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Where the verdure of green is merged
with the unseen
In the groves of immortal light;
Let the soul's summertime fresh and
sublime
Be free from winter's cold blight,
And the morning's repose beam fresh
as the rose,
Where all in true love unite.
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October 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1903,
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All Spiritualists are invited to be present. MARY T. LONGLEY, Secretary.
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THE HIGHER LAW.

Its Influence Over Human Life Considered.

The assertion that there is nothing existing that is out of the domain of law is true, but the many different phases of its manifestations justify the use of the terms higher and lower when alluding to its operations. When mankind has developed far enough to be conscious that there were political, social and moral obligations due from the individual to the larger associative body, and that also was under obligations to the individual, it began to formulate laws and to externally manifest them, by which both parties should be governed. This form of its manifestation is what may be termed the lower law, because not having developed to a comprehension of its higher phases it could not be made conscious of its presence, only through its materialization.

The lower operations of this universal law are mostly of a prohibitive nature; it is those laws which are enforced with penalties attached for violation. Not that this prohibitive legislation is unnecessary, for under the present as well as the past phases of life's development it is apparent that there was and is need of these restrictive measures to hold in check the turbulent forces of undeveloped life. We wish to illustrate the fact that in proportion as the higher phases of that law are developed in the individual or society at large there will be less need of the lower forms of its manifestation.

Human society is such a combination of the varied forms of development, physically, morally and spiritually that what is adapted to one phase would be inapplicable to others. The effort of the more advanced civilizations of the present is to strike a general average and make laws result in the greatest good to the greatest number. Under the lower manifestations of law, fear is a prominent factor in controlling life. The law to punish theft would have no bearing in controlling an honest person; one who as far as their individual conduct is concerned could dispense with its enforcement, but at the same time the honest person must realize that however high the ideal may be to which they have attained, the actual condition of average life must be considered, and as long as the fact remains apparent in life that all have not attained unto absolute honesty, the law to control the thief must be enforced.

The evidence presented gives conclusive proof that the race as a whole is nearer that plane where it can understand more perfectly than ever before the operations and requirements of the higher law, it is practically superseding the lower, and as the age is well it will heed the warning, for it was the disregard of it that caused in the past those violent upheavals and revolutions that have shaken the political, social and religious structures of the world.

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We read on one page of our daily paper glowing accounts of the gorgeous display of dress and equipages used in coronations and in the pomp of visiting monarchs and church dignitaries. On the other page account of suffering caused by the arrogance and selfishness of those who would take more than their rightful share of the bounties provided for mankind. The dominion of the higher law would remove all of those discordant forces by recognizing the fact that all are entitled to regal splendor because of their humanity, and those legalized conditions which at present are holding a large body of the race down to the dominion of the lower law would be removed. "The mills of God grind slowly." The time taken to evolve the more perfect manifestations of the higher may seem to our earthly life to be of great length, and the revolutionary forces are seemingly used at times to quicken the advance movement. But whether those revolutionary movements are temporary failures or permanently successful they cannot come until the nation or race has progressed far enough toward an understanding of the higher law that they realize as a last resort a revolution is needed for its more perfect consummation.

That the new order of life will cause a lack of appreciation of the sublime or beautiful either in art or nature is to be supposed, neither is it desirable; but it will change the line of appreciation of what is considered sublime or beautiful from the present standard to a higher one. The cry is still heard as of old, "Baal is a great God, whose ever faithful not down and worship him shall we cast into the fiery furnace." The new order of life will give us character instead of the mere accidents of birth and station. Fortunately the world has had some examples of that higher law embodied in individual life presented to it for appreciation. For what fact do we do homage to the two most prominent characters that are embodied in our country's history, Washington and Lincoln? It is not because they were at one time placed upon the pedestal of temporary power, but because of the exalted character of their lives aside from any external considerations. That such minds could be prevented from assuming a leading position in the affairs of life would be as impossible as to make effective a proclamation forbidding the axial revolution of the earth.

As our physical universe is yet in its formative stage, which is evidenced by nature's convulsions in her effort to perfect the conditions of life and how ever terrific and destructive they may be of the present forms, it is not the death but the birth throes that we witness, a struggling to more perfectly manifest the higher law, so with the unrobust existing in the political, social

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All money in donations or collections intended for the N. S. A. Mediums' Home or Relief Fund, should be sent to this office to the secretary, if not directly paid to our authorized missionaries, who can show a missionary certificate of later date than October, 1902. No other is authorized to collect money for this association. Contributions, large or small, are gratefully accepted.

MARY T. LONGLEY,
N. S. A. Secretary.

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Is Embalming Advisable?
George Wilson, of Rochester, N. Y., was pronounced dead last Sunday, and on Monday his body was placed on a table and an undertaker prepared to embalm it. As he was about to begin operations the supposed corpse at once opened its eyes and commenced talking with such eloquence that the embalming process was indefinitely postponed. Wilson is reported to be in a fair way to live several years, says the Chicago Chronicle.

The episode, however, suggests the unpleasant query, How many people are subjected to the embalming process before life is extinct? How many people whose lives might have been saved have been killed by the embalming operation?

These questions are not inspired by mere gloomy fancy. Before embalming became common there were beyond doubt many cases of premature burial. People were buried in a state of catalepsy and awoke to suffer a horrible death by suffocation in the grave. In a few recorded instances such cataleptics were rescued before interment, having been conscious of the preparations for burial but unable to utter a word or move a muscle.

The embalming operation destroys the possibility of such rescues. If the subject be not dead when the embalmer begins work he is killed by the process. The injection of the veins with a poisonous fluid renders any thought of resuscitation impossible.

When we consider that no absolutely certain test of death save decomposition is known to science and when we consider further that most bodies are embalmed within a few hours after death has been pronounced to have taken place the ghastly possibilities of such haste are self-evident.

To embalm a body before there are positive indications of a morbid metamorphosis of tissue is to take the risk of killing a man or a woman who may be thoroughly alive in every respect, with the ability to cry out in protest. The subject so vitally affects every one that it is worthy of the most serious consideration. Should immediate embalming be permitted?

Pope Leo Eulogized From the Spiritualist Rostrom.

The Lynn (Mass.) Evening News says:

"The fine weather of Sunday, July 25, together with the announcement that Mrs. May Pepper, the wonderful psychic, was to appear there, brought together the largest audience that has assembled at Unity Camp since it was opened to the public, it being estimated that fully 3,000 people were in attendance to hear this remarkable woman."

"Mrs. Pepper read a poem entitled, 'I See Things Better Now,' which she followed with an eloquent address on the 'Purposes of Life and Its Application.' She paid high tribute to Pope Leo XIII., and dwelt at considerable length on the purpose which people had in life and their success in their various fields depended on their zealous application to whatever they were adapted and undertook, and then if they failed it was because, undoubtedly, they had mistaken their calling. She gave several illustrations of men who had become prominent by their hard work, study and application to their chosen fields of labor and closed with an eloquent peroration."

We were surprised to read the above, and find that Mrs. Pepper eulogized the pope, whose religion was false throughout, whose vast learning was all rubbish, and who held in abject bondage a mass of superstition and ignorance unparalleled in the history of the world, and who claimed that Spiritualism is from the devil, and yet this man is eulogized from the Spiritualist rostrum by Mrs. Pepper. Just read the following from Paris, France, illustrating the devilishness of Pope Leo's church. It was established in court on the cross-examination of sixty-nine witnesses that the punishments inflicted at the Refuge of Notre Dame De La Charite, was the cutting off of hair of such girls as possessed luxuriant locks, and the hair-dressers of Tours and Paris testified that they purchased large quantities of human hair from the convent at regular market prices. Another punishment was the "cross of the tongue," which consisted in girls being compelled to draw the sign of the cross on the floor of the chapel with their tongues. In extreme cases the form of punishment in use was called "Bourse de vache," during which girls' faces were smeared with filth from a cow's stable. A witness, Mile Lea Boulay, testified that on the day of her first communion she was forced by the tyrannical sisters to walk, barefooted, over sharp stones, with a crown of thorns on her head, and was obliged to kiss the feet of all the other sisters and the servants, even of those who worked in the cow-house.

The above extract from an article in the New York Tribune illustrates the diabolical influence of the Catholic church, and the Spiritualist rostrum is applied to a poor use when its head, Pope Leo, is eulogized without any qualification.

We will here say that Mrs. Pepper is a lady of fine attainments and irreproachable character, and one of the foremost of mediums and a very old and honest Jesuit must have taken possession of her to eulogize Pope Leo.

Missionaries of Romanism.

The head of the Department of Public Instruction of New York has handed down a decision, which will be received with acclaim by every lover of liberty. It is that no teacher in the public schools of that state shall wear any clothing indicative of religious sect or order.

"Wearing of an unusual dress or garb, worn exclusively by members of one religious denomination for the purpose of indicating membership in that denomination, by the teachers in the public schools during school hours while teaching therein, constitutes a sectarian influence, and the teaching of a denominational tenet or doctrine, which ought not to be persisted in. It is the duty of school authorities to require such teachers to discontinue, while in the public school room and in the performance of their duties as such teachers therein, the wearing of such dress or garb."

This decision will put a stop to the practice of employing "Sisters" of any order as teachers, an abuse which has been growing. Whenever Catholic influence prevails especially in country districts, the repulsive garments of nuns or "Sisters" have been conspicuous in the "little red school house," and the poisonous influence of Catholicism has been insidiously instilled into the receptive minds of the children. The case on which this notable decision was given, went up from such a district, when an Irish Catholic trustee, against the wishes of a majority of the district, employed a nun for teacher. But he will now have to dismiss the missionaries of the church, and the services of such throughout at least one and the greatest state, will be dispensed with.

"Just How to Wake the Solar Plexus," By Elizabeth Towne. Valuable for health. Price 25 cents.

A STORM CENTER IN THE Ranks of Spiritualism.

A storm has arisen in the world of Spiritualism, in the form of "The Great Psychological Crime," and it has swept into its radiance many others besides Spiritualists. A word from one of these may not be amiss.

To the earnest seeker for knowledge and truth, who has grown weary and sick at heart with the philosophies, fables and cults of the present day; who has failed to find in Christianity the active, vital, livable principle which his soul craves; who has been forced to make for himself a more or less satisfactory standard of life; and who has become convinced that for him the great mysteries of life and death must forever remain unsolved;—to such a one, the book holds out a promise of hope and comfort that is startling, by reason of its unexpectedness.

Instead of elaborate, beautiful, or intricate theories, he is presented with facts which the author tells him are scientifically demonstrable. Instead of a scheme of salvation, by which he may purchase or have purchased for him his future happiness, he finds that his ultimate destiny depends upon himself. By reason of his own conduct he is a creature of infinite growth and development, if he so wills. Or, just as freely is the road of retrogression which leads to ultimate destruction open to him. This conception of man lends a dignity and value to life and personal endeavor which must commend itself to the thinking and aspiring man or woman, no matter what his creed or belief. And these are not theories, but facts. Therein lies the whole value of the book.

Who will investigate? The cold scientist, who seeks only to add new data to his column of things known? The student who holds knowledge above all things most desirable? The Christian to whom the creeds and dogmas of the church have become a dead letter? The Spiritualist? The skeptic? The agnostic? To all, and as the result of the investigation will be equally interesting to all.

For a better understanding of the philosophy taught by the School of Natural Science, the student should be familiar with the first book of this series—"Harmonies of Evolution." Many who have not been vitally interested in Spiritualism, and the phenomena of mediumship and hypnotism, will find their personal needs more fully met by this first volume. It is a book to read and re-read many times for a full appreciation of the beauty and dignity of the philosophy. The two books present subject matter for endless thought and discussion. The year and a half spent by the writer of these lines, together with a group of fellow students in the study of Harmonies of Evolution, and (since its publication) The Great Psychological Crime, has only increased their interest. Each new reading means renewed pleasure and profit, and it is safe to say that the day is not far distant when the School of Natural Science will have thousands of students in this land of liberty and progress. R. HODGES, Omaha, Neb.

A Sensible Request.

Secretary Longley of the N. S. A., in a general circular of July 25, says:

"We learn there will be several candidates for the office of president. While societies can properly express to delegates their preference, members of the N. S. A. executive board request that delegates be not absolutely bound to vote for any special person, as the election hour may bring emergencies in which it will be wise for the delegates to use their best judgment as to voting privileges."

This is a sensible request. Each candidate must stand on his own merits, and petty electioneering should be avoided. The next convention will act in accordance to its highest consideration of right and justice, in its election of a presiding officer. The names of all the candidates will be announced in The Progressive Thinker, and that must suffice. The office should seek the individual, and not the individual the office. It is certainly in bad taste for any candidate to allow his friends to write to Tom, Dick, Harry, etc., asking for special endorsements for the presidency of the N. S. A.

Readers, Take Due Notice.

No one can intelligently review "A Great Psychological Crime" without first carefully reading the book, hence no criticism of the same will be admitted to our columns unless the above conditions are complied with.

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POPE, LEO ON EARTH AND IN SPIRIT LIFE.



A POOR LIKENESS OF A POOR OLD POPE.

The above is a portrait of one of the most remarkable men of the present age, lately passed to spirit life. He was only remarkable in the sense that he was the custodian of more intellectual attic rubbish, of more errors, of more falsehoods, of more erroneous teachings, of more disreputable dogmas, and of more of that which has no basic foundation in truth, than any other person on the face of this earth. Greatness on this globe is a term that has been and will continue to be variously used. A man may be a great thief, a great snigger, a great liar, a great deceiver, and a great promulgator of religious shams of various kinds; to be great in that sense is to be great in a direction far from commendable or praiseworthy.

The greatness of Pope Leo consisted almost exclusively of chaff, and of the erroneous accumulations of ages. It is really one of the anomalies of the age how a man without any basis foundation in truth can maintain supremacy over millions of people. He had seen the scepter, to a certain extent, pass from under his control in Mexico, Italy, and in some of the states of South America. He had seen the convents and monasteries of Mexico confiscated by the government and sold under the hammer of the auctioneer. He had seen his exalted prestige depart from there and his influence wane into almost nothingness. He once dictated to that country who should be the president; but latterly he had no choice whatever in that respect. His interference in political affairs in that distracted nation would at once cause his suppression and the banishment of his followers. It required Mexico many years after the Spanish conquest to throw off the oppressive yoke that the Roman Catholics had forced upon the people.

Now go to Italy, and you will find the pope was shorn to a great extent of his supremacy there. Even in that far-off country, where he reigned at one time supreme, he was deprived of much of his power and influence, and church property, to a certain extent, had been confiscated by the government.

Confined to the Vatican, attended by a retinue of soldiers and pliant tools to do him homage, he chafed under legal restraint, and looked in every direction for a foothold where he could enlarge the scope of his power.

Examine the above portrait and you will see one of the most influential men of the present age; but his influence, as we have intimated, was of a pernicious kind, and not tending to elevate humanity to a higher plane. In fact, all that this mighty potentate represented was founded on a false basis which should not have an existence to-day. No longer considered infallible, he stood forth to all honest, reflecting minds simply as a man around whom had been woven a glamor that made many think that he stood at the right hand of God.

Analyzed critically and comprehensively, Pope Leo was the greatest failure of the age. His greatness was not genuinely great; his goodness was not genuinely good; his virtues were not genuinely virtues, and his teachings were the quintessence of falsehood. As a physical individual we will carefully analyze him, supposing him to be of a certain weight. Divested of his immortal spirit, all that remains is about 150 pounds of gross material. That material is in no sense more sacred than the constituents of any other mortal body, whether in a Babylon on one of the deserts of the old world, or an African sleeping sluggishly under a palm-tree, or a murderer who has just been offered up as a sacrifice to the indignation of a violated law. The body divested of its indwelling spirit, becomes the abode of millions of unclean and loathsome worms. Analyzed from a physical standpoint, then, his poor old physical remains, a mass of corruption, will be found to contain approximately the following:

Oxygen, 107 pounds; hydrogen, 13 pounds; carbon, 21 pounds; nitrogen, 8 pounds; phosphorus, 2 pounds; calcium, 2 pounds. There will also be found small quantities of sulphur, fluorine, chlorine, sodium, iron, potassium, magnesium and silicon.

Here, in the above, you have a comprehensive estimate of the value of

peared to burst, the young man's knobby knees were shattered to pieces, and he fell to the ground apparently lifeless. The witch doctor turned to the high grass a few feet behind us and gathered a handful of stalks about three feet long. Standing in the shadow and away from the fire he waved, with a swift motion, exactly similar to that of the clubs a few minutes before, the bunch of grass around the head of the young Zulu, who lay as dead in the fire-light. In a moment or two the grass seemed to ignite in its flight, although the witch doctor was not standing within twenty feet of the fire, and burned slowly, crackling audibly. Approaching more closely the form of the native in the trance, the conjurer waved the flaming grass gently over his figure, and about a foot from the flesh. To my intense amazement the recumbent body slowly rose from the ground and floated upward in the air to a height of about three feet, remaining in suspension and moving up and down, according as the passes of the burning grass were slower or faster. As the grass burned out and dropped to the ground the body returned to its position on the ground, and after a few passes from the hands of the witch doctor the young Zulu leaped to his feet, apparently none the worse for his wonderful experience."

The above is a startling case of well-defined mediumship, and illustrates its universality. That Pope Leo was a medium, under the strict surveillance and control of the spirits of old popes and cardinals, there can be no doubt, hence the evolution of the Catholic church from the thralldom in which it is held by spirits on the other side will be slow. If a good intention is manifested by the reigning pope, it is stifled by the ignoramus on the other side of life.

The Pope and His Emisaries as Hypnotists.

It is interesting to note the degree to which hypnotism has occupied the attention of civilized lands during many past years. As an instance may be cited the fact that Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, on one occasion introduced in the United States Senate a bill to prohibit electro-magnetizing, mesmerizing or hypnotizing human beings, or affecting one person through another by electricity, and to declare the same to be a crime against the law of nations, and to define its punishment, which bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee, and then lost to the world. The bill was introduced at the request of a lawyer then residing in Washington, a son of one of the early chief justices of California, and who had made the study of the occult forces of nature his life's work. His study and observation convinced him that very many atrocious crimes are committed by irresponsible persons, who are the helpless agents of another, who exercises hypnotic influence over them. He entertained the idea that some persons acquire their ability to cultivate and some possess naturally the ability to influence others to their own ends, for good or for evil, and that, possessing these powers, they prey upon the rest of mankind. Some exercise these powers unconsciously, influencing others to do things against their own better judgment.

The author of the bill wished to bring within the power of the law those persons who either organize themselves into a sort of brotherhood, or acting by themselves, deliberately prey upon their fellow-men, depriving them of their own proper free will, and making them simply tools, agents or slaves. Persons possessing these powers, he said, are convulsed under conditions designed to give them the gifts, and are raised by their parents from their birth with the aim of making them hypnotists or mesmerists, and that they are afterward used to exercise the mysterious influence over other people. The penalty of violation of the law for a principal in the crime was set at a fine of \$5,000 to \$20,000 and imprisonment for life, or for not less than two years.

As comprehensively set forth in that remarkable book, "The Great Psychological Crime," there can be no doubt that there is a solid basis of facts and figures to confirm the view of the author of the bill; and that not only are these occult psychic forces used (or rather misused) by certain persons for sinister purposes, but that certain "religious" sects—notably the Mormons and the Romish priesthood—are practiced adepts in hypnotism, and use their powers often and with terrible effect in making conversions to their respective "faiths," and in bringing their poor, duped subjects to a complete and abject subjection to their will and wishes. Many of the more prominent conversions to Romanism and Mormonism as well, have been effected by a concentration of hypnotic forces upon the mind of the ignorant subject whom they desired to convert. Not only would it be well to have a law against the use of hypnotic power by unprincipled persons, and to require that adepts in hypnotism be licensed and held outside the church, but it would be well, also, if a stringent law to the same effect were made applicable to Mormon "saints" and Romish adepts in the saintly garb of priestly fathers and Jesuits.

If such a bill should ever become a law, let there be no distinction of persons between the secular scoundrel and the saintly sinner.

Particularly should it apply to the emissaries of a pope in this country, who are holding in abject subjection millions of ignorant dupes. As hypnotists, aided by the spirit of old popes and cardinals, Leo and his leaders excelled. Their pernicious influence, like a blight, overshadowed the whole country.

Ringling the Fire Alarm.

It appears from the Citizen that Mayor Collins of Boston, ordered that the fire bells of Boston should be rung for half an hour when the news of the pope's death was received. Somehow this seems appropriate, but one can not see how it will bring any relief to the departed. We remember how vain were the pleadings of the rich man for water, in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. If the pope went to the place of burning when he died, all the fire alarm bells in the United States, and all the papal firemen in all our big cities, cannot help him. Mayor Collins' zeal is misdirected.

Apart from this, it is a gross insult to a free-thinking civilization to do such a thing. That Leo had always been an enemy of progress, a denouncer of free speech, of a free press, of free thought, an enemy of equal rights and every other article of the American Constitution, is known to all. That he had dumped upon our shores millions of the lowest and most worthless scoundrels of the world—made so by his religious system; that he had been the bitterest opponent of our public school system; that he publicly "blessed" the Spanish forces sent to oppress the Cubans and the Filipinos, and to war with American troops; that he was simply a priest and not a civil ruler—all this is a mighty argument why Boston should not be degraded as the Irish mayor intended to degrade it. But Rome owns Boston, declares the

Citizen, and will override all objections, knowing she has the tact—and states also—backing of Protestants of the Benedict Arnold stripe.

Foe of Right and Liberty.

Father McGrady, prominent at one time as a Roman Catholic priest, says: "Romanism has been the foe of light and liberty, and the cause of the ignorance that prevailed throughout the Dark Ages. Its influence on the enlightenment and morality of the world is seen to-day in Spain, Italy, Austria, Mexico and the South American states. It has spent its energies in condemning every book that revealed the mysteries of nature, in forbidding the people to read, in torturing the scholars who dared to proclaim scientific truths, in hounding the sons of freedom and consigning them to the lurid flames, in slaughtering the heretics and infidels because they would not submit to her despotism, in establishing the inquisition and terrifying the cringing multitude with the Auto-da-fe. The history of Romanism is the triumph of ignorance and brutality. There is not an intelligent Catholic on the globe who does not detect Romanism and repudiate its claims. Catholicism stands for love and mercy. Socialism stands for justice and freedom. Romanism stands for ignorance and crime. Therefore no Catholic and no Socialist can be a Romanist. Do we want our public schools destroyed? Then support the pretensions of Romanism. Do we want monarchy enthroned on the ruins of our free institutions? Then rally around the flag of Romanism. France was compelled to expel the emissaries of the Vatican to preserve her liberty. Spain is crying out in her death throes for the exiling out of the monks. Away from Rome" is the shibboleth of the American liberals. The South American republics resist the pretensions of Romanism, and the Catholic Filipinos are determined to banish the friars from their shores.

"It is not surprising to the student of history, who is familiar with the bloody record of Romanism, that this diabolical institution is opposed to the aspirations of the toiling hosts in their fight for industrial democracy. There is not a crime in the calendar that Romanism has not glorified, or a virtue that it has not stigmatized, when such poverty would advance the cause of the ecclesiastical politicians. The benefit of the clergy which prevailed throughout the Middle Ages exempted the agents of Romanism from the responsibility to civil courts, and the sacred tribunals invariably exonerated the tortured criminals, and, except perjury, robbery, murder and assassinations were sanctioned in the name of religion.

"The Order of the 'Precious Blood' is honored with the membership of Father Walsker, who was recently arrested for the murder of Agatha Reelchin, and Rev. Mueller, who is affiliated with the same religious fraternity, defends the accused priest. If the proofs against the morality of Socialism were as strong as the evidences criminalizing Father Walsker, it would long ago have been condemned by the common sense of humanity, and the law would have put its infancy before its fair character had ever been tarnished by the foul slime of Romanism.

"If the ethical code of Socialism were identical with the ethical code of Romanism it would not be tolerated in any civilization on the globe. Rev. Mueller exclaims: 'Poor Jesus, the blood-thirsty party, the party of revolution and rebellion (the Socialist party) tries to claim you as one of their ranks.' Without commenting on the bad grammar contained in this quotation, I will repeat the exclamation and cast the reproach in the face of Romanism: Poor Jesus! what infamous have been perpetrated in your name since the crucifixion, fallen into the hands of the Romanists, and their teachings have been adopted by a band of criminals!

"The Romanists have crimsoned the world with a tide of human gore in thy name. They have desolated kingdoms, and cursed nations with the cry of oppression, in thy name. They have consigned millions of the poor and the sick to dark dungeons cells for the blessings they conferred on humanity, in thy name. They have forged chains for the champions of freedom, tortured scientists and branded learning with the stigma of crime in thy name. They have denounced the pure schools as ungodly, and have persecuted the name. They have scorned justice and mocked morality and shielded the midnight assassin in thy name. I defy any Romanist to meet me on the rostrum and refute the accusations contained in this letter, and until they remove the brand of infamy from their character they are not competent witnesses against Socialism."

A Pastor Seized as Lunatic.

A special telegram from Springfield states:

"Rev. Benjamin Wiseman, who has held a number of important pastoral charges in Illinois and at Kansas City, Mo., was brought here by Pawnee officials and locked up in the county jail. An inquiry into his sanity will be held in the county court. Wiseman left his home at Zenobia while laboring under the delusion that God had directed him to deliver a spiritual message to save a sinner. He walked twenty miles before being taken into custody. Wiseman is a fine-looking man and talks rationally on all subjects except religion."

The latter is not an uncommon characteristic of pastoral teachers of orthodox.

But the serious question confronts us: If all the lunatics were locked up in jail, how many pastors would be left to supply the pulpits?

FROM THE N. S. A.

Important Notices to National Association Auxiliaries.

State associations—having individual members—as well as subordinate societies—are entitled to one delegate to the N. S. A. convention on their charter, and to one delegate for every fifty individual members or major fraction thereof; also, to one additional delegate for each society in good standing with the state association, provided the sum of two dollars has been contributed to the N. S. A. by said local society.

Amendments for Convention of 1903.

Unfinished Business.—Cons. Article 10, change the word "thirty" on the fifth line to "sixty."

Amend.—That a quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority vote of duly accredited delegates.

Presidential Candidates.

As there will be several candidates for the office of N. S. A. president, societies are requested to refrain from pledging their delegates to vote for any special person, although a preference may be expressed to the delegates by their societies. The election hour may present matters that will demand the exercise of the best judgment of the delegates in casting their votes, that the business may not come to a standstill, or to worse confusion. MARY T. LONGLEY, N. S. A. Secretary.

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Notes of Interest From "The City of Light" Assembly.

Blue skies and warm sunshine again greet the many visitors to this assembly ground. The largest audience yet of the season, convened Sunday, July 26, long, heavily-laden trains coming from north and south. Buffalo and Jamestown were specially represented in large numbers, very many of whom were making their first visit to this ideal resort, but they all seemed to feel it would not be their last.

A general feeling of harmony and good will prevails, and the management philosophy which is making so exceedingly attractive this season, both in his class and platform work. Unlike some of our noted workers, Mr. Colville cares so much more for the public well, than for selfishly gathering in the shekels, that he has given several lectures for the benefit of the library, and on every occasion has waived his class meetings, when entertainments have been being given that would financially benefit the assembly, in order that none might be diverted, through any act of his, from an opportunity to aid the public work. How rare are such spirits, even among Spiritualists!

Yesterday was Peace Day, and in the forenoon eloquent speeches of twenty minutes each, pertinent to the great question, and full of hopeful prophecy for the nation's and assembly's future were given by Jennie Leys Edson, Rev. P. A. Wiggin, F. R. Lockwood and Clegg Wright. Mr. Colville was the speaker of the afternoon.

The exercises of New York day were attractive and memorable, a leading feature being the public ordination, by three officers of the state association, viz. H. W. Richardson, Carrie Twine and Tillie Reynolds, of Mrs. M. E. Clark, Syracuse; Chas. E. Hulbert, Buffalo, and Mrs. J. E. Hyde, Lily Dale.

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stomach by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Haynes, and it was our pleasant lot to meet familiar faces: Mrs. Amanda Coffman with her many friends; Mr. Samuel Smith, a father in Israel to those wishing to learn lessons in the spiritual philosophy; Mr. Jud Johnson with a willing and philanthropic spirit; Mrs. John Lindsey with active powers; Mrs. L. H. Austin, with a heart of greeting for strangers; Mr. C. H. Huckle, with a broad religious reading; Mrs. Belle Fuller with calm, deep thought; Dr. W. O. Knowles giving messages at once recognized; Mrs. Rice an aged pioneer in the work; Mrs. Moon a ready worker; Miss Emma Gibbs an inspirational speaker, and many others.

I think of many noble workers absent, and some who have gone forth to test the realities of Spiritualism.

Let us make this ground so pleasant all will want to come again and in the place of wrangling let there be a "holy hush." Let life give forth praise rather than invective; and everyone feel he has a part to perform in the drama.

The welcome face of H. W. Booser was seen, the missionary in the cause. May we imitate his worthy example.

ARZELIA C. CLAY.

Island Lake Camp, Mich.

Island Lake camp opened Sunday, July 26, under very favorable indications for a most prosperous season. Mrs. Amanda Coffman was the speaker of the day, following with messages of carried conviction to the large audience that gathered to the camp. In communication with their friends of the mortal sphere.

The cottages are all occupied, and among the green trees, the white canvas of the many tents are seen, who are no doubt attracted by the array of talent as well as the beautiful Nature seems to have bestowed upon us.

Farmer Riley is our guest, and his work is astounding and convincing, as people are coming here from all over the country to see him.

W. E. Hart, trumpet and materializing medium, is giving wonderful demonstrations. Among our talent are Nina D. Challen, Mrs. Gertrude Wright, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Fish, who occupy prominent places in the demonstration of our truth.

Sunday, Aug. 2, Rev. B. F. Austin will lecture, followed by Mrs. Margaret L. Grange and Mrs. Josie K. Polson, one of the finest message-bearers for our cause.

H. R. LA GRANGE, Secretary.

Waukesha Camp, Wis.

This week at the Waukesha camp has been one of pleasure, as there have been many features that added to the interest of the camp. The exercises have been of the most satisfactory order, creating much interest.

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SPIRITUALIST MEETINGS.

It is important that a meeting be suspended, that notice be given us, so that inquirers may not be misled. We want now notices of all meetings being held here in public halls at the present time.

Church of the Spirit Communion, 4308 Cottage Grove, Chicago, Ill. Conference and messages at 8 p. m. Lecture by Dr. J. O. M. Hewitt at 8 p. m. Messages by H. P. Coates and others. Plenty of good music.

The Spiritualist Research meets every Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in Van Buren Opera House, corner of Madison street and California avenue. Good music and singing. All are invited to attend.

The Spiritualist Church of the Students of Nature hold services at Nathan's Hall, 1655 Milwaukee avenue, corner Western avenue, Sunday evenings, 7:30 p. m. Mrs. W. F. Schumacher, pastor.

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The Englewood Spiritualist Union will not hold any meetings during August; but the Ladies' Auxiliary will meet as usual Thursday afternoons, at Hopkins Hall, 628 West Sixty-third street.

A Spiritualist Temple has been organized by Mrs. Schwann, at 529 Belmont avenue, Chicago, Ill. Meetings Sunday and Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock. Tests and music at every service.

Dr. Sholdice holds services Sunday evenings at 7:45, at 205 Lincoln avenue. The First Hyde Park Occult Society holds regular meetings every Sunday at Alliance Hall, 823 E. 55th street, between Monroe and Kimbark avenues.

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