience, that was perfectly satisfied with the lecture and tests given. I am a stranger in this part of the country, and attended the meeting out of curiosity, and was dumb-founded to have this medium describe my mother so perfectly as I could wish. He lectured here in the City Hall last evening to quite an audience, that was perfectly satisfied with the lecture and tests given. I am a stranger in this part of the country, and attended the meeting out of curiosity, and was dumb-founded to have this medium describe my mother so perfectly as I could wish. He lectured here in the City Hall last evening to quite an audience, that was perfectly satisfied with the lecture and tests given. I am a stranger in this part of the country, and attended the meeting out of curiosity, and was dumb-founded to have this medium describe my mother so perfectly as I could wish."

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W. Sprague, missionary of the N. S. A., is now laboring under their auspices to organize a State Association in New York. He has open dates, and can be secured to lecture and give platform tests at camp-meetings for the season of 1897. He also has open time for the lecture season of 1897 and 1898, and solicits correspondence with societies relative to engagements. Address him at 905 Grove street, Mendocino, Pa.

J. O. R. writes from Woodstock, Ill.: "C. E. de Ricard, pastor of the First Spiritual Temple at Fort Wayne, Ind., has been holding a series of meetings in Woodstock and surrounding towns. He lectured here in the City Hall last evening to quite an audience, that was perfectly satisfied with the lecture and tests given. I am a stranger in this part of the country, and attended the meeting out of curiosity, and was dumb-founded to have this medium describe my mother so perfectly as I could wish. He lectured here in the City Hall last evening to quite an audience, that was perfectly satisfied with the lecture and tests given. I am a stranger in this part of the country, and attended the meeting out of curiosity, and was dumb-founded to have this medium describe my mother so perfectly as I could wish."

M. P. Davidson writes from St. Joe, Mo.: "We had a splendid meeting last night. (Continued on Page 8)"

## GLANCING AT SPIRITUALIST EXCHANGES.

A new Spiritualist Society has been started at Levonia, Italy. There are to-day in the various penitentiaries one criminal to every 750 inhabitants—showing a vast increase in crime. Spiritualists, see to it that all fraud is stamped out of our glorious cause.

There are 163 societies that have joined the National Association. "Spiritualism," Mrs. Little claims, "may now be classed among the religions," "sustained," she should have added, "by science and philosophy."

The Lyceum Banner, by J. J. Morse, is a general favorite in England. It is published monthly. Write to him, care Lyceum, and see what he will furnish for by the dozen. Address as follows: J. J. Morse, 26 Osborn Road, St. Euston Road, London, N. W. Eng.

Mrs. Little recommends the home circle as the most satisfactory way to investigate Spiritualism.

Mr. Elworthy, the author of "The Evil Eye," gives some instances of superstitions still existing in the west country. A young Exeter shopkeeper of the same name has himself been an example. Emily Lee, a hawker from Plymouth, and Mrs. Elworthy she was looking ill, and was bewitched by a former sweetheart of her husband's, and would pine away till she died, and her husband would marry the other girl, unless the planets were ruled—a feat she offered to perform for a consideration. To rule the planets for this purpose, and also to bring wealth from Australia, needed a lot of money, and altogether Mrs. Elworthy was weeded out of it.

South America it is claimed has fourteen periodicals devoted to Spiritualism. It is claimed that not one-half of the officers of the camp-meetings take any Spiritualist paper. Yet they seek in every possible way for gratuitous advertising.

It is claimed that wrong belief has a deleterious effect on the spirit, dwarfing it.

Mind is a fulcrum for producing thought, says the Melbourne editor.

The Freecell Camp will have a hall seating about 600.

Priestcraft is beginning to be hated in Brazil. A paper published there bears the curious title, "Twenty Second of September." It glories in the fact that the temporal power of the pope has been destroyed.

All the churches claim that Jesus is the only son of God, when every little "Arab" on the streets can claim a relationship with the Divine Spirit. "The only begotten son-business is played out in this nineteenth century."

Richard Harte thinks that the attempt to command the spirits is an exaggeration in one direction which is watched in another direction by voluntary submission to them.

There are about forty Spiritualist societies in the Argentine Republic. A little camp "Leaflet" starts out with—"We do not expect to ridicule any of the Spiritualist papers." This lifts a great load from the Spiritualist press, and sleep in the future will be more calm and refreshing in each case.

This Leaflet is published in the interest of the cause, and is a good thing. The camp certainly ought to prove a success after its "Leaflets" intimation that it will not ridicule the Spiritualist papers, which will enable them to survive another year at least.

The Singapore Free Press spoke out pretty plainly on the Christian missionary dodge of getting money from the Chinese spirit mediums. After having been a long time in the city, they will teach only secular education, and then using the schools as agencies to bring heathen souls to Jesus. In ascertaining our relation to the Spirit World the old ideas constantly act as an impediment to the reception of spiritual truth.

When Dr. Henry Slade was in Europe many years ago, a child was brought to him who was clairvoyant. A sitting for slate-writing was being held. The slate was suspended from a gas lamp above the table. Those in attendance obtained some writing. While the writing was going on the child looking attentively at the slate exclaimed: "Oh! papa, what beautiful white hands I see!"

One advanced thinker entertains the idea that the whole creation is psychic and not material. Ernest S. Green says that the late Prof. Wm. Denton, a noted geologist, obtained an aerolite rock, and without stating its nature, sent or took it personally to 30 psychometrists, most of whom, being ignorant of geology and aerolite, and without being told with the fact that they had an aerolite until apprised of it by their psychometric power; yet all gave corroborative descriptions to the effect that it was from an extinct planet.

Geo. A. Fuller says: "I am a believer in each and every phase of mediumship, but I am sorry to be obliged to stand upon a Spiritualist's shoulders and make the confession that there have been and still are many who, under the sacred name of Spiritualism, are polluting, degrading the cause." Right, Doctor, and some of the Spiritualist papers are promoting the same by trying to cover up the "pollution."

Spiritualism has proven the fact that the Scriptures were at best but an "incomplete list of the words of the prophets," yet they maintain a superstition away over a vast number of people.

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Augusta Frances Tripp says that "we learn of the All Truth that we are divine, filled with undeveloped possibilities."

Last Sunday Moses Hull lectured at Berkeley Hall, Boston. He is a favorite there.

Prof. Lockwood is with the Norwich Spiritualist Society, Ct. Mrs. Lockwood speaks highly of the good work he is doing.

Carrie F. Loring, of East Braintree, Vt., is doing an excellent work. Mrs. J. A. Chapman speaks of one of her lectures: "Many thought-gems were left with her conditions for better modes of living here and now."

Isabella Beecher Hooker says that Spiritualism goes far ahead of "orthodox Christianity" "as a deterrent from vice, and an encouragement of all that is good." Right, sister.

T. C. Jefferson, of 421 South Ninth street, St. Joseph, Mo., is a medium; speaks several Oriental languages, under spirit control, and is a fine soprano singer. He would like to live in New York City, and desires someone to get him a situation there.

W. J. Colville says: "The Bible teaches that prophets and apostles who have healed the sick did not perform a vicarious work on behalf of the afflicted, but they helped those who were in bondage to error to get free from its control." Elsie, who told Naaman to wash seven times in Jordan, is a sample prophet of the highest rank, for whatever interpretation be put upon the letter of the narrative, the spirit of it is unmistakably a teaching that man must so change his mode of life from wrong to right, that whereas he formerly suffered (through his own negligence) the effects of wrongful action, he may henceforth enjoy the fruits of wise and righteous conduct."

## A BEAUTIFUL LIGHT.

"Oh, I see such a beautiful light right above the table," said one lady. "I am standing with quite a halo round it. This, I thought, was getting quite interesting, and I was about to have a look round for some of my lost kin, when, as if resuming my low-born curiosity, the table jerked itself on end, and became a barometer. A black and white light, which I had spoken of, was on the other side, the fair one went into ecstasy over the beautiful form. I was encircled in darkness; she was basking in light."

FLOODED WITH MUSIC. Again the room was flooded with music, while I even could make out, or at least thought I did, several figures which evolved themselves into shape akin to human. Becoming a little excited with my glimpse of the unseen, I pushed forward a chair, and went to look in the darkness, and in the silence which prevailed it made a startling sound. "What was that?" asked one. "Did you hear that noise?" said another; and as there was likely to be some doubt about its origin, I murmured from my corner that my book (which I had just been turning to) contained a story of a man who was taken by the lights and vanished for a time. But the spell was not broken. Again







