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Report of Harrison D. Barrett, President of The National Spiritualists Association of The United States of America, for the Year Ending October 15th, 1906.

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the employment of persons of ques- istic label in the light of the most tary be instructed to secure of every phase. I recommend action have been misled by the specious pre- to you the sad fact that very little has on the part of this convention. As tenses of these modern disciples of Spiritualists we should do our own Machiavelli and are according them house-cleaning to the end that no their loyal support. We must be on house-cleaning to the end that no their loyal support. We must be on been made, and a few practical results worthy worker may suffer injustice. guard also against the over credulous attained. Lack of means with which terfeiters have formed an organization | who believe that fraud is as valuable

To the Spiritualists of America- ulations to the members upon their Greeting:—In compliance with the success and assure them of every pos-requirements of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the prosecution of their work National Spiritualists Association, I beg leave to submit my thirteenth annual report for your consideration."

The Year's Work.

The past year has been one of unusual activity in all fields of Spiritualistic endeavor. Especially is this true of your servant, the National Spiritualists Association. It has kept pace to the stirring music of Progression's forward march, and has sought to do its duty at every point along the way. Throughout the past year, Spiritualism has had a hearing in every quarter of the globe. The secular press has teemed with articles bearing upon some special feature of its teachings, couched in the most resp guage, clearly showing that the writers knew whereof they spoke, hence ions of the Spiritualists themselves. It is gratifying to note that these arhave dealt with the scientific. philosophical, and religious teachings learn of the needs of our people in tion of undue influence on the part of of Spiritualism, and not alone with the phenomenal. While phenomena are a very substantial portion of our movement, they are by no means its ize that non-Spiritualists now recognize that fact and are willing to allow our thought its just dues from its every point of view.

There have been some unjust attacks made upon our movement and its people by a few secular papers These have been promptly met and answered by our able Editor-at-Large, Hudson Tuttle, whose work has al-ways placed Spiritualism at a much higher point of vantage than it would have had, had the attacks not been made. Every one of them served as an advertisement and called the attention of thinking people to true Spiritualism as nothing else would have done. These attacks, however, been few in number in comparison with the respectful news items, and instructive articles that have appeared in the columns of the leading Editors and news gatherers have been heard to say that the people wished to be informed upon all occult questions, hence they were in search of facts, and reliable to fill the position. expository articles for publication in

their columns. It may be noted in passing that all of the public libraries where I have made inquiries, the books most in demand, especially novels, are those that bear upon occult topics, and have a thread of mysticism woven into their pages. This fact shows the increase of interest in psychic studies, while the large demand for verifiable phenomena on the part of layman, scien tist, philosopher and minister, is further proof that Spiritualism is and has been a very live subject for the past twelve months. The call on the part of the scholars of Europe for mediums, and their selection of one whose work had become known to them Mrs. May S. Pepper of Brooklyn, N. summer, surely shows the trend of the

ship and American Spiritualism. Psychic Research.

This important branch of occult study has assumed larger proportions during the past year, and has made appreciable progress in every division of its work. The transition of Prof. Richard Hodgson has led to the displacement of the difference between religious teacher. Judge S. A. during the year redounds more Gordon asked me for a scientific and to its credit. A, great moral victory was scored, and the intelligent people clairaudience, medium, and prophet. Gither not properly unfolded, or whose psychic powers are clairaudience, medium, and prophet. Gither not properly unfolded, or whose of its work. The transition of Prof. Richard Hodgson has led to the displacement of the difference between religious and present its claims, despite the machination of the American Branch of the difference between religious and present its claims, despite the machination of the difference between religious and present its claims, despite the machination of the difference between religious and prophet. banding of the American Branch of the London Society for Psychic. Research, and to the organization of a same service. (d) Local bickerings new society, with Prof. James H. Hyslop of Columbia University as Secretary. This new organization will assume legal form, and take its place before the public as a regularly instituted movement on or before January tuted movement on or before January and dollars or more has been middless of young workers and mediums solely for financial gain. (i) The lack of young workers taken place during the past two years, when practice of tricks that are valu."

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Missionary Work. Our last annual convention directed that missionary work should be carried on throughout the year. This or-der was carried into effect, and three A. Sprague and your president, were commissioned as missionaries at large under salary, while several others were appointed to serve without pay. hundred and fifty dollars per month and all expenses. Your president was paid one hundred and fifty dollars own hotel and board bills, likewise all Sprague have put in ten months of

eight months during the year. From their reports and those of will or by deed by those who were non-salaried missionaries you will known to be Spiritualists. The quesvarious section of the nation in this mediums upon the testator, unsound special field of work. The results on ness of mind, insane delusions, etc. the whole are good, though not satis- have entered into these contests and factory in respect to finance, nor yet are playing no small part in the settle-in regard to the establishment of ment of the issues-involved. One of permanent working societies. I rec-, these battles is known as the Goff will ommend the continuance of mission- in the state of Michigan, the decision

Edi or-at-Large.

From the report of our Editor-at-Large, the able and efficient writer and scholar, Hudson Tuttle, you will be informed of the vast amount of work that he has done as our representative in this important field. is essential that we should have someone out on the firing line to guard our interests to defend our rights, and ready to warn us of impending danger. Mr. Tuttle has watched the columns of the secular press very closely throughout the year, and has rendered the cause of Spiritualism no little aid through his able defense of its claims. I recommend the continuation of the office of Editor-at-Large for another year, and respectfully suggest that Hudson Tuttle be unanimously chosen

Local Societies.

The wide-spread increase of interest in the subject of Spiritualism has not redounded to the upbuilding of our local societies, save in a very few instances. As I said last year, this interest is abstract rather than concrete. I regret that the great majority of our local societies throughout the land are far from being strong and healthful. It is for you as dele gates to provide means by which these conditions may be overcome. To do so, you must first determine the causes that make them so weak numerically and financially. A discussion to this end would be most helpful, and I recommend that a special of this all-important question.

times; and reports of her work in sider the following as possible causes you." The railroad authorities have Europe reflect credit upon mediummany of our local bodies: (a) The em- have established ourselves with ployment of speakers whose educa-tional and inspirational qualifications ary, and religious teacher. Judge

Your attention is respectfully called to the weakness of many of our state associations. A few of them already exist only in name, while others are so weak as to be unable to do any practical work for our cause. Steps should be taken by this intelligent body of delegates to remedy these ills and restore these important allies to a state of vigor. Some Spiritualists suggest as a remedy for the abovenamed conditions a more direct supervision on the part of the N. S. A. over pose of this paragraph is to induce you as delegates to do something to strengthen our weak and moribund state auxiliaries.

Camp-Meetings.

So far as reports have reached me, I am able to state that the majority of the camps in America have had successful seasons. The attendance has been good, though not so large as it was in the early days of the camp meeting movement. Special days were granted the N. S. A. at New Era Oregon, Vicksburg, Mich., Lily Dale N. Y., Onset, Mass., Etna and Madison No doubt other camps did the same, but made no report of the fact to me. From those named, most generous contributions were received for both our general and pension funds. The people are willing to give when they are made to feel the necessity of doing so, and there is no better place to reach them than at these camps. I recommend that the incoming secre-

History of Spiritualism. It is with deep regret that I report been done in this particular field dur ing the past year. The best that can be said is that some progress has to do the required work has been the sole cause of inactivity in this import ant department of our work. I wish our people could be made to realize

their duty in respect to this matter. One by one veteran workers and aged laymen are passing away from earth. It is from them that much of our most reliable data is to be obtained. No record has been made of these evidences, hence the necessity of securing oral testimony. I urge you as delegates and upon all of the Spirtualists of America the consideration of the vital issues at stake in this re We can no longer afford to neglect our history. I recommend that a special effort be made by this

Legal Battles.

The N. S. A. has been obliged to enfaithful service while your president the past year in defense of the rights gage in several legal battles during has served you as missionary some of our people. Nearly all of them concern the conveyance of property by ary work ing the year next ensuin which is now pending in the Suing, but along lines laid down in my
preme Court of that state. From the
missionary report. and secretary, we shall be informed as to the history and present condi-

tion of the contest.

Another great battle is upon us in the state of New Jersey in which we are defending a man's right to make a deed of a portion of his real estate and to will his money to such organizations as he may elect. This case is now in court and the outcome will not be known for some time to come.

A possible third important struggle s now upon us in the state of Washington in which we are asked to defend the rights of our honest mediums to engage in the work to which they have been called by their spirit Help-Mrs. Stella Ross and Mrs. Swan, both of Seattle, have been arrested under the vagrancy law of the state, and are now battling for their rights in the courts. They are reliable mediums, honest, sincere and straightforward in their work. Their trouble has out recently come upon them. Preliminary steps have been taken by your official board to determine the merits of the issues involved and to extend prompt aid if required.

Definition of Terms. The legal struggles in which we are with the absolute necessity of placing correct definition of our terms be fore the courts, also before the people of the world. The president of the board of alderman in Los Angeles Cal., declared that that body had no wish to discriminate against our medi ums. Said he. "Define your terms hour be set aside for the consideration and we will fit the law to your defini tions. You cannot expect us to make I respectfully request you to con- the law and then define your terms for

with regard to Spiritualism as a remethods, I believe they could be made ligion and its points in common with primitive Christianity. This we can during the coming year. I, therefore, do without becoming dognatic in respect to any vital principles in which we believe. Truth is always its own apology and defense for its presentament in such cities as may seem to tion to the world. them
Let us have the courage of our convival.

victions, and state them in plain, simple language for all the world to see. ism is a religion, and that its mediums are its mouthpleces, therefore reable assumptions, constitute the religion of Spiritualism, let us say so,

desired. But before taking this last named position, I plead for a hearing in be-half of true Spiritualism and its exturn against it or them in favor of adoption of a clear-out statement with regard to these issues, conched in language so simple, forceful and district our ministry. To-day, too many persons are seeking recognition who are not entitled to it through land that that no one can hereafter mistake the cations.

one for the other.

I tried to prepare a brief definition of the terms above named for presentation to this convention and to that end sought the aid of Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis and other representations greater import than the gaining of tive teachers. Splendid papers came some special position or financial to hand from the great "Poughkeepsie Seer" and many other noted leaders. upon this question in a way that no I recommend that these briefs and all one can fall to understand. All who others bearing upon the same subject, seek it that they may obtain half be referred to a special committee, rates upon the railroads should be rewith instructions to report to this convention such definitions of our terms as will stand the test of law, and meet our requirements in every possible way.

The Morris Prett Institute.

From the reports of representa-tives of this well known institution, you will be informed with regard to its present standing and relationship to the N. S. A. In compliance with. to the N. S. A. In compliance with this instructions of the Mineapolis special field. I recommend that we convention, I attended the annual pronounce against the continuation of the Institute and am pleased to report that I found everything in a most encouraging condition. The prospects for the present year were reported as might promising its abrogation as a clergy privilege both in regard to attended the nanual pronounce against the continuation of the N. S. A. during the past year. The emphatic stamp of disapproval placed upon counterfeiting in mediumship by our last annual conventions has done our cause as a whole and the N. S. A. both in regard to attended the nanual pronounce against the continuation of the N. S. A. during the past year. The emphatic stamp of disapproval placed upon counterfeiting in mediumship by our last annual conventions has done our cause as a whole and the N. S. A. in the nation where the financial support. I came away much other denominations receive it, there neglect our history. I recommend that a special effort be made by this convention to stay the hands of our historian during the coming year, so that he may be able to secure, at least, the records of the early years of our movement. I urge you to give in our ranks to-day, and will not your careful attention to Historian that he may be able to secure, at least, the records of the early years of our movement. I urge you to give in our ranks to-day, and will not have them until the Morris Pratt Inthe state associations and local societies. ported by the Spiritualists of the world. I recommend that this convention make known in some fitting manner the fact that the Morris Pratt Institute has its hearty en-dorsement and earnest moral support. further recommend that the idea of establishing a Manual Training Department as a part of the work of the Institute be considered by this convention and placed in proper form before the Spiritualists of America to the end that they may be inspired to render more generous, support to the chool.

The Lyceum.

From the report of our National Lyceum Superintendent, John W. Ring, you will learn of the present condition of the Lyceum work in the condition of the Lyceum work in the United States and Canada. I ask you to listen with care to every word Superintendent Ring has to say to us, so that you may be able to act with due consideration upon his recommendations. The Lyceum should be an important factor in our work, and it can be made so if the delegates to this convention do their full duty in the premises. The times demand lyceum workers not lyceum talkers and I respectfully urge upon you the doing of some much needed work in this field. The liverym should be made the preparatory school for scholars desiring to fit themselves for a course in the Morris Pratt Institute.

Mass-Meetings.

Our last annual convention in structed your board of trustees to hold a limited number of mass-meetings in such cities and towns as might desire them. Two of such gatherings were held during the year under the direct supervision of the N. S. A. in Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo. The one in Kansas City returned a small surplus after all expenses had been met, which result is largely due to the earnest efforts of Mrs. Glenn S. Stephens, the pastor of the Psychical Society of Spiritualists of that city. The St. Louis meeting was held in June and was not a financial success. It did a great deal of good, however, in the way of counteracting the baneful influences of the counterfeiters and their friends who have been espethis special meeting was most timely, and am assured that no act of the N

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State Associations.

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Again I call your attention to this important subject. Usages, Rules and Regulations religious teachers and helpers, let us garding this matter, yet many of our say so. If we hold that the discovery people persistently refuse to be govsay so. If we hold that the discovery people persistently refuse to be govor gold mines, the finding of hidden treasure, the giving of tips on stock by which they can get around them to markets, and other equally question- secure the ordination of some favorite to the ministry of Spiritualism. 1 feel that it is the duty of this convenand tell all self-respecting people that their presence with us is no longer coming board of trustees by the coming board of trustees by the adoption of yet more stringent rules in respect to this matter.

I recommend that said board be instructed to have the educational, I do mediumistic and moral qualifications ponents, our honest mediums. I do mediumistic and moral qualifications not believe that tills convention will of every candidate thoroughly tested by the state associations ordaining which he does not know. This applies to excarnate persons as . well as . to those who are still in the mortal form.

Our workers should be made to feel that ordination means something of favor to themselves. I urge action rates upon the railroads should be rejected, or should have their papers cancelled as soon as that fact is discovered. A minister is, or should be, a servant of the people—not a grafter upon corporations, nor yet upon peo-

ple of wealth. Half Rates I am constrained to refer briefly to this subject with the hope that this convention will take the lead in working for a much-needed reform in this requisite. I urge this matter upon you for consideration.

The Railroads.

The relations of the N. S. A. with the great passenger associations of of every phase. I recommend action ant character throughout the year. Spiritualists we should do our of No discrimination has been made house-cleaning, to the end that against our people by reason of their worthy worker may suffer injustice. religion and any failure on the part it is currently reported that the counsought has been due to other than with such forms of initiation, grips religious prejudice.

We are under obligations to Eben E. MacLeod, chairman of the West-this society are in one of our Western Passenger Association; F. C. Donald, commissioner of the Central Passenger Association, and J. E. Hannegan, joint agent of the Southwestern vors received at their hands, and I summarily dealt with, should he recommend that a special vote of she presume to approach the sanctum thanks be extended to all of these gen-sanctorum of this body of 'pretended tlemen and the associations they represent as a testimonial of our appreciation of the courtesies they have exended to us.

Reorganization of Local Societies.

You are earnestly requested to give itualists of the land still live in their this most important subject your most successors of to-day and will ever dethoughtful consideration. states of Massachusetts and Washing-intimidated platform and a free press, ton come appeals from two well-These arisen spirits have no use for societies. Their weak financial stand-ing and the ephemeral character of place all work bearing the Spiritualhend its essential truths. They recommend that all local societies be tenses of these modern disciples of ommend that all local societies be made lodges, having initiation services Machiavelli and are according them such as are peculiar to the Masons and their loyal support. We must be on Odd Fellows, and that due proficiency in understanding be evinced by all candidates for membership before they are advanced into full fellow-

All psychic phenomena are to be presented in the logge room and in the presence of members only. This would place a premium upon membership and would inspire many persons to unite with such a movement who would otherwise refuse to have clally active in that city during the anything to do with it. A most impast year. I feel that the holding of pressive initiation service could be prepared, replete with spiritual symof this sort. it is argued, even as they do Masonry, Odd Fellowship and other orders, of which they become mem-

This matter is worthy of your most careful study. I recommend that it be discussed at length by this convenfeasibility of the proposition. I suggest that a committee of three or five, of which Dr. Alex Caird, of Lynn, Mass., and Dr. P. S. Gardiner, of Snohomish, Wash., shall be members, be elected by this convention to reduce der the efficient leadership of Mrs. elected by this convention to neutron at the Minneapolis convention in 1905 Sophia B. Selp, the then state president. It was both a financial and presentation at the convention of instructed your president to open correspondence with the representation.

Post Office Missions.

This important branch of our work has been carried on most, effectively during the past year. Of the number of tracts, books and pamphlets distributed, we shall be informed by our secretary. Wherever I have gone I have found a demand for free literature, such as the N. S. A. has been distributing under this heading. It is a means of education that cannot be ignored, nor neglected by us. I recand that the incoming board of trustees be directed to expend such sums as may seem best, in the publication of articles in any form that may be necessary, that clearly set forth principles of Spiritualism.

A Publishing House,

In response to several suggestions from people of high intelligence and progressive views, I submit the question of establishing a publishing Such a dream will never be realized, however, unless it is properly understood through public discussion. Recommendations do not seem, to be such an institution must be clear to every Spiritualist in America. It is American Secular Union and not proposed to trespass upon the pre- Thought Federation. of its advocates to place books and periodicals within the reach of those who are now unable to purchase them. I hope this matter will be disdue consideration upon the floor of this convention. In closing this paragraph I may be pardoned for referring once more to the need of the psychic quarterly, under the management of Spiritualists, to take the place of "Borderland" once published by William T. Stead, but right kind.

Counterfeit Mediumship.

It would be out of place to refer to this unpleasant topic in a great National Convention, were it not for the fact that the "Fraud" question has been the source of endless annoyance all sections of the nation where the facts have been made known. The defense of fraud by some leaders in the Spiritualist movement and the countenancing of it by certain representatives of the N. S. A. at times during the year have given rise to the question of consistency, not to say sinwas paid one hundred and fifty dollars are given the benefit of the report, and respectfully ask per month plus expense of travel and respectfully ask clerk hire, but he was to defray his you to take immediate action thereon. Howe's report, and respectfully ask stitute graduates their after a four ties are given the benefit of the rebut with regard to their but with regard to their action in rates by our ministers, ourse of carefully study. I believe the time has come for us as sense the need of the M. P. I. as there is less objection to their action of carefully study. I believe the time has come for us as sense the need of the M. P. I. as there is less objection to their action of the manuscripts. never before, and most earnestly ceptance of clergy privileges than hope that it will be most loyally suptered by the Shiribibles of the requisite. I was a personal position to every form of freed and as many more an organized body to declare with a personal position to every form of freed and as many more an organized body to declare with a personal position to every form of freed and a did offering and I requisite. the employment of persons of questionable character upon our platforms or in our seance rooms as speakers and mediums. I plead for a loyal defense and support of honest mediums America have been of the most pleas- on the part of this convention. As Spiritualists we should do our own worthy worker may suffer injustice. of an individual to receive what he terfeiters have formed an organization market. and passwords as are neculiar to se ern cities. No one can be admitted who is vouched for by any known opponent of fraud, and it is probable the four days our annual gatherings gan, joint agent of the Southwestern that any honest medium holding pa- are in session. Business of import-Passenger Association for many fa- pers from the N. S. A. would be most ance must be transacted and there is mediums. This seems to be a corporate trust, which succeeds to all of the KuKlux methods of four or five similar organizations whose jurisdiction has covered the entire country for a number of years. The pioneer Spir-

> guard also against the over credulous and unreasoning ones in our ranks who believe that fraud is as valuable as genuine phenomena are.
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> It is with deep regret and keen agony of soul that I place these unpleasant facts before you. The lesto be relearned by some of our people while others will have to themselves stinging rebuke that hon-esty gave dishonesty on that occasion. The persistency with which the counterfeiters and their supporters have forced themselves to the front and demanded the ear of the public durbolisms and rich in suggestions to demanded the ear of the public dur-higher and nobler living. People ing the past year is most surprising. would gladly support a Spiritualism tion, in utter defiance of propriety and sense of right, employed the parties disciplined at Minneapolis, at their state convention of this year. this act of insubordination, persisted cial board revoked the charter of the Iowa State body. I recommend that every possible support be rendered the Hawkeye State Spiritualists Assoclation recently organized in that

state. Federation of Liberal Religious.

with favor upon a federation of all-liberal bodies in America for mutual aid, protection and advancement of the principles of Liberalism. I felt that it would be the safest and best for me in carrying out the will of the convention to determine, first of all, the attitude of the Spiritualists themselves, likewise that of their local socleties, with regard to this proposi-tion. I wrote letters of inquiry to some two hundred speakers, mediums and representative laymen and to three hundred societies questioning them as to their views respecting the Prompt plies were received from nearly all of them and I was pleasantly surprised to find that only three societies and three speakers were opposed to this fraternal union. I then wrote to the official representatives of the liberal religious bodies and received favorreplies from all of them with the solitary exception of the Christian Scihouse for your consideration. No entists. They wished us success in doubt all of these good friends feel our work but declined to take any that it is an ideal to be worked up to part in it whatsoever. The Theoso-and realized in the not distant future. Phists and Quakers have not yet responded to my letters, but I they will not hold aloof from the proposed Federation should it once be formed and placed in working order. Some of the most helpful of all suggestions received came from Mr. Euevery delegate on this floor and to gene M. MacDonald, president of the He and nearly rogatives of the Spiritualist press in all of the progressive minds connected this regard, but it is rather the aim with his organization look with favor upon this proposition. This is likewise true of the Universalists, Unitarians, Swedenborgians, Metaphysiclans, New Thoughtists, Religionists and other progressive

people.

The question is, how to establish this Federation? I do not feel that the work done should be allowed to go for nothing, hence I recommend that this matter be considered at length and steps taken to carry the discontinued by him because of a plan into execution. With the best paucity of reliable psychic data. The people in all the liberal faiths, our public is ready for such a magazine own included, in hearty sympathy now and would support one of the with this project, there is nothing in the way of making the Union a complete success. I recommend action in

the direction named. The Latest Word of Spiritualism.

Under the Pruden resolution, reaffirmed last year at Minneapolis, your president was directed to solicit conablest writers and thinkers upon various topics directly associated with Spiritualism, having in view the publication of all these offerings in book form, under the comprehensive title "The Latest Word, of Spiritualism." resentative teachers, laymen and most relable mediums for articles upon some special theme with which sponses were prompt and kind in ev-Very few declined to ery instance. write at all and none of them pressed one word of disapproval of the I further recomtion accordingly. mend that the incoming president be instructed to continue this work until he shall have received papers upon every form of thought offered by Spiritualism, and upon every estabished phase of mediumship, plus the phenomena that are presented thereby. I am pleased to report that there is already a demand for this work in many sections of the nation and I am convinced that it will meet with a ready sale when it is upon the

Our Conventions.

Again I call the attention of the Spiritualists of America to the fact that too much work is crowded into ance must be transacted and there is always a large amount of it on hand and are either forced to lose the sessions of the convention or else must toil nights to get their reports into due form. These committeemen are needed in our conventions and i their right to be there. By extending the time of our conventions, this difficulty could be obviated. All other denominations act with They have papers and addresses from such vital interests as effect the wellknown laying for a radical change in such secret oath-bound Masia, and debeing of their several movements. the organic structure of all our local mand that their instruments on earth We should, in my humble opinion, profit by these excellent examples. Spiritualism presents the membership of the great majority istic label in the light of the most mightier import, of weightier moment of them have led these gentlemen to perfect publicity. Their slogan is than do any other five religious bodies conclude that Spiritualists do not "Dark commercial seances to the combined. It seems to me that an prize their Spiritualism as they should rear," and their call is for us to edu- extension of time is an absolute necesby reason of their failure to compre- cate the honest men and women who sity to the future well-being of these conclaves. I respectfully recommend action in harmony with the foregoing suggestions.

Necrology.

The list of names of our departed workers whose graduation took place within the past and we should place on record some statement of our appreciation of their work. I respectfully recommend that this subject be referred to a special committee with instructions to present to this convention in proper form, some suitable recognition of the work and worth of our arisen friends. Among the many who have left us may be mentioned Stephen D. Dye. of our board of trustees: Jerry Robinson, the devoted friend of Lookout Mountain Camp; Frank E. Bond, well known in connection with Camp Southern Cassadaga, and such speakers and mediums as Allen Franklin Brown, Dr. E. H. Denslow, Sarah A. Tisdale, Louis Schlesinger, James S. Scarlett, and J. O. M. Hewitt. Let us remember them all at their best; and give them a loving thought as they take up life's duties anew in the world of souls.

Platform Suggestions.

I recommend that this convention adopt the following: That we demand the abolition of child labor in America.

That we urge the importance of prison reform. That we oppose all legislation respecting the observance of Sunday as a special holy day.

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President Barrett's Report.--Continued.

position to sectarian instruction in our public schools.

That we favor a just and uniform mendation from me. rate of taxation for all church and ecclesiastical school property.

That we are opposed to the em-

ployment of salaried clergymen by Congress and State Legislatures, also United States.

favors, exemptions from duty, and paid prerogatives now enjoyed by clergymen by reason of their office. That we favor separate public serv-

ices for the presentation of our phenomena and philosophy. That we declare our opposition to murder in its every form and urge that all international disputes be referred to boards of arbitration for adjudication.

That we favor an educational qualification for all voters, and demand that sex be no barrier from the exercise of suffrage.

Finance

We have expended four thousand, have received during the past year .. One thousand dollars went to the last convention, while the balance has been expended in defense of wills and of these suggestions. in legal fights to sustain the rights of Spiritualism with regard to property, or our mediums with respect to the protection of their liberties and their enjoyment of the sacred right to extheir fellow-men.

Our income would have covered all remaining expenses of this organ-ization had it not been for these special but necessary drafts upon our exchequer. This deficit, while regrettable, need not discourage us. should rather inspire us to do more for the cause we love and for the or ganization in which we believe. Had our local societies been strong in membership, a portion of this loss would have been met.

Had all Spiritualists, or those who claim-to be such, but done their duty, our treasury would not have been depleted one penny. The selfish idea that there was money in the N. S. A. treasury, hence there was no need of contributing to its support, governed far too many of them. Some means should be adopted to awaken them from this selfish indifference, and induce them to make the N. S. A. financially independent. Please note that our loss has not been caused by the payment of extravagant salaries to your officers nor yet by meeting exorbitant expenses on their part.

I ask you as delegates to do something to increase the revenues of the N. S. A. I recommend that you plan such measures as will not only replenish its treasury now, but will also keep a steady flow of contributions into its coffers. I am not putting it too strongly when I say that this is one of the essential problems for you to solve at this convention. Solve it and hereby prove your devotion to the

An Endowment Fund.

Let me once more urge upon you the importance of establishing an "Endowment Fund" of generous proportions in the name of the N. S. A. can be done by the delegates of this convention if they so elect. A little effort and some slight sacrifice on the part of each person present and the good work is done. The claim that Spiritualists are poor is not true. They are as well to do financially as the followers of any other religion. If each delegate would

A fund of one hundred thousand dollars could be raised within the next six months if each one would do his duty. One hundred thousand persons contributing one dollar, and we have the fund we need. Fifty thousand persons contributing two dollars and the same result is attained. e thousand persons giving one hunared dollars each, and the Endowment Jund is likewise secured.

believe in the democratic plan ..? having all our people interested in this project, therefore do not feel that we have any right to appeal to the realthy few to make up this fund. in urgent appeal direct to the conciences of all of our people will do he work. We have been too prone in he past to let outsiders pay for our Spiritualism for us. This selfish and wholly unworthy principle should be abandoned and I urge upon you the ecessity of making a start in the right direction at this convention.

-d to report to this body some plan v which the proposed Endowment Fund may be raised. The Universalsis, more than fifty years ago, made a house to house appeal for contributions to a much-needed endowment for one of their enterprises, and after many weary months succeeded in obtaining the sum desired. What a mere handful of people, less than onetwentieth of our numbers to-day, could and did do fifty years ago, we can do if we try. I venture to suggest the following as possible plans through which we may be able to gain the desired end. Each delegate to this convention to forward to our Nagood cause.

to be sent by all delegates to interest-ed parties, requesting donations, and the fact. Her books are well kept stating that the same should be sent her correspondence promptly to the National secretary.

Third, the appointment of financial agents, under bonds, to be paid after. Our headquarters as at presupon the percentage plan, whose duty ent managed are a credit to our cause

Fourth, personal letters from the N. S. A. president and secretary to the place. Spiritualists of America, whose addresses are known or can be obtained from this body of delegates. Then there are other means by which this fund can be raised, but I ask the committee to whom we commit our financial interests to put them into form. I plead for the settlement of this question through legislation that will

give us the needed endowment. Executive Sessions.

So many issues of a delicate char-

That we are opposed to every attempt to unite Church and State.

That we declare our unalterable opwith it. I submit this proposition to you for such action as you may see fit to take, without special recom-

Amendments.

Your attention is respectfully called to the amendments proposed in due form to the Constitution and By-Laws Congress and State Legislatures, also of this National body. I urge careful in the Army and Naval Service of the study of them all, laying special stress That we are opposed to all special upon the one that changes the length tees. Legal questions of moment are constantly arising, and issues that demand more than a day's or even a year's study, are springing up every passing day. To properly cope with these important matters, it is essential that your official board be a per petual body. Its members should not all be in danger of removal at every annual convention. Financial success likewise demands stability on the part of the management. Dona tions and bequests will increase when it is known that the trustees of the N. S. A. are not in danger of being stampeded out of office through the enthusiasm aroused by the eloquence four hundred dollars more than we and personal magnetism of some aspirant for power. I feel that one third of the board should be chosen Morris Pratt Institute by order of our each year, and I trust that the convention, in its wisdom, will see the force

Our Evening Sessions.

So much has been said with regard to the selection of speakers and mediums for our evening meetings on the ercise their powers for the good of part of the board of trustees, that I venture to place the facts before this convention. At the most, but eight speakers and eight mediums can be chosen for these services, as there are but four evenings to fill. The board has, throughout the past thirteen years, chosen these speakers and mediums by ballot. Personal preference has no weight with any one; it has rather been a desire to find parties who would do our cause the most good before the public that influenced the votes of our members. That some speakers have served more than once is due to the fact that they were held to be able to give the special addresses needed by the people, and not to undue influence, nor to favoritism of any sort. If you wish other speakers to be heard, extend the time of your future conventions, and give them a chance.

This remark also applies to mediums. It is quite a task to find speak ers willing to attend our conventions, pay their own expenses, and give up paying Sunday engagement for the sake of serving the N. S. A. gratis. That is just what our speakers and mediums who serve at our annual conclaves have to do. If the convention desires to make any change in these methods, it can do so by instructing the incoming board of trustees as to its wishes.

The Spiritualist Press.

Due acknowledgment should be nade by this convention to such of the Spiritualist papers as have defended true Spiritualism throughout the year and have aided the N. S. A. in I recommend that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to these journals, under the seal of the asso ciation, duly signed and countersigned

by the president and secretary. The New Thought Convention.

It is with pleasure that I call your attention to the annual convention of the New Thought movement to be held in Chicago, October 23 to 27. Arrangements have been made by which the certificates held by delegates to our convention can be extendreligion. If each delegate would but make himself a committee of one to interest himself and friends in this project, there is no doubt as to possibly do so to avail themselves of possibly do so to avail themselves of the condensate of the conden this privilege in order that they may become better acquainted with our brethren whose progressive views are so fully in accord with our own. They are people possessed of advanced ideas, and are at one with us in all spiritual work. I recommend that at least four fraternal delegates be chosen by this convention to represent the N. S. A, at the convention in question.

The Board of Trustees. The members of your board of trus-

tees have worked together in perfect throughout the year. transition of Stephen D. Dve of California was a shock to all of his associates, and they took such note of his departure as the sad event required. The vacancy was filled by the election of Arthur S. Howe, also a Californian. who is now with us. Your board of Trustees has done its best to serve its constituents and does not hesitate to give you an account of its steward-I recommend that the Committee on There are no debts to be paid ship. inance, Ways and Means be instruct- no outstanding bills to be met. There is a small balance in our treasury We have spent more than we have received under stress of circumstances beyond our control, but every dollar thus used has been spent in the interests of Spiritualism and not for the special benefit of any clique or party. We stand by our record, and suggest that future appropriations be pared in order that we may hereafter keep within our income.

The Home Office.

The work in the home office in Washington has been of the highest order of excellence, and the Spiritualists of America have reason proud of their capable and consciendresses of all Spiritualists with whom thous secretary. She has labored with he or she is acquainted, accompanying singleness of heart for the good of such list with his own donation, and a our cause as a whole and for the upstatement as to the ability of the building of the N. S. A. as its fore-friends named by him to donate to a most representative. Your president is under many obligations to her for Second, the "endless chain letter" favors received and takes this means tended to, the library and other property of the N. S. A. carefully looked it shall be to solicit personal dona-tions to the fund in question.

and every Spiritualist in America should feel honored that his religion can be sought in such an attractive

The President's Office.

The work in the president's office in respect to correspondence has been very extensive. Not less than fifteen hundred letters have been written on N. S. A. business, besides articles for the secular and Spiritualistic press. Quite a percentage of these letters went to foreign lands, Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Bulgaria, Russia, Italy, Germany, Bel-gium, Holland, France, England, Braacter have arisen during the past two zil, Argentine Republic, Chili, Peru, years that not a few Spiritualists and the Island of Puerto Rico being have urged me to recommend their among the nations whose citizens have consideration in executive session approached your president for inforwhenever they are properly brought mation with regard to Spiritualism. before the convention. By this methto discuss the fraud question with ence of the N.S. A. and is a light greater freedom, likewise the finan- tribute to the value of organization. cial question, and that of the status Railroad work and other important of our local societies, when it is known matters already enumerated in this but the outside world will not have a report made up the balance of your

president's official correspondence. As your President, I cheerfully responded to all requests from the secular press for articles setting forth the principles of Spiritualism and sought to do likewise for the Spiritualist papers at every opportunity.

Personal.

Permit me to introduce one brief paragraph in which to express my ersonal thanks to all of the members of the board of trustees for their valuable aid throughout the year. Our noble-hearted, generous treasurer, Theodore J. Mayer, is deserving of special mention for his timely advice and steadfast devotion to the interests of the N. S. A. Our zealous vice-president, Geo. B. Warne has my nearty thanks for his many acts kindness and timely aid during year. He is loval to Spiritualism in word and deed in every phase of its work All Spiritualists are under ob of mediumship and his courageous opposition to every form of fraud. this question, your official board has acted as a unit during the year now drawing to a close.

. The Outlook.

Despite the fact that some dark clouds hang low over the skies of Spiritualism, despite the mutterings and rumblings of the elements threat ening seeming storms, I do not view the outlook for Spiritualism as at all doubtful, nor in the least insecure Even the weaknesses of some of its organic aids are not to be viewed with larm for they can be made helps i Spiritualists will but do their duty New structures can be erected without the faults of the old and new methods of work adopted in all fields of re-

I am hopeful, even optimistic, as to the outcome of our efforts. Defeat may seem imminent at times. Fraud and rascality may forge to the front and hold sway for a time; selfishness may control many of our people for a time but over all, around all, and beneath all, is the benign influence of the illumined minds in the spirit spheres, who are striving for highest, and are endeavoring to impress susceptible minds on earth to keep pace with them, to aid them in their work and to place Spiritualism where it deserves to be-in the lead of all educational, religious and reformatory movements on earth. are signs wanting that such is /the fact even now.

The demand for honesty in mediumship, for ridding our movement of all grafters, the work of the Progressive Thinkers and the renewed interest in spiritual Spiritualism are cases in point. What Mayors Adams and Weaver, Gov. Folk, Attorney Jerome and other reformers are doing, are typified by the present awakening Spiritualism and the work that is being done in its behalf.

Every Spiritualist has reason to feel encouraged at signs of the times. Old organizations and their imperfect methods may go-in fact, they are going-but they will only make way for the car of progress in the form of better organizations that shall follow them. A division even may come, but it will only be the severing of relationships between honor and dishonor, hence no alarm need be felt by reason of it.

The truth will endure for ever and will be its own excuse whenever it demands a hearing. It rests with the Spiritualists themselves to prove that they are the proper persons to act as custodians of the truth. I believe there are many who are worthy of the trust and feel that they will nobly meet every responsibility whenever the same devolves upon them.

Through the N. S. A. I look to se all of these hoped for results accomplished. Let us rally to its support morally, numerically and financially Let us make known to ourselves and to the world our adherence to every cardinal virtue, our belief in every principle of right, and seal, if need be, our very lives to the holy work of cooperation with the angels in an endeavor to make this world in deed and in truth the kingdom of heaven for all All of which is respectfully sub-

mitted, HARRISON D. BARRETT, President.

OCTOBER.

Now is the Autumn's fairest moon And the royal purple noon Of all earthly glory; Now let cares drift far away While each wonder-working day Tells to us its story.

Sung amid a thousand hills, Hymned by "silver throated" rills
Through the meadow straying, This sweet poem of the year

Charm on charm displaying. Scarfs of gold and crimson rest. On each mountain's plumed crest In a dewy splendor While o'er all earth's dainty things Nature spreads out gauzy wings As of each most tender.

Hills on which we fondly gaze Neath a soft enriching haze All day long seems dreaming; Curtained from our curious eyes, Beauty gives us glad surprise Through each vista gleaming.

Now her turrets seem to rise Fair as dreams of Paradise On our vision stealing: Then they float and pass away Into darkness and decay Death alone revealing.

Now from every tree-top wave Leafy banners gay as grave Nature's mood betraving: Then these faded, wasted forms Rent by force of winds or storms Fall, no use portraying.

eaves! what say you to my heart? Winds! What melancholy art Wakes ye into sighing? Wherefore when we hear your moans Thrill our heart with echo tones Chord to chord replying? Leaves! ah, well I know your power,

Winds! ve have a wondrous dower

Faded hopes like Autumn leaves Strew life's pathway. Nature grieves,

All the past revealing;

One with us in feeling. But there is a glory born With our life's empurpled morn, Stronger than all grieving; Aye, and brighter than the days Scarfed in gold and purple haze,

'Tis of faith's fair weaving. Leaves may fall and quick winds sigh All forms of beauty fade and die, Still, Faith to us replying Mounts upward singing Love's gate,

And bids us calmly work and wait:

All cause for grief denying. Ah! if the Autumn of our days Finds but the soft and mellow haze Our fading joys concealing, Then will our hearts be full of peace

And every hour bring rich increase,
A life of use revealing.
BELLE BUSH. Bhirley, Mess.

Missionary Report

Report of Harrison D. Barrett, Missionary-at-Large for the N. S. A., A. D. 1906.

large for the year-1905-1906.

Front November 15 to January 15 ing if properly conducted. I feel that tried to establish a missionary circults should be established cuit of thirty towns in the state of by the several state associations, Maine, planning to give each place one where they exist, and be under the divisit per month throughout the year. rect supervision of the state officers at it was wasted time and effort, so far all times. Where no state associaas Maine was concerned, and had to tions have been established, the N. S. be abandoned as impractical in that A., by proper correspondence, and state. People declared they would be with timely suggestions from the mismuch pleased to have such an itin- sionaries, can form all circuits and eracy established, but when asked to manage them. If the missionary is to do something in its behalf, either procrastinated or made no answer what- on Sunday, his correspondence should ever. There is no state in the Union | be made as light as possible. where missionary work of a substantial character is more greatly needed than in Maine. The people there have fallen into a condition of indifference toward the welfare of our Cause as a whole that is positively disgraceful. Whenever they are aroused to a sense of their duty, and to the needed as light as possible. He whole that is substantial to a sense of their duty, and to there were a light as possible. He should know the places he is to visit each week, go to them in turn, and conserve all his energies at each point visited by nim. But the missionary cannot do it all, no matter how hard he may work, nor how great his devograceful. to a sense of their duty, and to the necessity of action, they respond nobly, even generously and enthusiastically

supposed to be local societies, not one of which holds continuous meet- proper food and shelter ings throughout the year. Two of them meet monthly, while one holds meetings whenever a speaker or me-A few do all the work that is done at all, while the many are either indifferent to it, or wholly indisposed to rec-ognize the necessity of holding meetings of any kind, aside from held each year by the various camps in the state. No doubt these words will apply to the Spiritualists of New Hampshire and other states in which little or nothing is done to sustain Spiritualism outside of one or two brief camp-meetings.

Maine has four camps, three o which are auxiliaries of the N. S. A Three of these are held for periods of ten days each, while the other continues over a series of weeks, and makes its Sundays its speciality. visited two of these camps the presen year, and am pleased to report that a deep interest in the welfare of the N S. A. was aroused at both points. As soon asof had outlined its work, stated its objects, given something of its history, and recounted some of its contests; its successes and failures the people present rallied generously to its support, and went away filled with the thought that the N. S. A. was their institution in the best sense of the term. Three of the Maine campi are largely attended, but the people who assemble at those so-called Mec cas of Spiritualism, in the vast major ity of instances attend no spiritual meetings save an occasional funeral during the entire year, aside from what they crowd into the sessions of their camps. There are affty cities and towns in Maine in which working societies can be established under proper missionary effort.

What is true of Maine is undoubtedly true of the other northern New England States, New Hampshire and Vermont. . It requires missionaries of unusual ability to do the work that Spiritualism as a movement in Amer can be done through proper effort in ica, and in the N. S. A. as its mouth the states named. The missionaries plece. The people responded quickly must be filled with enthusiasm, pos- and generously, and I am pleased to sessed of unbounded patience, backed report that the bond between by sufficient means to provide for Spiritualists of Washington and the heavy storms, a continued stress of N. S. A. is a strong one, and I hope I and possible inactivity on the part of the people. They should be ple of Washington believe in the N. S. able to present phenomena in the A., and are ever ready to render it home circle, and not attempt to make generous support. Washington has a them special features in public. De- strong, active state association, which votion to the Cause and self-consecra tion to its advancement should be snecial characteristics of those who would feel, however, that the N. S. A. should act as missionaries in New England. It may be difficult to find the right ganda work in accord with my recompersons for these positions, but it can mendation in this report. be done, if proper effort is made, and carnestly recommend action accordingly. New England needs missionary and camp work. I gave thirty-five work, and the N. S. A. will grievously err if it neglects this important field tended to all my official duties in adany longer. It should be undertaken dition thereto. The state association and carried forward despite the disheartening indifference of the local Portland, Oregon, the first week in Spiritualists themselves.

land, I journeyed westward, doing good, and placed the N. S. A. in a missionary work of various kinds much better light before the Spiritual-along the way, until I reached the lists of Oregon than it had ever been Oklahoma, I succeeded in establishing plishments, nearly all of which infor-a circuit of towns, to which I made regular fortnightly visits. On the heard me. The Spiritualists of Orebeing held. I asked the local Spirit- its undertakings. ualists to provide place of meeting, mass meeting was a decided success, music and advertising, giving me the music and advertising, bring No one proceeds of the collections. No one in Kansas and Oklahoma who knows in Kansas and Oklahoma who knows The attendance at the camp-meeting The attendance at the camp-meeting the control of the cont neglect of duty nor of lack of interest at New Era was fairly good at the in the movement. I put in ten weeks opening, and steadily increased up to of continuous labor on this circuit, the closing day. A special collection and had the satisfaction of seeing and personal offerings to the N. S. A. that the interest in many places was

abandon the field than it was at the opening. But, despite my exertions, the work was a financial failure. The circuit was a longer one than it should have been, yet the expense of travel was other states to secure his service small, taken as a whole, and did not missionary, or as settled speaker. cause the loss sustained each week. The collections were generally very At one point on a certain Sunday, when I gave two addresses into it will soon establish itself in all fields each of which I fut one hundred dolor spiritual endeavor. It needs the lars worth of energy, the receipts support of the N. S. A. and I recom-from all sources? fifty cents. This is mend a close union between the two the largest sum taken in one day at bodies to the end that all errors in its any given point outside of Sterling, organic structure may be eradicated, give sixty-five dddresses in seventy days, thirty-two of which were in the gressive Spiritualism be sent forth as month of March alone, from which champions of our Cause. the financial returns were too small to be named as a whole. The receipts first sixteen days of September were for Marchawere some hundred and devoted to camp-meetings. I worked sixty-three dollars and thirty-five for the camps—at Surprise Lake, cents. Toithis, I made a personal do-Wash., at Vicksburg, Mich., Onset, nation of six dollars and sixty-five Mass., Etna and Madison, Maine. At cents, hence was able to report one all of these points, I turns from my thirty-two lectures in A. Vicksburg on N. S. A. day March. The expenses for that month, sponded with a special offering of fif-including, of course, the salary of the ty-three dollars and twenty cents missionary, were two hundred and (\$53.20), only eighteen of which twenty dollars, a loss of fifty dollars to were in pledges to be redeemed later. likely to be permanent in character,

By vote of the delegates present at good missionary work. There will be the Mittheapolis convention in 1905, I occasional losses under any system, was reappointed as missionary-at- however perfect it may seem, yet the circuit work can be made self-sustain-

speak every day in the week and twice themselves have their share in the responsibility of making this circuit work a success. They should be will I do not know of a strong local solety in the state of Maine. There are six organizations in the state that are feel that he may not always have

work during the coming year be es tablished upon the circuit plan, under dium happens to pass through the the management of state associations section in which it is located. The When state associations refuse to When state associations refuse to membership of all of these organizations is an uncertain quantity, and is the N. S. A. undertake the circuit never of a general working character. Work itself. I further recommend that, where the state associations take the lead, the N. S. A. enter into contract relations with them, pledging certain financial aid, provided the states raise an equal amount, with the assurance that all profit accruing from such work shall be shared equally by the associations involved.

I did no missionary work during the month of April. I returned to my home in Maine at my own expense, and only attended to the routine worl of the president's office during that entire month.

I resumed missionary work in the month of May, and have been constantly at my tasks since that time. I visited numerous places en route to the West, whither I was cance the months of June and July, also the months of June and August. I spent some time in the state of Montana where I find great need of missionary labor. The state association is very weak, both in finances and membership, but its officers are laboring with singleness of heart to establish it upon a firm legal and financial basis I found marked interest in Spiritualism in all sections of the state visited by me, and from which I heard by the way of letters. Devoted missionary work is greatly needed in Montana Men and women of education are wanted, rather than sensationalists and commercialists, in that progress-I take great pleasure in reporting that the Spiritualists of Montana believe in and are loyal to the

N. S. A. During the month of June I labored in Seattle, Wash., doing occasional week evening work in adjacent cities, from all of which efforts the financial returns were almost equal to expenses. I did my best to interest our friends in body is abundantly able to carry on the work in that state at present unite with the state body in propa-

I spent the entire month of July in the state of Oregon, in mass-meeting addresses in twenty-nine days, and atheld a six days' mass-meeting in

piritualists themselves.
Unable to obtain work in New Enger. This meeting did a great deal of state of Kansas. With the aid of in- before. I gave two addresses, setting terested friends in that state and in forth its aims, endeavors and accomwhole, the attendance was good at all gon are loval friends of the N S A points, save when a heavy storm was and will remain such so long as it does raging, or some public function was not depart from honest effort in all of

Pension Fund were received in addimuch greater when I was compelled to tion to what was paid me. for my services. President Love is a devoted friend to the N. S. A., and an earnest worker for organization everywhere His release from official responsibilities in Oregon makes it possible for other states to secure his services as

In passing, I must add that the state association in Oregon is now equipped for work, and that I believe The entire month of August and the

hundred and seventy dollars as my re- friendship and good will for the N. S the N. S. A. for this one month. Free N. S. A. day had passed when I vious month, showed even larger reached Onset, but the returns from deficits. I have taken March as a there were most generous. Etna resample, for the collections steadily insponded to my appeal with a special creased throughout that month, when offering of thirty-five dollars, while the people saw that the work was Madison came to the front with a collection of twenty-two dollars and sev and were able to induce interested enty-five cents. These sums were in friends to attend the meetings.

hence I filled very few engagements My time was occupied with convention work in the form of correspond ence, and the preparation of my official reports.

It is a matter of regret that Spirit ualists throughout the nation, while

desiring missionary work, are so will ing to shift the responsibility of supporting the same upon the N. S. A It was openly said in not a few places visited by me, "Well, the N. S. A pays you; why should you care whether you meet expenses or not?' Others said even more bluntly, the N. S. A. foot the bills." Others sought to extenuate their present neglect by recitals of their past sacrifices for Spiritualism. There is a desire on the part of multitudes of Spiritual ists to get something for nothing. Such a condition augurs ill for the fu ture of our Cause. Something should be done to eradicate this terrible evil from the minds of our people. I appeal to this convention to speak in no uncertain tones upon this important matter, and urge that something be done to establish a higher order of things. On four occasions I was refused the platforms of local Spiritualist socie-

ties, or denied an opportunity to address the Spiritualists and other lib eral people. The reason assigned was the same in every instance, although only one good friend went so far as to say that he would silence me as a speaker forever if he had the power It was my opposition to fraud that caused all four of the refusals mentioned. I refer to this matter solely as an illustration of the low spiritua level upon which some pretended Spiritualists stand. They prefer fraud to honesty, illiteracy to scholarship, and would, like Torquemada of old, torture all who entertain progressive views. These experience would be more provocative of mirth were they not so pathetic in their revelations of the sad fact that there are Spiritualists who can condone fraud, and uphold its perpetrators, in prefer ence to clean, wholesome Spiritualism Perhaps these people, like Ephraim of old, are joined to their idols, and should be let alone until their own souls are awakened to a full realization of the meaning of the truth, honesty and spiritual growth. It is not the province of any mis-

sionary to discuss the fraud question in his propaganda work, and I do not know of one of the N. S. A. missionaries who has ever done so. It is his duty to tell the people what Spiritual ism is, and to establish working societies in its name. But, when questions in public or in private with regard to conditions that he knows to be dishonest, with phenomena that he knows to be spurious, and to the counterfeiters who produce the same, it is the bounden duty of every worker, missionary or not, to tell the truth without fear or favor. Spiritualism and Spiritualists will be respected more highly by all intelligent people when they realize that Spiritualists have sufficient self-respect to expose and repudiate every kind of fraud. No medium has ever yet been attacked by a missionary of the N. S. A., nor by any one of its officers. Fraud and counterfeiting have been fearlessly condemned by many of our workers and I ask in all candor, is it a crime to oppose wrong-doing?

Missionary work is needed in many sections of the country, but I am con-strained to recommend that it be confined to such sections as are willing to render the circuit system a cordial and generous support. Reciprocity is the law of life, and it should apply to missionary labor as it does to everything Spiritualism will go to people when they are ready to receive it, and they are only ready to receive it when they accord it needed support. Mis sionary enterprises of all kinds, would in my humble opinion enjoy_a greater degree of prosperity and achieve reater success, were the missionarie able to entertain themselves.

I am under deep obligations to many friends in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Wyoming, Montana, Oregon and Washington for favors received. To them, one and all, I extend my grateful thanks as I conclude this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRISON D. BARRETT, Missionary-at-Large for N. S. A.

Report of Max Gentzke, Missionary-at-Large.

Since last year's National Convention, I have been busy in the work for our cause among the German-speaking citizens of this country. Accompanied by a test medium, Mrs. A. Dodge, of Chicago, I made during November and December a lecturing tour of six weeks' duration through the East, visiting the following cities: Fort Wayne, Ind.; Cleveland, Ohio; Rochester, N. Y.; Lawrence, Mass.; New York City and Brooklyn, N. Y.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Cincinnati, Ohio, holding 32 public and parlor meetings, which were well

In January, we held four successful meetings in St. Louis, Mo.; and during March, April and May held two meet ings every week in Chicago. We made one tour to Springfield, 111. holding three meetings there. During the summer months, up to this time. I gave a number of lectures

and addresses, before different societies and parlor meetings in Chicago. It may be of interest to all to clude in my report, the fact that I have succeeded in establishing a large organization of German-speaking Spiritualists, of 178 members, living in 23 cities of the United States and four members living in Germany and prospect of enlarging our membership

considerably. Although this organization has been established in the form of a business stock company, named Searchers' Publishing Company, "The main aim is, the speaking truth of Spiritualism by enlarging and improving their organ, "The Licht strahlen," by publishing and circulat ing books and pamphlets in the German, English and other languages and by holding well-arranged mass or agi-

tation meetings.

This organization has also opened a headquarters in connection with their business place, where traveling Spiritualists are welcome. ..

I look with best hopes upon the work of this new organization and its missionary work, carried on in a p tical manner, and as President of the same, I wish to state that its mission ary work is and will be successful, and believe it should find the co-operation of the N. S. A. and every true Spirit-ualist. MAX GENTZKE, Missionary-at-Large.

"New Testament Stories Comically Illustrated. Drawings by Watson Heston. With Critical and Humorous Com-ments upon the Texts." Heston's It is probable that the receipts lectures, hence indicate the cordial would have constantly increased had the circuit work been continued. I generous Spiritualists at the points came out of this experience firmly continued. I vinced that short circuits are best for From September 16 to the close of Pechles, M. D. H. A. Ph. D. Price 31. The Spiritualist and Event in Life." By Lift drawings are incomparable, and exercises as an Event in Life." By Lift cistingly funny. Price, in boards, \$1; ing. One of Miss Whiting's gestive, intensely interesting, books. It is laden with rich pechles, M. D. H. A. Ph. D. Price 31.

the official year, I engaged somewhat MISSIONARY'S REPORT. in missionary work in Maine, but the financial returns barely met expenses

G. H. Brooks' Statement of the Work Done by Him.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists Association of the United States-Greeting: -Another year has rolled by and once more I give my yearly report as one of the unpaid missionaries of the N. S. A.

The first Sunday in October, I opened, by special request of the many friends in Milwaukee, an evening meeting in Severance Hall. There was no salary attached, but the friends promised to do the best they could by me. The attendance was large from the very first and gradually increased, and I thought it wise to keep the meeting open, which I did from the first of October until the first of June. I depended upon a small subscription list and collections, leaving the meeting free, that is, charging no door fee, all of the season times I had a surplus left and sometimes not. I had weekly socials, at which time a charge of fifteen cents was made, and the evening spent in the exercise of my mediumship. The attendance was fair at these socials, never very large. Once per month a dance and social was held at the hall, which was largely attended.

I attended to all of the advertising and business of the meetings, looked after the people by making social calls, and being in truth as nearly as I knew how, their friend and helper. There were a good many sick during the season, whom I looked after, and from the number who attended, eight passed away, at whose funerals I officlated. I felt that Milwaukee was too large a city and too important a point to leave vacant, and so made sacrifice for the same.

In February, I visited Portage, home of Rev. Nellie K. Baker, the then secretary of the Wisconsin State Society. I held three meetings in her home. They were fairly well at-

On the 23rd, 24th and 25th of April, the State society convened in Milwaukee, which I attended and took part in. was elected its president and missionary, and have been working hard most of the time since in behalf of the State Society, which, I am sorry to say, I found was loaded down with a debt of fourteen hundred dollars. I have been more interested in trying to raise the indebtedness of the State Society than I have been in preaching Spiritualism, for I feel that no cause can leave a lasting impress for good on the minds of a people when it can not pay its debts. Hence I have visited different parts of the state in that work. I have been well received and a good work, I trust, has been done; have reduced the debt some; raised all told, up to date, over \$500, and have paid some of it on the debt, and all running expenses. The present board has not one dollar of indebtedness and has in the bank some considerable money

There was held in Milwaukee, Oct. 6 and 7, a very successful mass-meeting, in which the N. S. A. came to rescue of the W. S. S. A. by donating the services of your honored president, Harrison D. Barrett, in assisting the service and lending an influence that will never be forgotten, and an increase on the community at large that is uplifting and spiritualizing.

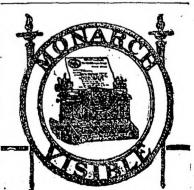
Just how many meetings will be held this winter I do not know. It all depends on circumstances. The desire is to raise as much of that debt as possible; not only to raise the debt. but to revive societies that are already organized, that once did effectual work, but now are either dead or sleeping; also organize, where advisable, new societies and to strengthen the work all over the state.

Another feature we shall add to our work when we can is that of state lyceums and young people's societies, and to bring the young up under the influence of our thought. I feel too great stress cannot be laid on this part of our work; that with a good working lyceum there is always a good live society.

To me the missionary field is one of the most important features of our work, and too much stress cannot be laid upon it; that there can be no more important matter before this body to discuss and not only to discuss, but to more perfectly carry out this glorious work. My entire year has been engaged in the purely missionary field, without any stated sal-ary, receiving what I could for my la-bors, sacrificing more than I can ever tell before this body of delegates, and working from early morn until, many times, late at night in looking after the needs of the people in a large city. Now my field has grown from the city to the state, and obstacles to overcome that, looking at them now they seem unsurmountable, but with an infinite trust in the eternal truths which our cause represents, I shall work on until my year expires next April. But no matter where I may be, I shall always try to work for the upbuilding of Spiritualism.

This is my report and I stand to-day more fully convinced than ever of the great necessity of organization, of honest work, of loyalty to mediumship, of the hearty support and co-operation with the N. S. A., and I promise on my part to do what I can to extend the sphere of Spiritualism in the building up of societies and leading the minds to a higher plane of thought and to a grander, truer life.

Most respectfully submitted. G. H. BROOKS.



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Missionaries' Report.

Report of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, Missionaries of the National Spiritualists Association, for the Year Ending September 30, i906.

Mr. Chairman and Fellow-Delegates:-We are pleased to meet with you again in convention, and to give an account of our stewardship. The year just passed has been

very active and encouraging one in the missionary field. The cause of organization is growing in favor with

the people each year. Many important questions are agitating the minds of the Spiritualists of this country, prominent among which are the questions of the best methods of advancement of our move ment; how to find the true in Spirit-ualism and how to eliminate the false

The demand also for a better educated ministry in Spiritualism is in-

ship is demanded everywhere through-

Our people are becoming more and tute and are looking hopefully forward to the time when it will be able to supply a large number of valuable workers fully equiped to fill the allimportant positions in which they are Our cause is in need of many more

good and competent workers. There are thousands of towns and cities in the United States where a competent Spiritualist minister or medium could build up a good, strong society and be

The demand for competent speakers and mediums is a healthy one and is being gradually though slowly supplied. Tens of thousands of people in this country are anxious for the teachings and proof of the truths of spiritualism, and many are unable to obtain them because of the lack of

Many have tried to learn and have fallen into the hands of incompetent and chartered it with the N. S. A. It self-appointed speakers and mediums, and have turned away in sorrow and

tions in their work of providing the public with competent and worthy mediums, ministers and teachers.

We must see to it that the wants of these thousands of earnest inquirers stronger and their work is becoming are supplied with the true in Spiritualism and that our cause becomes free from the suspicion that has been cast upon it by some of its self-imposed teachers as well as by the ignorance of the unqualified investiga-

We always recommend the home circle for the enlightenment of the investigator and the development of mediumship.

Camp-Meetings.

We filled camp-meeting engagements at the following named places: Haslett Park, Mich.; Clinton, Iowa; Delphos and Winfield, Kans., and Mountain Park. Oklahoma, where we met several new workers. One by one the old workers are passing to nigher life and their loss is greatly felt by those left behind. However, we are encouraged by the fact that many new ones are coming to the front to fill their places.

At Haslett Park we found Miss

Emma Gibbs, a young and gifted worker of Grand Rapids, Mich., who was acting as chairman of the campmeeting. She has been serving a so clety in her home town for the past two or three years. At Clinton, Iowa, Mrs. Emma

Abbott, a graduate of the Morris Pratt Institute, was holding classes in elocution and physical culture and had charge of a large children's lyceum. Her work was highly appreci-

We also met Mrs. Christine Cooper and her son at this place, both of whom are graduates of the Morris Pratt Institute. Mrs. Cooper is an efficient officer of the Clinton campmeeting, and Eugene is a teacher in a business college, which position he says, is to be credited to his having attended the Morris Pratt School. His talks in the conferences showed his ability as a thinker and a speaker. and were a source of gratification to his many friends.

Clinton. She filled the rostrum while we were at camp, giving a beautiful discourse. . She has charge of the Clinton society.

At the Delphos camp-meeting we met Mrs. Bessie Bellman and Mrs. osephine Brewer, both of whom were filling engagements there as speak-All of these new workers are cultured and refined and are honoring the positions to which they are called.

There are hundreds more in our great country who are coming to the front to take the places of those who are passing away and to fill places for themselves... This is encouraging, but Spiritualists should hasten to organize societies, making them permanent by chartering them with the state and National Associations, so as to encourage our workers and more fully utilize the gifts of the newly developed speakers and mediums, that our cause may be advanced and the hungry multitudes may be fed.

At Mountain Park (Okla.) campmeeting—the first one ever held in the state—the people of the town were quite conspicuous by their absence at first, but by the persuasive genius and sound logic of Brother John W. Ring, and the spiritual teachings of Mrs. Alice K. Baker, they had begun to show themselves when we arrived; and the weather having improved, the latter part of the meeting was attended by nearly everyone in town. Many people heard the message of Spiritualism for the first-time. Between thirty and forty people came together, traveling eighty, ninety and some one hundred miles on purpose to attend the meetings and assist in the work of organizing the Oklahoma State Spiritualists Association. They came mostly in covered wagons. The quality of the work done by our speakers and mediums at all of these camps gave evidence of the fact that we are making for a more spiritual Spiritualism. Mr. Barrett's good Spiritualism. Mr. Barrett's good work in Oklahoma was a great help in the organizing of the state associa-

The officers and managers of these camp-meetings are earnest, self-sacrificing Spiritualists, who labor unceasingly and without compensation other than the compensation that comes from knowing that they are doing good. Great praise is due to these faithful and unselfish workers. They are doing a great work for our

Number of Meetings, Etc.

During the year we held 262 meetings and seances, in '44 different places; reorganized and organized and chartered 14 societies, including one state association, and labored in 14 different states, viz.: Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, West Virginia, Ohio, Hillinois, Missouri, New York, Kansas, Oklahoma and Canada.

We held meetings in Alliance and Ashley, Ohlo; Detroit, Pontiac, Fenton, Battle Creek, Chesaning, Haslett and Saginaw, Mich.; Allegheny, or untrue that has been laid upon it. Our good people are aroused and a genuine as well as a spiritual medium- West Va.: Versailles and Lafavette West Va.; Versailles and Lafayette, Indiana; Farmer City, Decatur, Ma-comb and Beardstown, Ill.; Whitewater, Wis.; Minneapolis, Long Lake and Faribault, Minn.; Northwood, Clear Lake, Mason City, Edgewood, Clinton, Hayesville and Belmond, Ia.; more favorably impressed with the St. Louis and Millersville, Mo.; Moungood work of the Morris Pratt Institution Park, Okla.; Delphos, Winfield, Sterling and Hutchinson, Kans., and

Windsor, Canada. We also attended the N. S. A. convention at Minneapolis, and took an active part in the Michigan State Spiritualists mid-winter meeting held at Detroit. The latter, like the former, was a grand success in every respect and proved to be of great benefit to our cause and the cause of organization.

Financial Report for the Year Ending September 30, 1006.

Expenses,\$2,105.43 Receipts..... 1,463.98 \$ 641.45

State Associations.

While attending the Mountain Park camp-meeting, we organized the Okla-homa State Spiritualists Association s well organized and has a splendid

field for missionary work. Its officers are composed of some of A grave responsibility rests and all true Spiritualists; they should sturdy pioneers of that country, and all true Spiritualists; they should sturdy pioneers of that country, and come to the front and lend a helping if they build up and develop their new State Spiritualists Association as the best men and women among the four different Spiritualist churches sturdy pioneers of that country, and they have developed their beautiful country, we shall doubtless soon see a strong auxiliary to the N. S. A. in Oklahoma.

Our state associations are growing more thoroughly systemized.

Each year shows progress in every line. State missionaries are at work in the states that are organized and in some of them they are kept in the field the entire year. This is as it should be. The Indiana State Spiritualists As-

sociation which we organized less than three years ago, has a missionary engaged by the year. This shows what may be done. With proper management every state association may keep a missionary constantly in the field.

The Macomb Spiritualists Church.

Last winter Mr. J. D. Munger of Macomb, Illinois, built a nice little church in that place. It has a seating capacity for about 250 persons. Munger seated it with opera chairs, arranged for heating, lighting, etc., in fact he completed it in every detail and made it ready for use. He then deeded it to a friend, Mr. Fred Rexroat, in trust for a Spiritualist society, when one should be organized.

Then in February last he engaged your missionaries to come to Macomb on April 21 and hold meetings daily R. for two weeks. In the meantime we were to organize a Spiritualist society and dedicate the new church.

ing a notice in The Progressive Thinker of the death of Brother He died in a hospital after Munger. an operation.

We immediately wrote the only Spiritualists of Macomb whose addresses we possessed. The time for our going there was close at hand and after a reasonable time, not réceiving a reply to our letters and becoming uneasy, we wrote the postmaster at Macomb, asking for information. Soon after this we wrote a letter and addressed it, "To Any Leading Spiritualist of Macomb, Ill." About that time we received a discouraging let-We also met Mrs. Alice Barry at ter from the son of Mr. Munger, is the administrator of his father's estate. He gave us the name of Mr. Fred Rexroat, the trustee in whose hands the deed to the church placed. We at once wrote him but before we received his reply there came an answer to our letter ad dressed to "Any Leading Spiritualist of Macomb." It was an encouraging letter and said, "Come; we shall expect you to be here on the 21st."

was the old cry of the spirit "man" that in a vision appeared to Paul in the night, and prayed him, "Come Another letter from a good Spiritualist read as follows: "Pay no attention to any letters notifying you not to come here. We have had opposition from the first. If you ever did anything for the cause of Spiritualism, do it for Macomb, and we, with our

parted brother, J. D. Munger, will feel Other letters followed and on April 21, we reached Macomb. We soon learned that there were no funds to pay the expenses of the meetings there, but that the Spiritualists, though they were poor, would do all they could to help defray the expense of the meetings, all of which they faithfully carried out, though not nearly enough. was raised to pay the

expenses. There was great opposition to our coming to Macomb, and to the Spirit ualists getting possession of the

church. We were delayed in getting the key to the church. We consulted a law-yer, and discussed the question with parties concerned in the matter, and did not get possession of the key to the church until we promised not to let any other person have it, and that we would return it when the meetings were over. It was only ten minutes before the time set for the meeting to begin when we got possession of the key, and many were waiting at the

church door for admission. We remained in Macomb fifteen days, held fifteen meetings, and after live days' work there we organized a society composed of thirty-four members, and a day or two later the deed was made by Mr. Rexroat, the trustee, transferring the title to the trus-tees of the Munger Spiritualists Church of Macomb, Ill., the officers of the society that we had organized. We had the deed recorded, and dedicated the church, and the wishes of

The Spiritualists of Macomb now own this beautiful temple free from encumbance, and are organized into a working society under the charter from the Illinois State Spiritualists

for 21 years.

pushed the matter to a

kindness and respect.

of our cause.

selves about it.

parts of the country.

the society that owns it.

Spiritualism.

and the advancement of our cause.

Many things are done by the mis-

sionaries for the good of Spiritualism that are not published.

Great crowds attended our meet-

ings at Macomb, sometimes twice or

side as there were on the inside of

Spiritualist Temples.

great hindrance to the advancement

We have been unable to visit many

places where our services were want

ed, because no suitable place could be

secured in which to hold our meet

ings. Spiritualists should have more temples and halls of their own. In

many places the Spiritualists are as

numerous as the members of some of

the smaller denominations of Chris-

tians. They are just as good finan-ciers. They have just as much money

and can build temples in many places just as well as these Christians can

build churches, if they will set them-

see that we must have our own tem-ples and meeting-places. This is

shown in the fact that we are buying churches of the Christians in different

Last spring, within about one month's time we held meetings in

and one Spiritualist college. All of

these were paid for but one church,

and that one is secure in the hands of

tee on "Temple Fund" that was ap-

pointed by our convention last year

may present some good and effective

method of raising funds to help weak

societies to build temples of their

A large number of Spiritualists in

the United States are too busy making

money to pay much attention to the advancement of the sacred cause of

would be willing to furnish the N. S.

ties at a low rate of interest to be

used in building temples and churches.

Security could be furnished by mort-

gages on the temples, and societies

could pay interest easier than they

could pay rent, and they would have

places to hold their meetings when-

ever they wished without having to

Missionary Work.

missionaries and sets them at work.

The National missionaries are con-

comes organized it at once realizes the

necessity for missionary work and

The reports of the National mis-

sionaries for the last six years

that the more missionary work that is

The large leaflets sent out by the

N. S. A. are doing a good work; we

see the good resulting from their cir-

culation in different parts of the

convention consider the question of publishing small leaflets explanatory

of the teachings of our philosophy and

the generally accepted beliefs of the Spiritualists and enlightening the pub-

lic regarding the good work of our organization. This is very important,

as erroneous statements regarding the

beliefs of Spiritualists are in circula-

We are often asked "What do Spir-

tualists believe regarding Jesus Christ.

the bible, rewards and punishments, God and the devil?" etc. Of course our workers are constantly enlighten-

ing those who attend our meetings,

and our splendid Spiritualist newspa-

pers and periodicals are doing the same, but if these little leaflets were

circulated freely they would fall into

the hands of thousands who never

see a Spiritualist publication or at-

If we had such leaflets that we

could hand out or mail in our corre-

pondence, the public would learn

that false reports regarding Spiritual-

ists and their beliefs are in circula-

tion and the beauty and naturalness

of our philosophy would appeal to

many as soon as they were apprised of

Many people honestly believe that

Spiritualists are all atheists; that they

do not believe that we must suffer the

consequences of wrong-doing; that they

are believers in divers inconsistent and visionary doctrines, etc., all of which not being true, the public

leaflets for their members and to be

used in their lyceums, and they could

distribute them to others to advan-

The Methodists, Adventists, Mor-

mons, Unitarians and other denomina

tions are successfully using this

doctrines, why should we not do like-

We would suggest that if such

leaflets are printed each one contain matter explaining but one subject,

and of such form and size as can be

into ordinary-sized envelopes

method of teaching the world

Spiritualist societies need

tend a Spiritualist meeting.

its teachings.

should be enlightened.

tage.

tion all over the land.

We would recommend that this

. Leaflets. .

proceeds to arrange for it.

teaches an object lesson and

done the better for our cause.

ask consent of anyone.

with money to loan to weak socie

Perhaps some of them

We are hopeful that the commit-

As Spiritualists we are beginning to

our arisen Brother Munger were thus far carried out. Report of the Committee on the President's existing between the various members therance of the private ends of an in-

Report. Association.

Mr. Munger left a legacy to help support this church. He willed this so-ciety the use of 160 acres of land for the term of twenty-one years; the so clety to come into possession of the

legacy at the death of Mr. Munger's The Year's Work.—Your committee notice with pleasure and approval the It is a fine farm and its estimated encouraging review of amount and character of the work accomplished in the general field of Spiritualistic effort and the attention given to the rental value is from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per year. If it rents for \$1,000 per year for 21 years the \$21,000 will be a great help to the Spiritualists and the cause. It will pay the expense same by numerous writers and speakers allied with kindred novements, as well as the attention given the same by the popular periodicals and other publications of the day. of keeping a good speaker in Macomb It is very doubtful whether the Spiritualists would have gained pos-

Your committee suggests your approval of the statements set forth unsession of the Macomb church if your missionaries had not gone there and der this heading, but recommend that successful the closing paragraph be amended so as to read as follows: settlement. Missionary work is of the greatest value to our organization

"The call on the part of the scholars of Europe for the past twelve months for mediums for the purpose of special investigation surely shows the trend of the times and reflects credit upon mediumship and Spirit-

three times as many were on the out-Psychic Research.-Your committee heartily concur in the statement of facts set forth under the above headthe church, but with windows and doors open all could hear. The news-papers and the people treated us with ing and recommend its endorsement

by this convention.

Missionary Work.—Your committee reccommend that the subject of all missionary efforts be referred to the Lack of places to hold meetings is committee appointed to consider that special line.

Editor-at-Large,-The statements set forth in the president's report, giving a brief review of the valuable work accomplished by the able Editor-at-Large, are heartly concurred in by this committee, and recommend their endorsement by this convention.

Local Societies.—Your committee

concur in the opinion of the National president as to the causes and lack of efficiency of many of our local societies, and deeply deplore the conditions thus existing, and your committee are of the opinion that the earnest workers in the cause of Spiritualism in the various localities must in the main be depended upon to remedy the evils complained of.

State Associations.—For the pur-pose of strengthening the various tate associations and local associa-ions now inoperative, or in a weaked and ineffective condition. recommended by your committee that luring the coming year missionaries employed by the National Spiritualists' Association be directed to pay especial attention to this class of state associations, and local associations, and if possible, to continue such orts until the evils complained of are removed.

Camp-Meeetings.—The report of he president with reference to the vaious camp-meetings mentioned is approved by your committee and ensement of this portion of the re-

port be adopted by this convention.

History of Spiritualism.—Your onimittee agrees with the president as to the amount and value of the work accomplished by this department of effort. It is the opinion of your committee, however, that the best interests of our cause will be promoted by combining the office of Editor-at-Large, Missionary at-Large and that of Historian in one, and placing the same in the hands of one person at a fixed salary for the services renheling stern han

Legal Battles .- It is recommended Missionary work is very much by your committee that all matters under this heading be referred to the needed in every part of the country. Within the last year we have received incoming board with instructions to investigate thoroughly the status of letters from people living in many different states of the Union asking for our services and requesting that we thority, and if deemed advisable, render all necessary assistance. let them know if we come anywhere

Definition of Terms .-- As important It is a source of great satisfaction to features upon this subject have been learn of the good work of the state referred to a special committee, this missionaries, and to know that every committee recommends that all matstate as soon as it becomes strong enough in its organization appoints its

plied with them that they may be videly distributed.

stantly receiving calls from states that are organized as well as from A committee might be appointed to receive matter for these leaflets. to states that have no state organization, arrange it in proper form and but the calls from the states that are organized number many more than present it to the incoming board for its approval and publication. those from the unorganized states.

. Clergy Rates.

Through the kindness and courtesy of the Central Passenger Association and the Western Clergy Bureau, we have been permitted to travel on cler gy half-fare permits. ; This has been a help to Spiritualists and weak so cieties who were not able to pay our full fare. We fully appreciate this favor and are certain that the Spirit-ualfsts of the country are also thankful for the same,

The Spiritualist Press.

The Spiritualist press has shown your missionaries every kindness. Our reports and all other articles have been freely published on every occa-sion. The Progressive Thinker, Sunflower, Banner of Light and Occidental Mystic have always extended the free use of their columns to help our work along. We fully appreciate this great favor and so do the Spiritualists who read these papers.

Our Co-Workers:

To our co-workers throughout the entire country we wish to extend our sincere sympathy and good will. We well know the sacrifices necessary to the success of a society. We also know what the itingrant workers must endure in the strenuous labors incident to their ministry.

Wherever we have been called to labor, we have been kindly assisted by speakers and mediums, alike. The kindness extended ; to us by them is an evidence of their goodness as well as their sympathy with our work and our, organization. Throughout all the years of our missionary pilgrimage we have sustained the kindlest relations with every member of the N. S. A., board, with never a disagreement or a wisunderstanding. There has never been a cloud to dim the horizon of perfect harmony in our relations. 73:

Many hundreds ofo letters have passed between our beloved secretary, Mrs. Mary T. Longley, and your missionaries, and never a ripple of inharmony or unpleasantness has/appeared. Her work and influence with the societies and individual Spiritualists throughout this vast country is simply wonderful. She has, the happy faculty of creating harmony with all her acquaintances and other correspondents, and has been of great value in the important work of the office she so ably fills.

To all who have welcomed us to their homes or aided us in our work in any way—and they are manyhereby extend our heartfelt thanks. portion of all of these dear friends.

Respectfully submited, MR. AND MRS. EnW: SPRAGUE: N. B. A. Missionaries 1082 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Mich.

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To Officers and Members of National a ters relating thereto shall be referred

Spiritualists Association in Convention Assembled;—Your committee to whom was referred the president's report for the year last past, beg leave report to the effect that no educated to submit the following report:

The Years Work Very committee.

The Years Work Very committee to the following report: in the ranks of Spiritualism, in the opinion of your committee should be modified. Many such are to be found among our people bravely battling for the truth, but we heartily concur in the suggestion that a more general recognition should be given to the demand for a thoroughly educated ministry and mediumship.

Lyceum Work .- The value of lyceum work cannot be questioned and our sympathy and co-operation are cheerfully given to all earnest lyceum workers. As all matters per-taining to this subject will be presented in due form by our lyceum su-perintendent, J. W. Ring, you are respectfully referred to his report for further information.

Mass Meetings .- All matters taining to this subject referred to by the National President are approved by your committee and we recommend that the same be adopted by this convention

Half Rates .- As the term "Half Rates" is only another name for special privilege, your committee advise that all proper effort be made looking to the discontinuance of this system, and when this effort can be made to apply to other societies of like nature, it is the opinion of your committee that all Spiritualists will cheerfully comply with the same.

The Ruilroads.—We are glad to learn of the amicable relations existing between the various railroad companies and the National Spiritualists Association. We believe a clearer understanding of the merits of our work by the business world will eventually lead to a complete recognition of our interests as are not accorded to other bodies of like nature and purpose.

Reorganization of Societies.—Your committee does not endorse the theory or plan of secret organizations as a method of propaganda in the cause of Spiritualism; such methods being incompatible with the philosophy of Spiritualism or our declaration of principles

Postofice Missions .- Your commit tee concurs in the suggestions of the president and recommends the adop tion of the same by this convention

A Publishing House.—Subject mat-ter of this heading is of deep interest to your committee. As this subject is closely allied with the matter coming under the class of work involved in the publishing of the History of Spiritualism, etc., your committee recommend that this be placed in the hands of the person selected to perform the duties mentioned in the recommendations previously made with reference to the same

Counterfeit Mediumship .- The sugpresident were carefully considered by your committee, and we recommend that this convention endorse the action taken by the National board in recalling the charter of the State Spiritualists Association of Iowa. We also concur with the suggestion all possible assistance be given to the Hawkeye State Spiritualists Association recently organized in the state of Iowa. It is also recommended by your committee that a continued, uncondi-tional and uncompromising opposition esty perpetrated in the name and un-der the guise of Spiritualism, but in the performance of these duties, we advise that the utmost care be taken to protect all honest workers in our ranks to the end that no injustice be done to these noble message bearers of the spirit world. Your committee urge that all the safeguards that this organization can throw around these faithful sensitives be cheerfully and fully given them.

tion of Liberal Relie Your committee concurs in the suggestions made by the president upon this subject and advise that present methods be continued.

The Latest Word of Spiritualism .-This committee endorses the president's report under this heading and recommends continued effort until the desired purpose is accomplished. Our Conventions .- Your committee

agrees to the suggestion made by the president, and recommends that our next annual convention be continued through five consecutive days instead Necrology .-- Your committee rec-

mmends that this matter be referred to the committee on resolutions. Platform Suggestions .- This committee is of the opinion that the sug-gestions herein made should be re-

ferred to the committee on resolutions and appropriate action taken thereon. Finance.-All of this subject matter

should be referred to the committee on finance, ways and means, and this committee so recommends, Executive Session.—The opinion of your committee that all matters in-

volving any question of dishonesty on the part of individual societies of this such subjects for discussion shall be taken up in executive session.

Endowments.-This entire subject should also be referred in the judgment of your committee to the committee on finance, ways and means, Amendments. — Your committee

concur with the principle involved in the amendemnt suggested by the National president and recommend that the amendment now pending be so amended as to conform to the president's suggestion and provided that such amendment shall take effect immediately after the close of this convention.

Evening Sessions -- We helleve the selection of speakers and mediums for our evening sessions should be left fully in the hands of the National board, acting under the constitution and by-laws.

Spiritualist Press .- This subject should be referred to the committee on resolutions.

New Thought Convention .- This committee agrees to the suggestion that four fraternal delegates be selected to attend the coming New Thought Convention, but we are of the opinion that no expense to the National Association should accrue from this action.

Board of Trustees .- The statements of the president set forth in this paragraph are heartily concurred in by your committee, and we advise a continuance of like effort along the lines Indicated.

Home Office.-The endorsement of the home office in the president's report is cheerfully endorsed by this committee.

President's Office.-Your committee cognizes the value and efficiency of the services rendered in an official capacity by the national president, and recommend the endorsement of the

matter that receives our hearty appre clation and your committee is dent that this appreciation is shared in a large measure by this delegate

Outlook .- We share with the national president the encouraging outlook of the future of the cause of Spiritualism, and believe that under the benign influence of the risen and illuminated souls who have crossed the border land, together with the earnest and hearty co-operation of all lovers of the truth, as it is in Spiritualism now marshalling for action in every portion of the civilized world, our cause is destined to conquer socalled evil and place humanity upon the highest spiritual level attainable and its high destiny made secure for all coming time.

Conclusion .- In conclusion, we de-

sire to say that we regret that president has been too strongly influenced by the unfavorable conditions which prevail in some localities, and not brought into a sufficient prominence those encouraging evidences of the solid and wholesome progress which has been made. Your committee believes that many things have occurred and many things have been done to give us genuine cause for gratification and rejoicing. Many of the state bodies are now established upon a firm and more business-like basis than ever before and are becoming powerful aids to the N. S. A., and among the local societies there is a marked tendency to a higher concep-Men and women of refined tastes and strong worthy character are coming to the front in our cause and winning for it the respect of the communities in which they live.

Leaders of religious thought are seeking to know more of our teachings and manifestations and not infrequently during the past few years have distinguished churchmen heretical declarations in harmony with our doctrines, evidently influenced by a test of our claims. Even Even the Pope of Rome in the interest of truth has recently refused to con-demn the work of his physician, Dr. Lapponi, on Hypnotism and Spiritualism, a work which recognizes the facts

on which our cause is established.

All of which is fraternally submitted and duly signed.

J. S. MAXWELL,

C. D. PRUDEN, MRS. R. S. LILLIE, CARRIE E. S. TWING, MRS. SOPHIA B. SEIP Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MIS-SIONARIES' REPORTS.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists Association:— Your committee, appointed to examine and report on the reports of the missionaries of the association, submit the following report: We note with pleasure the enthusi-

asm exhibited by all of our missionaries in the field, and feel that the hearty thanks of the association should be tendered them for their unselfish devotion to the Cause.

We regret, however, to note in the several reports, a lack of cohesion in the work done by the several missionaries, and the lack of interest apparently shown by Spiritualists at large with reference to this most important subject. We believe with President Barrett that an entire revision of our missionary methods should be adopted by the association, and would recommend the following:

That the Association appoint only one missionary at large, whose duty it shall be to visit such points of the country as may require his services and such points as he may be directed to visit by the National board. That in lieu of other general missionaries, the association appoint such worthy workers are are now filling appointments in the various localities of the United States, where their entire service is not required, and that these workers be authorized and empowered by the Association to form circuits immediately adjoining their respective localities and to visit the various points in these circuits regularly, the association to assist in bearing necessary expenses incidental such missionary work and the salary to be received by said workers.

We call attention especially to the fact that there are now many worthy workers in the Cause of Spiritualism who are without appointment on the one hand, while on the other hand, there are many societies where great enthusiasm prevails, but which are so small in numbers that they do not feel they can bear the expense of a perma-

Our recommendation is further caused by the belief that greater concentration of effort should be made by the National Organization, an effort in communities where Spiritualism has already a foothold, rather by promiscuous solicitation and labor through vast stretches of territory where little, if any, interest is shown In this connection let us suggest that it would be well, in our opinion, for the National Association to work in co-operation with the various state associations with reference to the appointment of these missionaries and the support to be furnished them, and your committee earnestly recommend that the subject be given further consideration by the convention and such action taken as well indicate to our National officers the course that we desire to be pursued along this line.

It is our belief that he who organizes a local Spiritualist society should keep in constant touch with his organization, sufficiently, at least, to continue the personal influence that led to its organization.

In conclusion, we do not wish to have our report taken in the sense of criticism by any of the workers in the field. It has not been the purpose of the committee to criticise, but to recommend such course of action as in their judgment would lead to an ad vancement of the cause, and the critpose of showing by contrast the good that might be accomplished by pursuing a different course of action believe that every missionary that has given an hour to the cause of Spiritualism in the United States during the last year, is entitled to the hearty appreciation of every true Spiritualist, and, as a committee appointed by your organization, we tender to them our most sincere thanks.

A number of applications have been submitted to us, looking to the aption as missionary of the association Your committee does not feel that these applications are within the province of the committee, hence we have taken no action regarding any of them. We believe that the National Association should, where worthy applicants appear, provide generously for such missionaries, but that their action should be taken only after most thorough and rigid examination of the character and standing of the applicants, so that the name of our or-Personal.—The bond of sympathy anization may not be used in the fur-

dividual. Respectfully submitted, GEO. B. HOLBERT, FLORENCE N. HIBNER, LAURA M. JONES, T. GRIMSHAW.

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Missionaries' Report.

Report of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, Missionaries of the National Spiritualists Association, for the Year Ending September 30, i906.

Mr. Chairman and Fellow-Delegates:-We are pleased to meet with you again in convention, and to give an account of our stewardship. The year just passed has been very active and encouraging one in

the missionary field. The cause of organization is growing in favor with the people each year.

of this country, prominent among and Canada. which are the questions of the best methods of advancement of our movement: how to find the true in Spiritualism and how to eliminate the false

The demand also for a better educated ministry in Spiritualism is increasing in our ranks.

Our people are becoming more and more favorably impressed with the good work of the Morris Pratt Institute and are looking hopefully for-ward to the time when it will be able to supply a large number of valuable workers fully equiped to fill the allimportant positions in which they are

Our cause is in need of many more ood and competent workers. There ire thousands of towns and cities in the United States where a competent Spiritualist minister or medium could build up a good, strong society and be well sustained.

The demand for competent speakers and mediums is a healthy one and is being gradually though slowly sup-Tens of thousands of people in this country are anxious for the teachings and proof of the truths spiritualism, and many are unable to obtain them because of the lack of competent workers.

Many have tried to learn and have fallen into the hands of incompetent and chartered it with the N. S. A. self-appointed speakers and mediums, is well organized and has a splend and have turned away in sorrow and

A grave responsibility rests with hand in sustaining and upholding our National, state and local organizations in their work of providing the public with competent and worthy mediums, ministers and teachers.

We must see to it that the wants of are supplied with the true in Spiritualism and that our cause becomes free from the suspicion that has been cast upon it by some of its self-imposed teachers as well as by the ignorance of the unqualified investiga-

We always recommend the home circle for the enlightenment of the investigator and the development of me-

Camp-Meetings.

filled camp-meeting engagements at the following named places: Haslett Park, Mich.; Clinton, Iowa; and Winfield, Kans., and Mountain Park, Oklahoma, where we met several new workers. One by one the old workers are passing to the nigher life and their loss is greatly felt by those left behind. However we are encouraged by the fact that many new ones are coming to the front to fill their places. At Haslett Park we found Miss

Emma Gibbs, a young and gifted worker of Grand Rapids, Mich., who was acting as chairman of the camp-meeting. She has been serving a society in her home town for the past two or three years.

At Clinton, Iowa, Mrs. Emma R. for two weeks. Pratt Institute, was holding classes in elocution and physical culture and had charge of a large children's lyceum. Her work was highly appred-

We also met Mrs. Christine Cooper and her son at this place, both of whom are graduates of the Morris Pratt Institute. Mrs. Cooper is an efficient officer of the Clinton campmeeting, and Eugene is a teacher in a business college, which position he savs. is to be credited to his having attended the Morris Pratt School. His talks in the conferences showed his ability as a thinker and a speaker, and were a source of gratification to his many friends.

We also met Mrs. Alice Barry at Clinton. She filled the rostrum while we were at camp, giving a beautiful discourse. . She has charge of the Clinton society.

At the Delphos camp-meeting we met Mrs. Bessie Bellman and Mrs. Josephine Brewer, both of whom were filling engagements there as speakers. All of these new workers are cul-tured and refined and are honoring the positions to which they are called

There are hundreds more in our great country who are coming to the front to take the places of those who are passing away and to fill places for themselves... This is encouraging, but Spiritualists should hasten to organize societies, making them permanent by chartering them with the state and National Associations, so as to encourage our workers and more fully utilize the gifts of the newly developed speakers and mediums, that parted brother, J. D. Munger, will feel our cause may be advanced and the grateful." hungry multitudes may be fed.

Mountain Park (Okla.) campmeeting—the first one ever held in the state—the people of the town were quite conspicuous by their absence at first, but by the persuasive genius and sound logic of Brother John W. Ring, and the spiritual teachings of Mrs. Alice K. Baker, they had begun to show themselves when we arrived; and the weather having improved, the latter part of the meeting was attended by nearly everyone in town. Many people heard the message of Spiritualism for the first time. Between thirty and forty people came together, traveling eighty, ninety and some one hundred miles on purpose to attend the meetings and assist in State Spiritualists Association. They came mostly in covered wagons. The munlity of the-work done by speakers and mediums at all of these

camps gave evidence of the fact that we are making for a more spiritual Spiritualism. Mr. Barrett's good work in Oklahoma was a great help in the organizing of the state associa-

The officers and managers of these camp-meetings are earnest, self-sacrificing Spiritualists, who labor unceasingly and without compensation other than the compensation that tee, transferring the title to the truscomes from knowing that they are do-tees of the Munger Spiritualists ing good. Great praise is due to Church of Macomb, Ill., the officers of these faithful and unselfish workers. the society that we had organized.

They are doing a great work for our We had the deed recorded, and dedi-

Number of Meetings, Etc.

During the year we held 262 meetings and seances, in 44 different places; reorganized and organized and chartered 14 societies, including one state association, and labored in 14 different states, viz.: Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Many important questions are agitating the minds of the Spiritualists sourt, New York, Kansas, Oklahoma

We held meetings in Alliance and Ashley, Ohio; Detroit, Pontiac, Fenton, Battle Creek, Chesaning, Hasualism and how to eliminate the false or untrue that has been laid upon it. Smithton, Pittsburg and Lancaster, Our good people are aroused and a partitual mediumgenuine as well as a spiritual medium-ship is demanded everywhere through-Indiana; Farmer City, Decatur, Macomb and Beardstown, Ill.; White-water, Wis.; Minneapolis, Long Lake and Faribault, Minn.; Northwood, Clear Lake, Mason City, Edgewood, Clinton, Hayesville and Belmond, Ia. St. Louis and Millersville, Mo.; Mountain Park, Okla.; Delphos, Winfield Sterling and Hutchinson, Kans., and Windsor, Canada.

We also attended the N. S. A. convention at Minneapolis, and took an active part in the Michigan State Spirtualists mid-winter meeting held at Detroit. The latter, like the former was a grand success in every respect, and proved to be of great benefit to our cause and the cause of organization.

Financial Report for the Year Ending September 30, 1906.

Expenses,.....\$2,105.43

While attending the Mountain Park camp-meeting, we organized the Oklahoma State Spiritualists Association is well organized and has a splendid field for missionary work.

Its officers are composed of some of the best men and women among the all true Spiritualists; they should sturdy pioneers of that country, and come to the front and lend a helping if they build up and develop their new State Spiritualists Association as they have developed their beautiful country, we shall doubtless soon see a strong auxiliary to the N. S. A. in Oklahoma.

Our state associations are growing stronger and their work is becoming more thoroughly systemized. Each year shows progress in every

line. State missionaries are at work in the states that are organized and in some of them they are kept in the field the entire year. This is as it should be.

The Indiana State Spiritualists Association which we organized less than three years ago, has a missionary engaged by the year. This shows what may be done. With proper management every state association may keep a missionary constantly in

The Macomb Spiritualists Church.

Last winter Mr. J. D. Munger of Macomb, Illinois, built a nice little church in that place. It has a seating apacity for about 250 persons. Munger seated it with opera chairs, arranged for heating, lighting, etc., in fact he completed it in every detail and made it ready for use. He then deeded it to a friend, Mr. Fred Rexroat, in trust for a Spiritualist society, when one should be organized.

Then in February last he engaged your missionaries to come to Macomb on April 21 and hold meetings daily In the meantime we Abbott, a graduate of the Morris were to organize a Spiritualist society and dedicate the new church.

We were shocked one day by reading a notice in The Progressive Thinker of the death of Brother Munger. He died in a hospital after

We immediately wrote the only Spiritualists of Macomb whose addresses we possessed. The time for dresses we possessed. The time for our going there was close at hand and after a reasonable time, not receiving a reply to our letters and becoming ineasy, we wrote the postmaster at Macomb, asking for information. Soon after this we wrote a letter and addressed it, "To Any Leading Spirit-ualist of Macomb, Ill." About that time we received a discouraging letter from the son of Mr. Munger, who is the administrator of his father's estate. He gave us the name of Mr Fred Rexroat, the trustee in whose hands the deed to the church placed. We at once wrote him but before we received his reply there came an answer to our letter addressed to "Any Leading Spiritualist of Macomb." It was an encouraging etter and said, "Come; we shall expect you to be here on the 21st."

was the old cry of the spirit "man" that in a vision appeared to Paul in the night, and prayed him, "Come over into Macedonia and help Another letter from a good Spiritualist read as follows: "Pay no attention to any letters notifying you not to come We have had opposition from the first. If you ever did anything for the cause of Spiritualism, do it for Macomb, and we, with our

Other letters followed and on April 21, we reached Macomb. We soon learned that there were no funds to pay the expenses of the meetings there, but that the Spiritualists. though they were poor, would do all they could to help defray the ex-pense of the meetings, all of which they faithfully carried out, though not nearly enough, was raised to pay the

There was great opposition to our coming to Macomb, and to the Spiritualists getting possession of the

We were delayed in getting the key to the church. We consulted a lawyer, and discussed the question with parties concerned in the matter, and did not get possession of the key to the church until we promised not to let any other person have it, and that we would return it when the meetings were over. It was only ten minutes before the time set for the meeting to begin when we got possession of the key, and many were waiting at the

church door for admission. We remained in Macomb fifteen days, held fifteen meetings, and after five days' work there we organized a society composed of thirty-four members, and a day or two later the deed was made by Mr. Rexroat, the truscated the church, and the wishes of

our arisen Brother Munger were thus

far carried out.

The Spiritualists of Macomb now own this beautiful temple free from encumbance, and are organized into a working society under the charter from the Illinois State Spiritualists

Association,
Mr. Munger left a legacy to help support this church. He willed this soclety the use of 160 acres of land for the term of twenty-one years; the so-clety to come into possession of the legacy at the death of Mr. Munger's

It is a fine farm and its estimated rental value is from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per year. If it rents for \$1,000 per year for 21 years the \$21,000 will be a great help to the Spiritualists and the cause. It will pay the expense of keeping a good speaker in Macomb

It is very doubtful whether the Spiritualists would have gained possession of the Macomb church if your missionaries had not gone there and pushed the matter to a successful settlement. Missionary work is of the greatest value to our organization and the advancement of our cause. Many things are done by the mis-

sionaries for the good of Spiritualism that are not published. Great crowds attended our meetings at Macomb, sometimes twice or three times as many were on the out-side as there were on the inside of the church, but with windows and doors open all could hear. The newspapers and the people treated us with

kindness and respect. Spiritualist Temples.

Lack of places to hold meetings is great hindrance to the advancement of our cause.

We have been unable to visit many places where our services were want-ed, because no suitable place could be ings. Spiritualists should have more many places the Spiritualists are as numerous as the members of some of the smaller denominations of Christians. They are just as good finan-They have just as much money and can build temples in many places just as well as these Christians can

selves about it. As Spiritualists we are beginning to see that we must have our own temples and meeting-places. This shown in the fact that we are buying churches of the Christians in different

build churches, if they will set them-

parts of the country.

Last spring, within about one month's time we held meetings in four different Spiritualist churches and one Spiritualist college. All of these were paid for but one church and that one is secure in the hands of the society that owns it. We are hopeful that the commit-

tee on "Temple Fund" that was appointed by our convention last year may present some good and effective method of raising funds to help weak societies to build temples of their

A large number of Spiritualists in the United States are too busy making money to pay much attention to the advancement of the sacred cause of Spiritualism. Perhaps some of them would be willing to furnish the N. S A. with money to loan to weak socie ties at a low rate of interest to be used in building temples and churches Security could be furnished by mortgages on the temples, and societies could pay interest easier than they could pay rent, and they would have places to hold their meetings whenever they wished without having to ask consent of anyone

Missionary Work.

Missionary work is very much needed in every part of the country. Within the last year we have received letters from people living in many different states of the Union asking for our services and requesting that we let them know if we come anywhere

It is a source of great satisfaction to learn of the good work of the state missionaries, and to know that every soon as it becomes strong enough in its organization appoints its missionaries and sets them at work.

The National missionaries are constantly receiving calls from states that are organized as well as from states that have no state organization. but the calls from the states that are organized number many more than those from the unorganized states. This shows that when a state comes organized it at once realizes the necessity for missionary work and

proceeds to arrange for it. The reports of the National missionaries for the last six years teaches an object lesson and proves that the more missionary work that is done the better for our cause.

Leaflets.

The large leaflets sent out by the-N. S. A. are doing a good work; we see the good resulting from their circulation in different parts of the country.

We would recommend that this

convention consider the question of publishing small leaflets explanatory of the teachings of our philosophy and the generally accepted beliefs of the Spiritualists and enlightening the public regarding the good work of our organization. This is very important, as erroneous statements regarding the beliefs of Spiritualists are in circula-

We are often asked "What do Spiritualists believe regarding Jesus Christ. the bible, rewards and punishments, God and the devil?" etc. our workers are constantly enlightening those who attend our meetings, and our splendid Spiritualist newspapers and periodicals are doing the same, but if these little leaflets were circulated freely they would fall into the hands of thousands who never see a Spiritualist publication or at-

tend a Spiritualist meeting. If we had such leaflets that we could hand out or mail in our correspondence, the public would learn that false reports regarding Spiritualists and their beliefs are in circula-tion and the beauty and naturalness of our philosophy would appeal to many as soon as they were apprised of

Many people honestly believe that Spiritualists are all atheists; that they do not believe that we must suffer the consequences of wrong-doing; that they are believers in divers inconsistent and visionary doctrines, etc., all of which not being true, the public

Spiritualist societies need these leaflets for their members and to be used in their lyceums, and they could distribute them to others to advan-

The Methodists. Adventists. Mor-

mons, Unitarians and other denomina tions are successfully using this method of teaching the world their doctrines, why should we not do like-We would suggest that if such leaflets are printed each one contain matter explaining but one subject

and of such form and size as can be

put into ordinary-sized envelopes

1082 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Mich. and that societies and workers be sup-

rolled de la constant La constant de la co

Report of the Committee on the President's existing between the various members of the private ends of an individual. Respectfully submitted, matter that receives our hearty appression. GEO. B. HOLBERT, , Report.

ministry and mediumship.

further information.

comply with the same.

principles.

to the same

vention.

Lyceum Work .- The value of ly-

ceum work cannot be questioned and

our sympathy and co-operation are

cheerfully given to all earnest ly-ceum workers. As all matters per-

taining to this subject will be pre-

sented in due form by our lyceum su-

perintendent, J. W. Ring, you are re-

spectfully referred to his report for

Mass Meetings.—All matters per-taining to this subject referred to by

the National President are approved

by your committee and we recommend

that the same be adopted by this con-

Rates" is only another name for spe-cial privilege, your committee advise

that all proper effort be made looking to the discontinuance of this system,

and when this effort can be made to

apply to other societies of like nature,

it is the opinion of your committee

that all Spiritualists will cheerfully

The Railroads.-We are glad to

learn of the amicable relations exist-

ing between the various railroad com-

panies and the National Spiritualists

derstanding of the merits of our work

by the business world will eventually

lead to a complete recognition of our

interests as are not accorded to other

Reorganization of Societies .- Your

committee does not endorse the the

ory or plan of secret organizations as

a method of propaganda in the cause

of Spiritualism; such methods being

incompatible with the philosophy of

Spiritualism or our declaration of

Postoffice Missions .- Your commit-

tee concurs in the suggestions of the president and recommends the adop-

tion of the same by this convention

ter of this heading is of deep interest

to your committee. As this subject in

under the class of work involved in

the publishing of the History of Spir-

tions previously made with reference

Counterfeit Mediumship .- The sug-

gestions embodied in the report of the

president were carefully considered by

your committee, and we recommend

that this convention endorse the ac-

recalling the charter of the State Spir-

also concur with the suggestion that

all possible assistance be given to the

Hawkeye State Spiritualists Associa-

tion recently organized in the state of

Iowa. It is also recommended by your

committee that a continued, uncondi-

methods be continued.

of four.

recommends continued effort until the

Our Conventions .- Your committee

agrees to the suggestion made by the

president, and recommends that our

next annual convention be continued

through five consecutive days instead

Platform Suggestions.-This com-

mittee is of the opinion that the sug-

ferred to the committee on resolu-

volving any question of dishonesty on the part of individual societies of this

such subjects for discussion shall be

Endowments .- This entire subject

should also be referred in the judg-

ment of your committee to the com-

concur with the principle involved in

the amendemnt suggested by the Na-

tional president and recommend that

the amendment now pending be so

such amendment shall take effect im-

Board of Trustees.—The statements

of the president set forth in this para-

graph are heartily concurred in by

your committee, and we advise a con-

tinuance of like effort along the lines

Home Office.-The endorsement of

pacity by the national president, and

recommend the endorsement of the

Personal .- The bond of sympathy

ame by this convention.

mittee on finance, ways and means.

association, either local or state,

taken up in executive session.

Amendments. - Your

and by-laws,

indicated.

on resolutions.

desired purpose is accomplished.

to the committee on resolutions.

committee so recommends.

tion taken by the National board

A Publishing House .- Subject mat

bodies of like nature and purpose

We believe a clearer un-

Half Rates .- As the term "Half

To Officers and Members of National | ters relating thereto shall be referred spiritualists Association in Convent to that special committee. tion Assembled:—Your committee to Morris Pratt Institute.—The state-whom was referred the president's rements to be found in the president's Morris Pratt Institute.-The statereport to the effect that no educated speakers or mediums are to be found

port for the year last past, beg leave to submit the following report: The Year's Work.—Your committee notice with pleasure and approval the encouraging review of amount and character of the work accomplished in the general field of Spiritualistic effort and the attention given to the same by numerous writers and speakers allied with kindred, movements, as well as the attention given the same by the popular periodicals and other publications of the day.

Your committee suggests your approval of the statements set forth under this heading, but recommend that the closing paragraph be amended so as to read as follows: 'The call on the part of the schol-

ars of Europe for the past twelve months for mediums for the purpose of special investigation surely shows the trend of the times and reflects credit upon mediumship and Spirit-Psychic Research,-Your committee

heartily concur in the statement of facts set forth under the above heading and recommend its endorsement by this convention.

Missionary Work.—Your committee reccommend that the subject of all missionary efforts be referred to the committee appointed to consider that special line. Editor-at-Large.—The statements

set forth in the president's report, giving a brief review of the valuable work accomplished by the able Editor-at-Large, are heartly concurred in by this committee, and recommend their endorsement by this convention. Local Societies.—Your committee concur in the opinion of the National president as to the causes and lack of

efficiency of many of our local socie-ties, and deeply deplore the conditions thus existing, and your committee are of the oninion that the earnest workers in the cause of Spiritualism in the various localities must in the main be depended upon to remedy the evils complained of. State Associations .- For the pur-

pose of strengthening the various tate associations and local associaions now inoperative, or in a weak-ed and ineffective condition. it is recommended by your committee that turing the coming year mestonaries employed by the National Spiritualists' Association be directed to special attention to this class of state associations, and local associations. end if possible, to continue such eferts until the evils complained of are removed.

Camp-Meeetings .- The report e president with reference to the vaious camp-meetings mentioned is approved by your committee and endorsement of this portion of the report be adopted by this convention.

History of Spiritualism.—Your ommittee agrees with the president s to the amount and value work accomplished by, this department of effort. It is the opinion of your committee, however, that the best interests of our cause will be promoted by combining the office; of Editor-at-Large, Missionary-at-Large and that of Historian in one, and placing the same in the hands of one person at a fixed salary for the services ren-

Legal Battles.—It is recommended by your committee that all matters under this heading be referred to the incoming board with instructions to investigate thoroughly the status of each case; consult competent legal authority, and if deemed advisable, render all necessary assistance.

Definition of Terms .-- As important features upon this subject have been referred to a special committee, this committee recommends that all mat-

plied with them that they may be widely distributed.

A committee might be appointed to receive matter for these leaflets, to arrange it in proper form and then present it to the incoming board for its approval and publication.

Clergy Rates.

Through the kindness and courtesy of the Central Passenger Association and the Western Clergy Bureau, we have been permitted to travel on cler-gy half-fare permits. This has been a help to Spiritualists and weak societies who were not able to pay our full fare. We fully appreciate this favor and are certain that the Spiritualfsts of the country are also thankful for the same.

The Spiritualist Press.

The Spiritualist press has shown your missionaries every kindness. Our reports and all other articles have been freely published on every occasion. The Progressive Thinker, Sun-flower, Banner of Light and Occidental Mystic have always extended the free use of their columns to help our work along. We fully appreciate this great favor and so do the Spiritualists who read these papers.

Our Co-Workers.

To our co-workers throughout the entire country we wish, to extend our sincere sympathy and good will. We well know the sacrifices necessary to the success of a society. We also know what the itinerant workers must endure in the strenuous labors incident to their ministry.

Wherever we have been called to labor, we have been kindly ussisted by speakers and mediums; alike. The kindness extended; to us by them is an evidence of their goodness as well as their sympathy. with our work and our, organization. Throughout all the years of our missionary pilgrimage we have sustained the kindliest relations with every member of the N. S. An board, with never a disagreement or a misunderstanding. There has never been a cloud to dim the horizon of perfect harmony in our relations. 71:

Many hundreds of letters have passed between our beloved secretary Mrs. Mary T. Longley, and your mis sionaries, and never a hipple of inharmony or unpleasantness has/appeared. Her work and influence with the so leties and individual Spiritualists throughout this vast country is simply wonderful. She has the happy faculty of creating harmony with all her acquaintances and; other correspondents, and has been of great value in the important work of the office she so ably fills.

To all who have welcomed us to their homes or aided us in our work the home office in the president's report is cheerfully endorsed by this in any way—and they are many—we committee. nereby extend our heartfelt thanks President's Office.-Your committee May heaven's choicest blessings be the recognizes the value and efficiency of the services rendered in an official caportion of all of these dear friends.

Respectfully submited, MR. AND MRS. E.:W: SPRAGUE. N. S. A. Missionarie

ciation and your committee is dent that this appreciation is shared in a large measure by this delegate

all coming time.

Outlook .- We share with the national president the encouraging out-look of the future of the cause of Spiritualism, and believe that under the benign influence of the risen and illuminated souls who have crossed the border land, together with the opinion of your committee should be modified. Many such are to be lovers of the truth, as it is in Spiritualism now marshalling for action in found among our people bravely batevery portion of the civilized world, tling for the truth, but we heartily our cause is destined to conquer soconcur in the suggestion that a more general recognition should be given to called evil and place humanity upon the highest spiritual level attainable the demand for a thoroughly educated and its high destiny made secure for

> president has been too strongly influenced by the unfavorable conditions which prevail in some localities, and not brought into a sufficient prominence those encouraging evidences of the solid and wholesome progress which has been made. Your committee believes that many things have occurred and many things have been done to give us genuine cause for gratification and rejoicing. Many of the state bodies are now established upon a firm and more business-like basis than ever before and are becomamong the local societies there is a marked tendency to a higher conception of the mission of Spiritualism. Men and women of refined tastes and strong worthy character are coming to the front in our cause and winning for it the respect of the communities in which they live.
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> Leaders of religious thought are

> Conclusion,-In conclusion, we desire to say that we regret that our

seeking to know more of our teachings and manifestations and not infrequently during the past few years have distinguished churchmen made heretical declarations in with our doctrines, evidently influ-enced by a test of our claims. Even the Pope of Rome in the interest of ruth has recently refused to condemn the work of his physician, Dr. Lapponi, on Hypnotism and Spiritualism, a work which recognizes the facts on which our cause is established.

All of which is fraternally submit ted and duly signed. J. S. MAXWELL,
C. D. PRUDEN,
MRS. R. S. LILLIE,
CARRIE E. S. TWING,
MRS. SOPHIA B. SEIL,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MIS SIONARIES' REPORTS.

To the Officers and Delegates of the closely allied with the matter coming Fourteenth Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists Association:--Your committee, appointed to examine itualism, etc., your committee recom-mend that this be placed in the hands and report on the reports of the missionaries of the association, submit of the person selected to perform the duties mentioned in the recommendathe following report:
We note with pleasure the enthusi-

asm exhibited by all of our missiona-ries in the field, and feel that the hearty thanks of the association should be tendered them for their unselfish devotion to the Cause

We regret, however, to note in the several reports, a lack of cohesion in the work done by the several missionaries, and the lack of interest apparently shown by Spiritualists at large with reference to this most important subject. We believe with President Barrett that an entire revision of our missionary methods should be adopted by the association, and would recommend the following:

tional and uncompromising opposition That the Association appoint only one missionary at large, whose duty it he raised against all forms of dishonesty perpetrated in the name and unshall be to visit such points of the der the guise of Spiritualism, but in country as may require his services and such points as he may be directed the performance of these duties, we advise that the utmost care be taken to visit by the National board. to protect all honest workers in our ranks to the end that no injustice be in lieu of other general missionaries. the association appoint such worthy done to these noble message bearers of the spirit world. Your committee workers are are now filling appoint ments in the various localities of the urge that all the safeguards that this United States, where their entire serorganization can throw around these vice is not required, and that these faithful sensitives be cheerfully and workers be authorized and empowered fully given them.
Federation of Liberal Religions. by the Association to form circuits immediately adjoining their respective localities and to visit the various Your committee concurs in the sug-gestions made by the president upon points in these circuits regularly, the this subject and advise that present association to assist in bearing the necessary expenses incidental to The Latest Word of Spiritualism .such missionary work and the salary This committee endorses the president's report under this heading and

to be received by said workers. We call attention especially to the fact that there are now many worthy workers in the Cause of Spiritualism 11—The Great Debate Between Moses who are without appointment on the Hull and W. F. Jamieson. one hand, while on the other hand, there are many societies where great enthusiasm prevails, but which are so small in numbers that they do not feel

they can bear the expense of a perma-Necrology .- Your committee recnent leader. ommends that this matter be referred Our recommendation is further caused by the belief that greater concentration of effort should be made by the National Organization, an effort gestions herein made should be relooking to the increase of membership in communities where Spiritualism tions and appropriate action taken has already a foothold, rather by promiscuous solicitation and labor Finance.-All of this subject matter through vast stretches of territory should be referred to the committee where little, if any, interest is shown on finance, ways and means, and this Executive Session.—The opinion of

In this connection let us suggest that 't would be well, in our opinion, for the National Association to work in your committee that all matters in co-operation with the various state associations with reference to the appointment of these missionaries and the support to be furnished them, and your committee earnestly recom-mend that the subject be given fur-the most radical, freethought sentither consideration by the convention and such action taken as well indicate to our National officers the course that we desire to be pursued along this line.

It is our belief that he who organizes a local Spiritualist society should keep in constant touch with his organamended as to conform to the presi-dent's suggestion and provided that ization, sufficiently, at least, to continue the personal influence that led to its organization. In conclusion, we do not wish to

mediately after the close of this conhave our report taken in the sense of criticism by any of the workers in the field. It has not been the purpose of Evening Sessions.-We believe the selection of speakers and mediums for the committee to criticise, but to recour evening sessions should be left fully in the hands of the National ommend such course of action as in their judgment would lead to an adboard, acting under the constitution vancement of the cause, and the criticism offered has been for the pur Spiritualist Press .- This subject pose of showing by contrast the good should be referred to the committee that might be accomplished by pursuing a different course of action. New Thought Convention .- This believe that every missionary that committee agrees to the suggestion that four fraternal delegates be sehas given an hour to the cause of Spiritualism in the United States lected to attend the coming New Thought Convention, but we are of during the last year, is entitled to the hearty appreciation of every true the opinion that no expense to the Na-Spiritualist, and, as a committee aptional Association should accrue from pointed by your organization, we ten-

> pointment of the applicant for position as missionary of the association. Your committee does not feel that these applications are within the province of the committee, hence we have taken no action regarding any of them. We believe that the National Association should, where worthy applicants appear, provide generously for such missionaries, but that their action should be taken only after a most thorough and rigid examination of the character and standing of the applicants, so that the name of our organization may not be used in the fur-

der to them our most sincere thanks.

submitted to us, looking to the ap-

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Spiritualists' Reception.

was read by President Barrett:

the wily faking set,

WE ARE NOT DEAD YET.

We have climbed the mount of prog-

And through 13 years of climbing we

have found no place to stop. We have had to fight the clergy and

And the creeded courts and lawyers,

We have climbed the hill of science

as an institution, high, Till the world in wonder watches, and

Aye! through prejudice and hatred

The old preachers and old deacons

with their stock of pious hate,

Used to give us to the Devil and

Till at last we killed their Devil.

They have shouted to the Master, to

It is strange why they should fight us

that has set the world aflame,

They began the battle early; away

back in '48; The rapping and the tapping then en-gendered Christian hate,

And it made the pulpits tremble, and the preachers foam and fret,

We just fought our foes from ambush

But we finally united, and have sol

Till we capture all their temples,

smooth down each deep regret,

That the N. S. A. is living! that-

pleasing explanatory remarks upon the matter of the reception and the

harmony, and Mrs. Cora L. V. Rich-

mond delivered the nice little speech

of welcome, following which Wilson Fritch, Miss E. Harlow, Mr. Chas. Schirm, Mrs. Georgia G. Cooley and

G. W. Kates made short talks, and

again the "glad hand," the smiles and

'howdy-do's" took full possession and

everyone introduced himself or was

introduced to everybody, and kept on

until almost the midnight hour.

Tuesday Morning.

President Barrett opened the first

meeting of the business session with

brief explanation that the N. S. A.

After an invocation by Tillie U

dress of welcome, and was frequently

appointed as follows: H. W. Richard-

son, W. A. Willing, Paul McArthur, G. C. Love and C. R. Schirm. The com-

mittee was sent out at once to examine

credentials, and as soon as a sufficient

number for a working quorum were

found correct the house got down to

G. W. Kates, chairman of commit-tee on rules, made report, which, with

The following committees were ap-

pointed by the president:
Auditing Committee—John Weth-

ell, Vermont; Mrs. E. L. Nicholson,

Washington; W. R. Jones, Chicago; Mrs. H. Suehl, New York; H. C.

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Mrs. Sophia B. Seip, Oregon.
Committee on Resolutions—Mose

Hull, Wisconsin; Mrs. Stella Fisk Iowa; Rev. Wilson Fritch, Massachu-

Griffen, Illinois; Mrs. Christine Coor

ton; Mrs. G. C. Stephens, Missouri.

Committee on Correspondence

the regular routine of business.

a few alterations, was adopted.

The committee on credentials was

gates began to do business at once.

long to be remembered.

applauded.

DR. T. WILKINS.

for-we are not dead yet.

Soul's triumph evermore.

let them quite forget

it is NOT DEAD YET.

each man behind his tree,

for-we are not dead yet.

But they could'nt kill the baby and-

it is not dead yet.

diers now to let

without creed or priestly net;

for-we are not dead yet.

and-we are not dead yet.

St. Peter and their God.

their temples rough shod

and-we are not dead yet.

battled

progressing

the Christians look and sigh:

and all other foes we met, We have waded and have and—we are not dead yet.

brimstone as our fate,

But we kept right on

but-we are not dead yet.

ress from the bottom toward the top

receiving.

The Spiritualists reception at the

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There was scarcely a nation, savage or civilized, of which we have any account, where a belief in transmigration did not prevail. The Egyptians held to this belief, evidently inherited from their Indian ancestry. The Brahmans accepted it, as did the Buddhists, Gautama himself having become the great teacher he was in consequence of it, as we shall show further on.

The Jews seem to have accepted the transmigration theory. They believed ne soul of Adam re-appeared in David, and would again animate their expected Messiah; that the soul of Japhet would reanimate Simeon, and that the soul of Terah entered Job.

The early Christians seem to have been transmigrationists. The Manicheans, an early Christian sect, openly taught it, as did Origin. Jerome said it was a secret faith which was only taught to a select few. "The spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on Jesus," at the time of his alleged baptism by John the Baptist, betrays this transformation belief of him who wrote Matthew 3:16.

The Buddhist belief in transmigraderived from which taught all souls have existed | flooded the country with malicious from eternity; that to acquire Nirvana, that is, the final deliverance of the soul from continual transmigration at death, it must have reached a perfect life; that failing it must pass into and inhabit other forms of being. passing from one to another for thousand years when it will be permitted to reappear in human form; and thus each time, failing to reach perfection, it will be required to return to animate beast, bird or worm for another thousand years; and thus on forever, if perfection is not attained so as to fit the soul to return to the bosom of Brahm, the supreme God.

Buddha, an heir to the royal throne in profound contemplation, discovered and taught how to escape this cease less round of changing life; hence his lessons, embracing all the virtues, are believed the best ever given to humanity, and the most practical. Whatever is ennobling in Christianity is believed to have been derived from the earlier ceachings of this philosopher, they reaching Palestine, Western Asia and Egypt, by missionaries, 64,000 of whom were sent out from India, 244 years before our era, by Asoka, the then reigning monarch, as has herto-

fore been shown in these columns. To enter into all the details and conditions by which Nirvana-quietude, perpetual rest and absorption into the divine, from whom the soul came-would only confuse the average reader, without instructing. Sometime we hope to make room for a brief outline of Buddha's teaching.

The Theater. It is a fact worth knowing and remembering, that theatrical representations were originally under sacerdotal control. And religious plays constituted the entertainment of the populace. Some scholars claim tha passion plays, in which a god was chained to a rock, and later one was crucified on a cross, were copied in substance and adapted to a later age from the classics of Eschylus. Without entering into detail, it can be said truthfully, those passion plays during the Middle Ages became so vile the civil authorities were compelled to in-tervene in the interest of decency. Then commenced the opposition of the church to theatricals; and then they let loose all their arts of vituperation, so generally successful by priestcraft, to crush the actor and prevent his personation frequently of kings and

The histrionic art has been improving in morals ever since it was divorced from the church, and now as ennobling sentiments as ever came from the pulpit, are being taught on the theatrical stage.

THE N. S. A. CONVENTION.

Full reports of the proceedings of the late N. S. A. convention in Chicago can be obtained by addressing Mrs. Mary T. Longley, 600 Pennsylvania avenue S. E., Washington, D. C.

There was speech in their dumbness; language in their very gesture.

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LEAVE OUR RANKS.

Denied a Pro Forma Decree of Incorporation-The Stewart-Folsom Combine Repudiate Spiritualism. The Globe-Democrat of St. Louis,

Mo., contains the following: Judge Taylor yesterday denied a pro forma decree of incorporation to the Society of Scientific and Religious Truthseekers, which was asked for on November 21 last, by Josie K. Folsom-Stewart, her husband, Charles W. Stewart, and Phoebe S. Wolf. Attorney J. Lionberger Davis, referee, reported adversely upon the application.

Objections to the organization were also filed in Judge Taylor's court by State Progressive Spiritualists' Association. Judge Taylor heard testimony on the case last May.

Rev. Josie Folsom-Stewart Repudiates

Spiritualism. Rev. Josie K. Folsom-Stewart of 3007A Dickson street last night said she had repudiated Spiritualism, and denied that she would go to Chicago in an effort to have herself reinstated at the National Spiritualists Convention, from which she was expelled. She admitted she had intended to go, but said that was her "own private business." She and her husband, C. W. Stewart, are at the head of the Society of Scientific and Religious Truth-seekers, which differs from the Spiritualistic cult, according to Mrs. Stewart. She said her organization was founded on belief in the Bible, which, she asserts, is not the case with Spirit-

A letter from St. Louis to Paul Mc-Arthur, president of the Missouri State Spiritualist Association:

My Dear Friend and Co-Worker:-At 2 p. m., I got word of the denial of a proforma decree for a charter for Society of Scientific and Religious ligion in all civilized nations. Why Truthseekers, and immediately tele-

As a Spiritualist and former secre-Spiritualists Association of Missouri, I congratulate you and its present officers in their great service to Spiritualists at large, and the upholding of

Accept my good wishes and best regards to all Missouri delegates assembled, and may you and they stand for what is right in principle and justice, and may glory crown your efforts.

May "FOR CLEANER SPIRITUAL-

minds. I remain, yours fraternally, OLIN D. WHITTIER. St. Louis, Mo.

circulars against the N. S. A. It seems as if "those the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad." The evidence against them at St. Louis was alleged to have been overwhelming, that certain segments of their spirit manifestations were of could not be otherwise than against them. When the case was decided, then they commenced a malicious campaign against the N. S. A., and now, as a fitting climax to the ma-

lignant course of the Folsom-Stewart Combine we have the following declaation of the latter under oath: State Progressive Spiritualists Associ ation of Missouri,

Association. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 9, 1905. We the undersigned testify that C. W. Stewart on the 5th day of December, 1905, in our presence, AND UN-DER OATH, did make the following

Auxiliary to the National Spiritualists

declarations: "WE WANT TO GET AS FAR AWAY FROM SPIRITUALISM AND SPIRITUALISTS AS POSSIBLE." "SPIRITUALISM IS NO LONGER

Such statements were made as stated above under oath, before Referee J. Lionberger Davis, appointed by Judge Taylor of the Circuit Bench, the said referee to act on a pro forma decree for a new state association to be known as the Society of Scientific and Religious Truthseekers; the applicants for the decree were Mrs. Josie K. Folsom-Stewart, her husband, Chas. W. Stewart, and

about 40 others. W. F. PECK, OLIN D. WHITTIER, T. GRIMSHAW, OSCAR F. EVERTZ MRS. KLARA T. HARY.

The above statement made under oath ought to have settled the matter for all time, but instead, Mr. Stewart for all time, but instead, Mr. Stewart of Cleveland.

continued abusing in the most The Ohio Woman Suffrage Associa-

At Des Moines, Iowa, under the auspices of a now defunct state organization, Mr. Stewart in his address is alleged to have said that "the N. S. A. is not fit for a door mat for a negro church," or words to that effect. Alas! "not fit for a door mat for a negro church," an organization that has Truth Seeker. pensioned fifteen indigent sickly mediums, and made them comfortable in their declining years. That philan- the first wonder is the offspring of igthropic work alone is grand, ennobling, angelic and ought to make the blush of shame pass over the face of The banana skin may be under your Mr. Stewart for this malignant at own foot. - McPherson.

We often wonder what the unfortunate mediums who are being tenderly defense only; it is the safeguard of cared for by the N. S. A., think of the justice, and the security of innocence.

attack of the Stewart-Folsom Combine on those who are so kindly ministering to them. Ah! they can only think the attack is an outrage, actuated by a most diabolical spirit. Now that they have renounced Spiritualism, we hope their true status is understood.

Let the World Rejoice.

The religious world has aroused itself to the horrors of war, and has determined to unite their forces for its obliteration, a thing it should have done centuries ago, and would but for the retarding influence, by way of example, of Bible account that the Lord directed the Jews to fight and to 'leave alive nothing that breathes."

The World's Peace Society designated October 7 as a day when all the churches of the land should extol the peace movement. Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas, at the Garfield Boulevard Church, president of the Society, on request, gave a sermon, during which he expressed the opinion that in a few years at most, there will be an international legislature, whose enactments will be obligatory on all the allied nations.

Dr. Thomas said, "Our government is spending \$200,000,000 annually on its army and navy. England is spending \$300,000,000. The other countries spend altogether \$1,500,-000,000, hence the grand total of annual tribute to the war god is \$2,000,-

And all this in a time of peace, that the nations may be ready to fight and kill each other.
Chrstianity has boasted of its civ-

has it not united its forces, and directed its energies to stay the ravages of war, and for the perpetuation of tary of board of State Progressive peace? For the same reason it did not rise in its might and put down slavery and intemperance, and the tyranny of civil governments.

It is a truth which cannot be successfully denied, that while slavery derived its authority from the Christian Pope, it was from so-termed infiders opposition was first aroused against the institution. It was the same class of people who originated the temperance reform. And the ISM" be uppermost always in your Peace Societies originated, by those

who were outside the church. If the church and the ministry are now aroused, and will unite and work successfully to the extinguishment of war it shall yet have our blessings, The Folsom-Stewart Combine have though we regret we cannot award the country with malicious them the merit of being the originators or leaders in the grand reform.

Object Because of False Claim.

It is not to a day of rest objection is particularly made to Sunday observ ance, but because of basing it on sacred grounds. The day is no more earthly origin, hence the decision holy than any other day. It was a priestly project by which it was separ ated from other days, and it was made sacred to God to give the clergy an opportunity to exploit their creeds on that day.

Luther, in his "Table Talk," now eliminated by his late publishers.

"If anywhere one sets up Sunday observance on a Jewish foundation, then I do order you to work on it, to ride on it, to dance on it, to feast on it; to do anything that shall remove this encroachment on the Christian spirit and liberty "

And The Progressive Thinker opposes it because those who advocate its observance as a day or rest falsely claim it was set aside by God himself for that purpose; whereas God had no more to do with it than had a man in the moon.

"WE WANT NOTHING MORE TO To Besiege Congress and the State

At the recent annual meeting of the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association two definite aggressive lines of policy were laid down. First the Association is pledged to work in the legislature of 1908 for the passage of a bill submitting to the voters a proposition to grant full suffrage to women, and second the members are to besiege congress for some action on House Joint Resolution 86, which provides for submitting to the state legislatures an amendment to the Constitution of the United States allowing women to vote. The legislative committee is composed of Mrs. Harriett Taylor Upton of Warren; Mrs. Pauline Steinem, of Toledo; Mrs. Lucie C. Harmon, of Toledo and Mrs. Marle Jenney Howe,

tion has appointed its president, Harriet Taplor Upton, to serve on the legislative committee of the Initiative and Referendum League of the state.

When all the streams of superstition run dry, religion will be found dead between their withered banks.—

In wonder all philosophy [say religion] began, in wonder it ends, and admiration fills up the interspace; but norance, the last is the parent of adoration.—Coleridge.

Don't laugh over others' mistakes. Resentment seems to have been given us by nature for defense and for National Spiritualists' Association. Hammond, Illinois; Catharine McFarlin, Wisconsin; Solomon Dill, Michi-

gan Palmer House parlors, Monday evening, October 15, was one of the grand-Committee on Definitions-Chas. R. Schirm, Maryland; W. A. Willing, Iowa; Geo. W. Kates, Pennsylvania; est and most important events of the session of the N.-S. A. in Chicago. Mrs. G. G. Cooley, Illinois; Miss Eliza-There must have been all of 300 peo-ple in those spacious parlors and there

beth Harlow, Ohlo. Committee on Missionary's Report was but a slight effort at formality, and even then the "glad hand" was Geo. R. Holbert, Iowa; W. J. Erwood, Minnesota; E. A. Schram, Indiana; Mrs. R. S. Lillie, California; Mrs. P. B.

so common, fraternal and promiscuous that it was hard to discern who was Hibron, Washington. doing the receiving, or in other words, Committee on Necrology-Mrs. R it was hard to find those who were not S. Lillie, California; Geo. Tenny, Kan-

sas; Julia M. Walton, Michigan. The friends were called to order at an early hour and the following poem Reading of president's message con sumed the last half of the morning session and was continued to the afternoon session.

Afternoon Session.

Reading of president's message resumed and ended at 3 p. m., following which was read the secretary's annual report and financial statement, the financial statement of the treasurer. H. D. Barrett's missionary report, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague's missionary report.

Evening Session.

This session opened with sweet and eautiful music by Prof. Joseph Singer's orchestra, and an invocation by Rev. G. C. Love.

Mrs. M. T. Longley, the worthy N. S. A. Secretary, delivered the first lecture of the evening and did it with the easy grace and fluency of the higher influences under whose inspiration she took, and dilated upon the subject of "Love," and it was the personification through the knowledge we could get of love, as it fell from her lips.

Thomas Grinshaw, entranced, almost entranced his audience with his eloquence, wit, logic and radical enun-It was the general expression by the audience that the guides And have ridden down upon us from fairly outdid himself on this occasion. Mrs. Georgia G. Cooley, from every-But we met them and gave battle with where, as she was announced, gave six messages, all perfectly satisfactory and fully identified, and E. W. Sprague And with love subdued their ardor, prought the house down frequently with his clinching messages. These two mediums did excellent work and when in truth they teach the same were appreciated by all, except, per-From the book of ancient wisdom, haps, the secular press reporters, who were apparently there out of curiosity While we hold the truth before themand to get sensationalism. And we prove what they are teaching,

Wednesday, October 17.

The morning session began by the reading of missionary report of Max Gentzke Report of Hudson Tuttle, Editor-at-

Large, was read and referred to the proper committee. Report of Historian Lyman'C. Howe

was read and reported to committee. Referred to committee on president's message. Mr. Dill, of Michigan, offered sug-

till along in '93, And we met them in disorder, with gestions regarding music books. Referred to committee. C. W. Burroughs of Detroit, Mich. offered a paper relating to ordina-tions. Upon this resolution much dis-

cussion was had. Report of Geo. H. Brooks, mission-They have done their hardest fighting, ary, was read and referred to commitand are muzzling all their cranks; They have paused to rest and ponder

Geo. B. Warne, reading clerk, read and are filling up our ranks; And we welcome them among us to a dispatch from St. Louis, stating that the court had decided against the Folsom-Stewarts, and on a question of And will teach them true religion, privilege spoke in no uncertain sound upon the victory won by the committee upon this point, and was roundly We have 13 years behind us and the future on before, applauded (which shows which way the wind blows).

Afternoon Session.

Let us wish our foes no evil, but not On motion a committee was pointed consisting of Mr. Holbert, Mrs. Lillie and Mr. Kates, to devise wave and means to self-supporting. President Barrett made a few very

A communication from Prof. J. S Loveland was read, relating to mediumship. The ritual, or form of service, came

under discussion and the present ritual is to be corrected, remodeled and reprinted and bound in cloth. Report of committee on

reading course was adopted. When the hour arrived for raising funds for the N. S. A., the enthusiasm of E. W. Sprague and G. H. Brooks arose to its highest and in pledges and money amounted to about \$800.

This was a grand and enthusiastic, The following committee on revision was appointed: Moses Hull, G. W. soulful and delightful social function Kates, Paul McArthur, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Mrs. J. P. Whitwell.

A committee on annual conventions was appointed as follows: C. L. Stevens, C. D. Pruden, A. S. Howe, L. P. Wheelock, E. A. Schram.

Evening Session.

was here for business, and the dele-"Why Don't He Lend a Hand?" was recited, in place of an invocation, by Reynolds, Mrs. Richmond, a fraternal Mrs. Abbott of the Morris Pratt Instidelegate to the N. S. A., and one of Spiritualism's most noted lecturers tute, at the opening of the evening ession, and it was rendered in a credand general workers, delivered the aditable manner.

Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Lillie imrovised a poem together and neartily appreciated and applauded. Mrs. Lillie delivered the first lecture of the evening, and it is evident this grand worker has lost none of her old-time logic, wit or inspiration, in fact as a lecturer she has the same fire

as of old. Oscar A. Edgerly delivered the second lecture, in the trance condition, and from first to last his remarks were listened to attentively, and they always have an uplifting influence

Mrs. Sprague delivered many messages from spirit life to appreciative people, and was frequently applauded. Mrs. Eva McCoy gave sweet comfort to many souls with her beautiful mes-

Thursday Morning. The first business was the reading

and adoption of the report of the Temple Fund committeee, and the same committee was retained to perfect plans and to organize a Temple Building Society. Upon the consideration of local and

state organization, many spoke, and it was the general feeling that the cause of decline and death of so many local organizations is from a lack of stamna' at home. Mrs. Cadwallader spoke upon

subject of the weakness of local socie-ties. Her speech was to the point of having the rules and by-laws lived up to and a thoroughly systematic organization perfected. Report of committee on president's report was read and adopted ad seri-

Afternoon Session.

setts; Elizabeth Harlow, Ohio; A. M Report of committee on president's Committee on Secretary's Report-F. D. Dunakin, Ohio; B. O'Dell, Michi report was taken up where it was left,

and finally passed upon. gan; Edward Brewer, Connecticut At 2 p. m., the hour previously set for the hearing of statements regard-ing status and wants of the Morris Mrs. Esther Thomas Bosley, Washing Pratt Institute, the matter was taken Mrs. Elizabeth Schauss, Ohio; Mrs. E.

We Remind you that the SPIRIT OF THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER NEVER SLEEPS! There is need of a WATCHMAN and WE ARE IN THE TOWER and ON DUTY for the best interest of TRUE SPIRITUALISM I

that the Institute was one thousand (tion (just supper time) and everydollars in debt. Mr. McArthur questioned what had been done with the Adjourned to meet in an adjoining thousand dollars voted to that institution at last meeting, but it was well explained by the directors.

Convention again took up the mat-ter of president's report and debated strongly upon the matter of putting Missionary, Editor-at-Large and Historian together.

'Report of Superintendent of Lyceum Work was read and explanations made by John W. Ring, thereon. Mrs. Cadwallader spoke upon subject of lyceums and the Band of Mercy in connection therewith. She spoke beautifully of the effect of teaching children kindness to dumb animals, and the sacrifice of their own pleasures for the pleasures of others

ess fortunately situated, and made many other good points. President Barrett read a paper from Mrs. Mary Drake Jennie, Bunson

Anna L. Gillespie spoke in an interesting and forceful manner upon the

Mrs. Elizabeth Schauss, of Toledo, a faithful lyceum worker, as weil as an eloquent lecturer, spoke in explanation of her methods of operation in the lyceum and the effect of them to-

wards educating the little children. Mrs. Louise Loebel of Wisconsin, a student of the Morris Pratt Institute, gave a splendid talk upon the subject as regards the work at that institute a goodly sum, was drawn by W. L. especially, and the work in general. She made a beautiful little plea for parents to send their children to our lyceums instead of the orthodox Sunday-schools.

Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds read a paper on lyceum work. Miss Elizabeth Harlow read a paper from Mrs. Eager, and spoke for her-

Mr Campbell read a paper from Mrs. Glossig of Los Angeles, Cal.
A paper prepared by Mattle E. Hull
was read by Moses Hull, relating to lyceum work. Everyone who knows this noble little woman knows her suc cessful work in the lyceum movement and her paper was a characteristic effusion, both interesting and suggestive along the line being elaborated upon

After the usual formality of opentext, "Spiritualism the World's Only Hope." It was one of Monday teresting lectures that always makes

Miss Layman sang "Good-Bye Sweet Day," in a sweet contralto voice and was roundly applauded. The second lecture was delivered by Mrs. Bessie Bellman, and was a pro-

foundly logical discourse. E. W. Sprague was the messageon other occasions of the kind, was full of clinchers.

Mrs. M. Blaner sang "Sweet Thoughts," and sang them sweetly. Dr. C. A. Burgess, a Chicago medium, was the second message bearer, and gave real good satisfaction.

Friday Morning. Meeting opened at 9 o'clock under

special order, upon the matter of organization of a Temple Fund Society and this society seemed to strike the brothers and sisters right as a business organization and the ball was started to rolling, with a permanent organization, with G. W. Kates as the president; Mrs. Mong, secretary; Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, vice-president, and Mrs. Stevens as treasurer; trustees, Mrs. J. R. Francis and Paul McArthur. The object and plans of this organization will be found in the report of the Temple Fund Committee. At 10 o'clock the convention proper

was called to order and at once got busy. They limited the speeches to three minutes, and received and heard the report of the committee on resolutions and adopted the same ad seriatim. There was much discussion ipon a resolution to limit the lectures that were put upon our rostrum to purely spiritual topics. This was taken as a direct slap at our socialistically inclined speakers and the discussion waxed hot. Report of the committee on mission-

aries' reports was read, and with few alterations was adopted.

At 11 o'clock the house went into session on the Lyceum question as a special order, previously appointed for that hour. John W. Ring having declined to longer serve as National Superintendent, Mrs. Anna L. Gillesole was duty elected to the place. The report of the committee on sec-

retary's report was received and Report of committee on treasurer's report received and adopted.

Report of committee to devise way and means to make the N. S. A. selfsupporting was received and the committee was retained for one year to continue their task. Mr. Richardson, of New York, hav

ing been called to St. Louis to attend the funeral services of his brother, a resolution of sympathy was passed by the convention.

The report of committee on commu

nications was read and adopted.

The committee on definitions not ready to make report and by quest was retained for one year, make report to the next convention.

Afternoon Session.

Committee on music was also re tained. The report of committee on uniform organization was read and adopted. Promptly at 3 o'clock the election of officers was taken up, and here is

where the fun came in. Three candidates were nominated for president—H. D. Barrett, Chas R. Schirm and E. W. Sprague. Ba received 114 votes; Schirm, Barrett Sprague 5, and Mr. Barrett was declared the president for the fourteenth He thanked the friends and time. resumed his familiar gavel.

Mrs. Longley was the unanimous choice of the convention to succeed herself as secretary, as was George B. Warne for vice-president, and Theo. J. Mayer for treasurer. The same old board, consisting of I. C. I. Evans, C. L. Stevens, Thomas Grimshaw, Mrs. C. E. S. Twing and A. S. Howe were reelected. The entire executive board

is the same for the ensuing year. This done the convention began the regular routine of business which extended up to almost the time for the evening services, principally upon the discussion of clauses in the by-laws, up. Moses Hull made a statement but the table was before the conven-

room at 9:30 and finish business.

Evening Session, After some sweet singing, an invocation by Rev. Wilson Fritch, an impromptu poem, subject, "The Soul," selected by Mr. Fritch, was delivered by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, and Mrs. Esther T. Bosley delivered the first lecture of the evening and was listened to with peaceful attention.

Will J. Erwood delivered the second address in his usual fluent, witty, sarcastic and profound manner. Mrs. M. E. G. Howe of California,

was the first message bearer of the evening and although your reporter had at this time to be in the business ession in an adjoining room, the messages were reported excellent, as were those of Mrs. G. G. Cooley. At the business meeting, beginning

at 9:30, the business of the convention was hurriedly rushed through and after much discussion the convention accepted the invitation to go to Los Angeles next year. Mrs. Twing, as chairman of the -

finance committee, reported total amount of money raised in cash and in pledges, \$1,161.01. As the convention closed and before the lights were turned out a quilt pre-prepared by Mrs. E. W. Sprague, and

on which she had raised and turned in Lunar, if the name was correctly given your reporter, and the lights went out, leaving our clairvoyant eyes to see our way in the dark or grope around in blindness. By the lighting of matches the tired crowd wended its way toward their homes, their beds, and presumably, a peaceful rest and needed sleen.

All comments and notes of prominent workers reserved until next week.
DR. T. WILKINS,

LETTER FROM REV. G. C. LOVE.

He Writes of Matters in Oregon and Elsewhere.

To the Editor: -- As one of the delegates to the N. S. A., I am here in your city to represent the second oldest camp-meeting in the United States, the First Spiritual Religious Association of Clackamas County, Oregon, well know as the New Era Camp Association. Last July we held a very profitable session financially and spiritually, in which I closed my work as president of the association for a second term of one year each. The retiring board left the association free from bearer, first on the program, and as debt, money in the treasury, beside on other occasions of the kind, was paying \$25 on the purchase price of a cottage belonging to Mrs. Dr. Flora Brown, and an increased roll of mem-

Certainly we had a feast and flow of the good things the spirit world has in store for those of us yet in mortal, and the meeting was known as another one of the best in the history of

the association. The association is the oldest in active work in Oregon, and for over thirty years has held annual campmeetings, owning the five acres of ground where the meetings are held

at New Era. Our talent for the camp-meeting in ne pest we could Harrison D. Barrett was the camp lecturer, and was ably helped by Mrs. Irene Smith, Mrs. Lapworth of Seat-tle, Wash., Mrs. Ladd Finnican of Portland, Ore., R. A. Dague of California, and others who came to us

from day to day. On my way to the convention from my home I was engaged in lecture, message and circle work in Baker City, Ore., and Omaha, Neb., using up my thirty-day ticket with the exception of three days. On my return trip I again stop in Omaha, Neb., at the earnest request of the good friends there, for two Sundays. I go from there to Sheridan, Wyo., for cae, perhaps two Sundays, then on to Butte, Mont., taking in North Yakima in the state of Washington. I am to be several weeks on my homeward trip, and correspondence would reach me at Omaha, Neb., until Oce. 29, and Sheridan, Wyoming, until Nov. 6, if any wish to have my services on my return trip. I can arrange dates ofter leaving Sheridan, Wyoming. I can thank the good spirits that, no matter where I go, they want me to stay longer or come again. On last Sunday night I gave the lecture for the Hyde Park So-

gave the sector.
clety in your city.
REV. G. C. LOVE. Portland, Oregon.

THE SUNFLOWER PIN.

The Part It Has Played in Spiritualism. In reference to the question in The Progressive Thinker, viz.: "Will you explain the meaning of the Sunflower,

and why Spiritualists use it as an emblem.?" The first original design of the Sunflower was made by my father, Mr. Arthur W. Moore of Rochester, N. Y., artist and journalist, if my mind serves me rightly, about 1893. He had the design copyrighted, after which the pins were manufactured, and put on the market. Owing to his pressure of newspaper business, he was unable to attend to the correspondence which the pin involved. He sold out his interest to Mr. George Cox, of Rochester, N. Y., who in turn disposed

of it to another party, the name of The pin which is in use to-day is the same one that was designed by my

father. The design of the pin was suggested by the fact that the sunflower turns its face to the sun, as all good Spiritualists are supposd to turn their face

to the light of truth. CECIL G. MOORE. Rochester, N. Y.

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Annual Report of the Secretary of the National Spiritualists Association of the United States of America, October 1, 1906.

To the Officers and Members of the aging prospects for its efficient work "Mary T. Longley, "Secretary N. S. A.: Convention Assembled:

Mr. President and Co-Workers-Greeting:—It gives me pleasure to herewith submit to this honorable body, the annual report of your secretary for the year ending September

The work of the year at headquarters in Washington has proceeded after the usual routine and the large mass of correspondence conducted from that office by your secretary, attests to the many and varied topics of importance to the Cause of Spiritual 1sm that have been acted judiciously upon, by the N. S. A.

Our files show that the influence of our organization has been far-reaching for good, correspondence has been carried on not only between us and the many sections of our own country, where Spiritualism is known, but also Our files show that the influence of where Spiritualism is known, but also in other lands, even Brazil and South Africa coming in for a share of our official attention. Our reports from across the seas of the work of Spiritualism are highly encouraging, notably so in the statements of the interest being taken in our Cause by hundreds of intelligent and cultivated people from the various professions and from the many denominations of religious churches. Your secretary feels that there is no need for any mental depression on our part, nor for any sort of pessimistic view concerning our Cause, for she is assured that its course is an onward and upward progress on all sides.

It gives pleasure to be able to state

that a mass of evidence in writing is on file at headquarters, to the great good the N. S. A. is doing for the enlightenment of humanity; it seems to us that the existence of this great National body has advanced the interests of our Cause in demanding proper respect for it and its honest exponents, in compelling a settlement of its our treasury to the Morris Pratt In-rights before the courts, in securing the recognition of its missionaries and receipts amount to three or four thou-

During the year just closed your ation made at that assembly. secretary has written and sent out to evening entertainments were societies and individuals about eight- free to the public, thus cutting off anhundred letters, all upon subjects p. Laining to the cause of Spiritualists and of investigators. Our auxiliaries have received their annual quarterly circular letters, and whenever needful, special letters according to the work and demands of the particular society calling for attention in the line of advice, information or encouragement.

During the year, our Free Library ual light and instruction, and we have they are registered at headquarters loaned hundreds of volumes without charge, our only request being that the books be properly cared for and to know concerning them.

Two of our pensioners, Dr. B. F.

contributions from J. Howard Moore, remains. In the case of Henry Barah Ford, T. J. Mayer and others, Slade, a project was set on foot to seall of whom have received our grate-cure contributions for the erecting of ful thanks and expressions of appre-

Charters.

local charters, namely, one each in monument there to his wife and rela-Manchester, N. H.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Sunshine Club. Allegheny. Pa.: Parkersburg, Va., and Pocatello, Ida-Our missionaries have done

our association and he deserves special mention, as does Mrs. H. W. two dollars had been received towards Stirrs of Hartford, Conn., who has held seances and benefits for the amount was turned over towards exfunds of this National organization. Our thanks are due to them and to all who have substantially aided in our

During the late winter or early spring, difficulties arose between the N. S. A. and the Iowa State Association, owing to the management of the latter securing the services of Mr. C.

Charges were made against the offi- years before, she had devised a part ergy to the world at large. When we cers of the lows State Association by of her state to the Veterans Spiritual remember that the National Organ-W. A. Willing, of Northwood, Iowa. Union for the help of mediums, and a W. A. Willing, of Northwood, Iowa. Union for the help of mediums, and a lization is busy in sending out mission. These were filed at our headquarters similar part in trust for the benefit of aries to different parts of the counduly notified of the same at the May used by her according to her best meeting of the N. S. A. board, with the judgment, for the benefit of poor merely, mainly to remote places where the Cause has little chance for growth without such aid; that it is active in the country, mainly to remote places where the Cause has little chance for growth without such aid; that it is active in the country, mainly to remote places where the Cause has little chance for growth without such aid; that it is active in result that the Iowa State Associa- diums if at the time of settlement, the lyceum cause, having a generation received notice of its charter there should be no mediums' home in superintendent to look after these from our National body being revoked. Our board then made re-quest of W. A. Willing and a number tary had notified the executors of the of other prominent Spiritualists in estate that she desired to make over Iowa, to proceed to the organization that part of it, in which she was inof a new State Spiritualists. Association in that section, to be chartered deliberations and labors is, that in essary legal formalities to that end August, 1906, the State Spiritualists were complied with, the expense at-Association of Iowa was organized, receiving its charter from our N. S. A.

the latter part of that month.

Another state charter has been isualistic minds in that section by resident Barrett in his missionary hope that ere it is wholly expended, of such wills in cases of contest—and work, followed by Mr. and Mrs. perhaps other generous souls will be Sprague with their convincing demiliaduced to contribute to the Medium. onstration of our truths. The result | Fund, was that Brother Sprague organized the State Association of Oklahoma, office, December, 1905, may be intro- in all this good work, but also in with a good membership and encour- duced here with proper effect: many ways is being directly and indi-

can only count one hundred and ten at the present time in good standing with the N. S. A. But, as has been said, many locals have gone into the state associations, a course recommended by our conventions and offiletters of inquiry to their officers.

Our Finances.

The financial work of the year in point of receipts has not been as encouraging as some other years have been. Societies have done fairly at headquarters, the president of the well in sending dues, but many wait California State Association, and edtill convention to send their per capita by their delegates, which makes it impossible for us to tell at this time how many will be paid up before convention opens. Our financial re-port of treasurer and secretary will Ordinal give an itemized and accurate account of receipts and expenditures. latter has been large, owing to the law cases on hand, the Goff Will Case, the Sinclair Law Case and others; also our heavy distributions of funds to our pensioned mediums and temporary aid to beneficiaries. One cause of our deficit may be traced to the 1905 convention. It will be remembered that at that time, the sum of one thousand dollars was voted from the recognition of its missionance and in ministers from the railroads and in sand dollars. In 1905 the contributions and pledges did not reach one thousand, less than the one approprievening entertainments were made other source of N. S. A. revenue. Hence, we can count on at least two thousand dollars less in our treasury from that convention than were re-

ceived in previous years. Our Mediums' Relief Fund

is paying out one hundred and fiftysix dollars per month in regular pen-The Spiritual papers have received and printed frequent articles and reports from the N. S. A.; the utmost of courtesy and aid have been unfailingly Mrs. M. E. W. Wright, Mrs. Annie given to our National Organization and its officers by the Spiritual press and we ask a special vote of thanks

Mrs. A. Angell, P. C. Mills, Lyman C. by your convention to the editors of Howe, Dean Clarke, Abram James The Progressive-Thinker, Banner of and Mrs. Hendee-Rogers. Addresses Light, Sunflower, Lichtstrahlen, Readof these veterans can be secured from son and the Occidental Mystic for your secretary by all interested per-their invaluable aid to the N. S. A. sons who desire to aid in this grand their invaluable aid to the N. S. A.

At our home office, we have received numerous visitors—mostly from distant states and cities, who, when journeying to the Capital City of the Nation, take occasion to visit the N. S. A. headquarters, talk over the financial standing and health. Two hundred and twenty delicare have status of Spiritualism and avow their hundred and twenty dollars have interest in it or in liberal subjects been thus distributed, and in addition, generally—these visitors never fail to the N. S. A. sent one hundred dollars show an interest in our National to San Francisco, to be used for the work and in the home office, and not a few leave some contribution toward the general work.

The same of the second of the benefit of needy mediums, who had lost their all in the great catastrophe of April, 1906. We do not mention here the names of those who have has been, as usual, well drawn upon by the many who come seeking spirit-Relief Fund as they are sensitive, but

faithfully returned to our office. A great deal of missionary work has been accomplished in this way.

Clark and Dr. Henry Slade, have passed to the higher life since our last annual report. The N. S. A. Our library has received valuable saw to the suitable burial of their This resulted in the discovery that Dr. Slade himself had owned a large burial plot in the cemetery at Albion, During the year we have issued five Mich., and had erected a handsome tives, leaving a space for suitable inscription for himself. After some delay, the parties in possession of the lot were traced and their permission good work in connection with organized izing, also in encouraging organized societies. Their reports will give you the connection with organized commetery authorities at Albion, to interpretation of their effective labors.

The work of taking the body from the connection with organized commetery authorities at Albion, to interpretation of the connection with organized commeters and the connection with organized connection with o cemetery authorities at Albion, to in-New Jersey to conduct its side of the pense of reburial, full cost being seventy dollars. Dr. Spinney had about six dollars in his hands, which he proposed should go towards cutting the inscription, and we are glad to report the final settlement of this

project. Receipts to the Mediums' Relief Fund.

to the Mediums' Relief Fund may be W. Stewart and Mrs. Josie Folsom mentioned the sum of fifty dollars Stewart for the platform of its annual donated by the Ohio State Spiritualconvention and mass-meeting; said ists Association, this act on the part action being pronounced by the N. S. of our auxiliary being of much benefit A. board to be in direct contradiction to the fund. Another addition to to the N. S. A. convention of 1905, in the Relief Fund came in the shape of custaining the charges and findings of a bequest. Several years since, your the National board against said par- secretary was notified by lawyers in ties, and in debarring them from the Boston, Mass., that a Spiritualist, privileges of delegates at said con-wention.

Mrs. Mary E. Harris had passed away and that in her will made some active operation. In March of 1906, terested as trustee, to the National Spiritualists Association for its Mediwith the N. S. A. The result of these deliberations and labors is, that in essary legal formalities to that end tached to the same paid, your secretary received from said Harris estate the sum of \$2,160.03, which she immediately paid over to our treasurer sued, this to Oklahoma, interest in our for the Mediums' Relief Fund. This it has in many instances protected Cause and national work having been nice little sum has enabled us to act the rights of Spiritualists to make strongly created among liberal Spirit- complish more for our destitute me-

The following letter received at our

induced to contribute to the Mediums'

"Secretary N. S. A.: 1

Auxiliaries.

Were it not for the fact that many of our local societies have joined their state associations and thus directly withdrawn from the N. S. A., although the continuous and the continuous withdrawn from the N. S. A., although of course still remaining a part of our great body, your secretary would lament the fact that while we have chartered three hundred and fifty-four societies—state and local—she can only court one hundred and ten cors may see best, either as a Mediums' Home or disposed for that pur-pose—helping mediums. It is hoped that the premises will be clear and some money besides. The will is in the county clerk's office, a copy with my executor. You will please not use my name publicly."

Shortly after the close of our last convention, Brother S. D. Dye, some we cannot gain any hearing trustee from California, was called to from, though we have repeatedly sent the spirit world; articles of condolence and resolutions of sympathy were drafted and signed by your president and secretary and sent to the spiritual papers and also to the bereaved widow of our translated co-worker. At the May board meeting, itor of the Occidental Mystic, Arthur S. Howe, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the N. S. A. board of trustees, made by the transition of

Ordination Commissions.

'After the rules and regulations of the N. S. A. Ordination Usages, the tion commission, for the ordaining of their respective pastors or of ministers at large: First Church of Baltimore, Md., commission to ordain Mrs. Helen Stuart-Richings; First Spiritual Union, Norwich, Conn., commission for ordaining Albert P. Blinn, paster; Montana State, commission for ordination of Mrs. Lillian McCormick.

Our Editor-at-Large reports much good work performed in the line of his duty, his annual statement to convention will give detailed account of the many able articles he penned for the spiritual and secular press in behalf of Spiritualism.

Our Lyceum Superintendent will also bring his detailed report of work accomplished in his special line during the year, all our missionaries relate their experience, as including inwearying and arduous labor in behalf of Spiritualism; close attention should be given their reports by our assembled delegates.

Camps. At an early date in the year the various spiritual camps were solicited for a special day at their respective grounds for the N. S. A. during the camp season of 1906; but a few responded. Our president and missionaries represented the N. S. A. at the western camps, and our vice-president and several trustees had charge of the N. S. A. day at Lily Dale. President Barrett ministered at all he New England camps that granted an N. S. A. day, except Onset. Your secretary presided at the latter camp as the representative of our National Association on the special day granted to us there, at that time with the able assistance of Dr. Geo. A. Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hatch. We raised the sum of one hundred and seventeen dollars, which was afterwards augmented by an additional hundred dollars from Mr. I. B. Rich, formerly of the Banner of Light, to whom your secretary sent an appeal, asking him to add to the contributions of N. S. A. day at Onset.

Law Suits.

Henry Slade, have the defendants in the will contest case of the Goff estate in Michigan, has supplied funds at intervals dur ing the year to this Cause as our financial reports show, the suit now on in New Jersey will also be a drain cure contributions for the erecting of on our treasury; it is in the case of a suitable stone over his remains.

B. F. Sinclair of Lakewood. This resulted in the discovery that gentleman and his wife deeded in fee simple, some three years since, their home, house and nine acres of land, to the N. S. A., the place to remain as their home during their life. Last June Mr. Sinclair passed away. Relatives are now entering suit to have the deed set aside, also to break the will of the deceased. The N. S. A board has secured an able lawyer in

Rev. H. C. Dorn, of Newark, N. J., has done good missionary work for the N. S. A.; has also held meetings pervision of Dr. A. B. Spinney and his co-worker, Dr. Grant, to whom her as an officer of this association. At such times the word of spiritual It sometimes becomes the duty of truth is spoken with no uncertain sound and usually there is present some minister of the theological creeds, also members of various denominations who then have the opportunity to listen to an expounding of the philosophy of Spiritualism. This seems to come in as a part of our good work, and it is one of which we can be justly proud.

We occasionally receive, a letter Among the generous contributions from some disheartened or disaffected auxiliary saying that the members have about decided to withdraw, from the National body, and asking of what service the N. S. A. is to them anyway. Your secretary replies in

the following strain, to-wit:
"We must all realize that a union of forces, individually and collectively, of societies, such as compose the N S. A. cannot fail to do great good in the world of Spiritualism and present a solid front of spiritual enschools; that it has a salaried Editor at-Large to meet and reply to the attacks of the secular press on Spiritualists, or, to prominent opposers of our Cause; that it gratuitously distributes thousands of spiritual tracts yearly; that it has a Medium's Pension Bureau, from which many help-less and aged mediums are monthly cared for; that it has established a system of protection for mediums by demanding recognition of the right of our co-workers from the courts when they are unjustly assailed; that wills and devise their property of such wills in cases of contest—and that it is a centralized power for Spiritualism with its own headquarters, we may well believe that every chartered society is not only helping

rectly benefited by the same. In addition to the foregoing enumeration of some of the benefity of which the N. S. A. is to the world and to our societles, we can point to the fact that this organization is instrumental in annually bringing together a host of the brightest minds in our ranks, whose work and united influence go forth from our conventions, through the press—secular and pointual—and to individuals, carried from here to every section of the United States. Thus

is a vast amount of good done for the cause we represent. Every chartered society by keeping in good standing with the N. S. A. has a right to representation in these annual conclaves and it is the duty of all to see that this representation is made. In this way the societies keep best in touch with the head organization and do not feel that they are not bene-fited by being a part of the same."

In every instance where your secretary has sent the foregoing statement to complaining societies, seed has been sown and the plaints have ceased.

Charlatans in the Guise of Mediums.

Occasionally we hear of tricksters posing as genuine mediums and claiming protection from the N. S. A, all such cases we do our best to un-mask the frauds and inform the public of their nefarious doings. It is our wish always to stand by true mediums ligned, but the utterly false we cannot at any time sanction. A case in point is that of one Dr. T. White, of Balti-more. This man posed as a medium, claimed to develop clairvoyance and occult powers generally for a handsome money consideration; sold charms, love potions and all sorts of things in the name of Spiritualism. He succeeded in amassing a handsome fortune from his dupes. He was arrested last spring and his lawyer wrote to your secretary asking her to come to Baltimore to take the stand in his defense; that she was wanted to board has granted the application of the following societies for an ordinagenerally give testimony that could be used advantageously on the side of his client. Promise of being well paid was made to her.

Your secretary replied to this legal luminary that she could not be inluced to enter such a case, except the side of honesty and truth: that Spiritualism is a religion and a sacred one and that its National Association stands for honesty and truth only; that it denounces fraud and charlatanism of every sort and especially so in the name of mediumship; that it does not countenance the sale of charms or love potions and that if Dr. White was innocent of, the charges preferred against him, she hoped he would be cleared; but if guilty, it would be our hope that he be convicted and receive punishment. Nothing further was received from that lawyer, but we learned that the accused was proved to be a sharper and fraud, and served according to his deserts.

Headquarters.

Our headquarters—the property of the N. S. A.—consists of a fine house, not a business building of halls and offices as many of our people seem to think, but a brick house, well situ-ated in a good locality on Capitol Hill, Washington, within a few min-utes' walk of the Capitol of the United States; our N. S. A. Free Library, our offices and store-rooms are situated in this building; the remaining rooms constitute the residence of your secretary, who pays monthly rent for same; let it be remembered that it seems to be essential for the secretary to live in this building, because it is not deemed proper to have the keeping of the National offices and property in the care —or partly so—of other residents of place. These explanations are made, because inquiries concerning our building are frequently coming to our office. As the world ought to know by this time, the handsome structure was a free gift to the N. S. A. from its honored treasurer, Theodore J. Mayer.

The work at headquarters goes on

quietly; no special assistant in office three times during the year some assistance is needed in particular official work, the compensation for which comes under the item of secretary's clerk hire and does not exceed fifty dollars per year. To Mrs. Agnes O. W. Fugitt we are indebted for valuable aid in office affairs, also to C. P. Longley, whose labors save expense of other service in mailing and in work that a porter might be needed for. To these helpers the thanks of your secretary are publicly due.

Our mail work, independent of correspondence is heavy. It also draws on postage account. It consists of free mailing of tracts, and of booklets and is a part of the office work, which Mr. Longley attends to for love of the Our work has gone smoothly through the year. Correspondence with societies has been harmonious and relations with the Spiritualistic workers, local and at large, have been of the best. Yer secretary returns thanks to all who have contributed to the success of her work: to the edit ors of the Spiritual papers; our mis sionaries; to our worthy president and each of our trusted officers, and especially to our treasurer, Brother Mayer, who has been at work early and late in the Cause of the N. S. A., and been an invaluable adviser in each question of moment that called for settlement

With cordial greetings and love to you, one and all, Respectfully submitted, MARY T. LONGLEY, N. S. A. Secretary.

THE SWEET BRIAR.

The sweet briar with its fragrant rose My memory ever prizes;
It smiled on me one dewy morn
Blooming by the nedges;
Its breath still lingers in the song That gave to me his pledges.

Bloom on, bloom on, thou precious flower, 10 meather; Your song so sweets stiW hath the

power ioi.
To link our hearts together; The parting in this well of tears, Twin souls can never sever. Oh, rare sweet flower, that thou didst

love, Now veiled in silvery spray; is its golden leaves in realms above As pure as perfect day?

Do zephyrs o'er its hosom sweep And bathe its brow in pink-white

ray? Sing, sacred soul, forever sing, Thou hast that flower in keeping: Among the anthems that will ring Thy voice, my lone heart seeking:

I shall know beloved, that thou are Rose L. Bushnell-DonnElly. Los Angeles, Cal.

"The Romance of Julie. A Story of the Life and Times of the Nazarene and His People." Through the medi-umship of Mrs. M. T. Longley. An intensely interesting book. Neatly bound in cloth and gilt. Only 50 cents.

Editor-at-Large.

Report of Hudson Tuttle of Literary Work Done by Him for the N. S. A., from Dec. 1, 1905, to Sept. 1, 1906.

National Spiritualists Association—Respected Sirs:—I have the pleasure reporting to you the work of this office reporting to you the work of the year, Spiritualists Association."—Record-

commencing December 1, 1905, and Herald, Chicago.
ending September 1, 1906.
I have furnished the following list tion."—The Prog of articles to the press, and in doing gressive Thinker.
To this work I may add the prepso have lost no opportunity to defend our Cause and bring its, claims to public attention:

First Quarter, Dec. 1, to March 1. the work proposed to be published at the last convention at Minneapolis. My attention was called by Hon. R. A. Dague to a lecture by Henry Frank, delivered before the Psychical Society of Los Angeles, in which he spoke in slight idea of the task of their preplanguage I do not care here to reparation. Yet I should acknowledge peat. My reply in the Banner of that under the influences that have Light called out a reply from Mr. controlled me, it has not been a task, frank. He asserted that he had been falsely reported by Mr. Dague. It here I wish to say that what a leasure, and right here I wish to say that what a leasure. It here I wish to say that whatever has between been gained, whatever has redounded these gentlemen, and Mr. Dague fully to the furtherance of truth and knowl-sustained his report. Mr. Frank, in edgo, belongs to this spiritual source, a lengthy response, admitted that and the imperfection of utterance to Mr. Dague had reported correctly and their instrument. made his plea on that line of defense. My last reply was based on this admission, and was given in the Banner of Light. In that reply I held to the statement that THE TIME HAD-GONE BY WHEN SPIRITUALISTS WERE TO REMAIN SILENT WHEN THEIR BELIEF WAS LIBELED, OR MEEKLY APOLOGIZE FOR THEIR CAUSE.

Review of Passing Events-"Interesting to Flesh-Eaters"; "Speak for the Creatures of the Wood and Field Who Cannot Speak for Themselves"; "A Comparison"; "Straws Showing the Trend of Public Opinion"—Banof Light and The Progressive Thinker. Review of Passing Events-"Devil-

ism"; "Felix Schelling"; "A Worthy Isxample"; "Magnetic Healing"; "Professor Larkin Hits Out With His Shillalah"-Banner of Light, Sunflower and The Progressive Thinker. Review of Passing Events--"Bibles

Are Scarce"; "An Outgrowth of the Old Theology"; "The Great Church Trust"-Banner and The Progressive Thinker. "In Regard to Kellar."-Chicago

Record-Herald.
"Response to Evangelist Daniels." -Anaconda Standard, Montana. This reply was printed separately by that rdent worker, Mr. W. J. Hicks, for

distribution. "A Creed."—Banner and Sunflower: "Spiritualism."-Written by the re

quest of the lowa State' Spiritualist Association. "Dr. Funk and His Critics."-The Sunflower.

"Growth of Catholicism in the United States."—Banner of Light. Review of Passing Events-"Illustration of the Test Proposed by Mr. sire to express my gratitude to the Meyers"; "Atavism."—Banner of many who have made possible the Light and The Progressive Thinker.
"Mr. Meyers' Test Illustrated."—

Banner and The Two Worlds, Manchester, England, 'Messages from the Unseen."-Bos

ton Globe.
"Spiritualism—Do the Spirits of the Departed Come Back to Earth Again?"—Reply to the Rev. Macfar-lane, in Saint James Gazette, Minnesota.
"A Test of Little Importance to

Review of Passing Events.—
"Source of the Psalms"; "Messages from the Unseen"; "A Hopeful Sign."—Banner and The Progressive Thinker.

in a recent article published in your valuable paper, on "Spiritualism and Its Counterfeit." "Status of American Spiritualism." The Two Worlds, Manchester.
"The Profound Wisdom of Chris tian Editors."—The Message of Life, New Zealand.

Second Quarter, March 1 to June 7. "Evolution of the God of Spiritualists."-Harbinger of Light, Mel-

hourne. Australia. Reply to Rev. Knowlton.—Saint James Gazette. This discussion began with Rev. McFarlane, who called in a brother to hold up his hand. The editor of the Gazette, after the appear ance of the first articles, demanded pay for publishing. The Spiritualists at once raised the funds and more than sufficient. The minister after the second reply excused himself from further argument by saying there was no money to pay the bill. They and Ancient, or v more anger and hate than argument and money.

"Dr. Randall on Evolution and the convey to the children of earth, is the only thing of real importance. Bible."-Port Huron Times. Heriew of Passing Events—"Our Anniversary."—The Progressive Ly-ceum, Banner and The Progressive them, as they often do. They sometimes tell me whom they saw back of me giving the inspiration during the

'The Lyceum."-The Sunflower. "The Lyceum."—The Sunbows.

Review of Passing Events—"Straws
Showing the Trend of Public Opinion
Showing the Trend of Public Opinion
Showing the Trend of Public Opinion
Now, before closing I will say to Regarding Spiritualism"; "Spiritualism and Marriage."—Banner and The Progressive Thinker.

"Revival of the Torture Chamber in the Chicago University."-Banner and The Progressive Thinker.
"The Only Guide."—Reply Times-Union, Albany, N. Y. "Is Spiritualism Founded on Fraud

'The Proof of Immortality: Reply to Bishop Courtlandt Whitehead." Sent to the Meadville Daily Messen-Passing Events-"Ghosts to the "The affair compared with what it will be Front; Dr. Serviss on Ghosts"; Secular Press Yields to the Inevit-

able."-Banner and The Progressive In the same journals, "The Velvet Paw Reveals the Sharp Talons of Theocrátic Despotism"; "Father Sherman as a Revelator

"Modern Spiritualism."-Reply to correspondent in Milwaukee Free "The San Francisco Disaster-What Is It For?"—Norwalk Reflector.
"Lesson of the Great Disaster." Banner and The Progressive Thinker,

and changed in form in Harbinger o "The Crapsey Heresy Trial."-Ban ner and The Progressive Thinker. "Exploiting Ghost Stories."-The Argus, Albany, N. Y.

Third Quarter, June 1, to Sept. 1. "Was Abraham Lincoln a Christian, Infidel or Spiritualist?" - Chicago Record-Herald. "A Matter of History"; response to

ive Thinker. "All That Can Be Said of Spiritua! ism"; reply to Frank Podmore, The Two Worlds (England). "Benefits of Spiritualism."-Ton-

Mr. Jenks' criticism in The Progress-

"Reply to Rev. Scoville."-Atkin-"Religion in the Public Schools."-Houston (Texas) Chronicle. "In Re Dr. Krebs."-Sent to the

esta (Pa.) News.

Springfield Republican.

In antion of Independence. UNSEEN POWERS ARE SHAPING EVENTS TO THIS END, AND THE FINAL CULMINATION WILL BE THE USHERING IN OF THE "NEW HEAVENS

"Materialization vs. Etherealiza-tion."—The Progressive Thinker.

"A New Organization."-The Pro-

aration of an article on Mediumship.

assigned to me by the president for

I presume you understand that this list of subject-titles gives only a

The correspondence has not lessened but increased, and the office

has become a sort of information bu-

reau for inquiries on Spiritualism and relative subjects. Perhaps this is not

I wish to say to correspondents

who have sent clippings from Catho-

lic papers, by way of apology, that. I have not attempted to answer for

such papers will not admit replies. Nor will secular papers admit any-

thing opposing Catholicism, although articles on Spiritualism find ready hearing since public attention has

been awakened by the recent interest

taken by many men of note in psy-

chic phenomena. Criticism of Catholicism is barred from every secular

journal and the spiritual press offers

In conclusion, I wish to call atten-

tion to the wonderful change in the

secular press and the public mind re-

garding Spiritualism. Whatever may be said in opposition, this is clear,

that the fundamental idea of the na-

ture of spirit and spirit existence, has

absolutely changed since its advent.

chology; made ghosts and ghostland

subject to law, and introduced a new philosophy of life here and hereafter.

I am respectfully yours,
HUDSON TUTTLE.

the last term of the year, usually

I want to repeat that the efficiency of this office mainly depends on the

assistance furnished by those interest-

point out the occasion for replies to attacks, and gain by their influ-

THE VIEWS OF A VETERAN.

He Paints a Roseate View of the Fu-

ture, Declaring That the Unseen

Powers Are Shaping Events and

There Will Be an Ushering in of

the "New Heavens and the New

Earth, Wherein Dwelleth Righte-

To the Editor: -- Your correspond-

nt, H. E. Pomeroy, wishes the writer

to tell who was the original author of

the definition of Spiritualism, as given

Now, Mr. Editor, the writer was not

aware that the definition given in that

article was any different from the

views held by all truly progressed and

enlarge and become more and more

profound as one rises in thought and

aspiration, till the innermost of the

spiritual nature is flooded with hal-

lowed light; it is then that all things

of an earthly nature dwindle into in-

The writer obtains neither his writ-

ten communications nor his lectures

from any mundane or exoteric source;

but he does not presume to say who

Ancient, or very far advanced

spirits, seldom give their names.

With them the message they would

Mediums may see and describe

lecture. Other inspirational speakers no doubt have many times had the

my venerable friend Pomeroy, that, l

am indebted to a very ancient Indian spirit, whose residence in the spiritual

for the views I hold concerning the sa-

credness, the vastness and the all-in-

clusiveness of Spiritualism. I will

not disclose his name without per-

mission. He may, or may not, be the

author of the definition of Spiritual-

From his standpoint in the celes-

tial world, what is now known on

earth as Spiritualism, is a very crude

when the children of this planet

evolve to a higher plane of living,

Then, and not till then, will fraud-

ulent mediumship pass away. It will

then cease to be for want of patron-

age. Among Spiritualists all corrupt

buried forever with the rubbish of a dead past. Thought, word and deed

will be inspired by pure celestial love, with no element of lust mingling in its

composition. What spiritual progression means and what it compre-

The truth and the good of all sys-

blended in the divine philosophy of Spiritualism, like the beautiful rain-

ow spanning the dark canopy of the

The storm is now passing. Sin is

That which SEEMS, is not; that

which IS, alone remains. THE SEEMING MAN OF HONOR AND UPRIGHTNESS IS DEAD; THE REAL MAN OF DISHONOR AND

CRIME STANDS FORTH. The earth

trembles and quakes. The old foun-

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It will not do to say that Secretary or Correspondent writes so and so, with first time. Brother Shurer rendered out giving the full name and address of a vocal solo. Everyone went away the writer. The items of those who do feering happy. Remember these meet not comply with this request will be cast into the waste basket.

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THIS GENERAL SURVEY DEPART. CHRONICLE THE ENGAGEMENTS DIUMS. A REPORT OF WHAT THE VARIOUS SPEAKERS SAY WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED, AS WE HAVE NOT SPACE SUFFICIENT FOR THAT

Mrs. Maggie Vestal will serve the society in Wichita, Kansas, during the month of November. Any communications addressed to her there in care of T. A. Thompson, 812 North Lawrence street, will receive prompt at-

John B. Chrisney writes: "We congratulate you on the stand you have taken for purity in our ranks."

Georgia Gladys Cooley will be lec-

for the Society of Anthropology, at per was served to all members, and to Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, on Visitors and strangers at a nominal Sunday, October 28, at 2:30 p. m. Subject, "Is Physical Life the Finale of Evolution?" Discussion will follow the lecture, any person present the Temple Fund Society upon their being allowed to speak. Dr. Seversuccess in providing an abiding home ance is now free to answer calls to for Spiritualism. Rev. Nicum, of Dayspeak for societies and officiate at fu- ton, Ohio, spoke in an eloquent, masstreet, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. N. F. Ravlin was in the city

Mrs. Carrie Parkhurst of Baltimore, spiritual lecturer and medium, is open for engagements in and near Chicago to speak and give messages for Spiri ualist societies. Terms reasonable Address her in care of Mrs. C. Kirchner, 22 Jackson Place, Chicago, Ill.

Eva L. Stewart writes: "Rev. G. C. Love arrived here in time to speak for attractive than ever. In the evening the Hyde Park Occult Society on the 14th, and a goodly crowd greeted him. His address was grand and was ap one regret, that he can't be with us again. Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley followed Mr. Love with a fine talk, Mr. Win with a fine talk, Mr. Win with a fine talk, Mr. Win shore! selections under the direction preciated by all the audience-only which she always gives. Mr. Win raver gave messages and all were acknowledged but one. He is a fine nsvchic and all enjoyed his message sages and hope to have him with us again. We hold our circle hereafter on Tuesday evenings instead of Thursday. On October 25 we give the first dance of the season, and every alternate week through the season. serve refreshments at these dances.'

S. A. Huntington writes from Malden. Mass., in reference to the Progressive Spiritual Society, Mrs. Fannie S. Sheriff, president: "At the Thursday evening circle, Oct. 11, Mrs. Carter of Malden, was introduced, and devoted the whole evening to message work of a very fine order. The presi dent, Mrs. F. S. Sheriff, presided at both sessions on Sunday, Oct. 14 which were both instructive and very interesting. The afternoon circle opened at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Morton gave a short address, then devoted some time to message work. Mr. Baker of Boston, and Mrs. Carter of Malden, also gave many fine messages. At the evening meeting, the most in-teresting one we have had this fall, Mrs. A. J. Pettengill of Malden, was the speaker. After the conclusion of a fine address, under another guide, sae spent over a half-hour-in giving beautiful messages. Mrs. An nie R. Chapman of Brighton, occupied our platform on Sunday evening, Octo-

Mary B. Hill writes: "The Band of Harmony held its regular meeting in Masonic Temple, Room 512. The reg-ular programme was given in the afternoon, until time to prepare for the banquet, to which Mrs. Richmond had invited the officers and delegates of the National Spiritualists Association to participate. The hall was tastily decorated with beautiful blossoms and autumn foliage. The tables were laden with all that could tempt the most fastidious taste. Everyone seemed to be at their best. President Barrett's wit stirred all into the best of humor. Mrs. Richmond's introduction of the officers of the N. S. A. to such as were strangers, called forin toasts and hearty responses. Everybody felt the inspiration of the hour and the occasion, and it was truly a feast of good things and a flow or soul. The Band of Harmony sends a god speed in all good, uplifting helpful work for humanity. Some of the delegates returned to their respective work, while others remained and joined with us in our evening ses-

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Alice Sexsmith writes: "At the Christian Spiritualists Society, conducted by Miss Thomas, in the evening, we were greeted by a fine audience, to listen to that soul-inspiring lecturer. Dr. Geo. B. Warne. He was greeted with a round of applause on rising to his feet. He is expected to be with us again as soon as time will permit. After the address, Mrs. Dr for this page must be accompanied by all being recognized, as did also Mrs. the full name and address of the writer. Lila Johnson Bloom. Caird gave some very fine messages, very pleased to have with us for the first time. Brother Shurer rendered ings are held every Sunday afternoon and evening, at 3 and 8 o'clock, at Conway Hall, Western avenue and Lake street, over drug store,".
G. L. Willms writes: "The members

of the North Star Spiritual Union 1546 Milwaukee avenue, greeted a large audience October 14—no chair THIS GENERAL SURVEY DEPART in the hall being vacant. The best of MENT IS ONLY INTENDED TO harmony prevailed. Sister Mueller came again, having been absent last AND WORK OF SPEAKERS AND ME. Sunday. She gave a fine lecture which was very interesting and structive, as it gave the audience an idea of the life of Christ. Sisters Renau and Letzer gave some fine messages to those present. Sister C. Mueller gave good reading from ticles. The Progressive Thinkers arrived for the evening. They were all taken, and more could have been Mrs. Geo. Williams writes from

Cleveland, Ohio: "Sunday, October 7

was a great day at the Ladies' Spirit

ualist Temple on Fullerton street, Cleveland, Ohio. It was a gala day, a memorable one indeed, for it was the anniversary day, and greatly joyed. Under the auspices of the La dies Temple Fund Society, exercises turer and message bearer for the P.R. were held at 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., and S. of Rockford, Ill., Sunday, October 28. The society holds its meetings in fully decorated and was comfortably 1. O. O. F. Hall on South Main street. filled in the afternoon, but in the even Dr. Juliet H. Severance will lecture ing was jammed to the doors. Sup-Address her at 578 E. 60th terly manner. Secretary Sollinger read the financial report for the year. It showed the society to be flourishlast week. This veteran lecturer ing. Over \$2,500 was taken in durwould like engagements for the fall would like engagements for the fall and winter. Address him at Kanes-ville, Ill. \$600 was paid to speakers and lecturers from abroad. The entire debt outstanding is a trifle over \$1,300, which will doubtlessly be wiped out this year. The policy of the Ladies' Temple Fund Society is to have the best of home talent and outside talent to persist in a gradual lifting of in-debtedness, until all is paid, and then to improve the property as fast as possible, making it more comfortable and addresses were made by Mrs. Twing, Mr. Nicum, and Mr. Pope. The Temple is here to stay. Expansion is its motto, and its influence for good is of Mrs. Flora Henwood. Interspersed were solos, duets, and some fine violin selections. The Rev. Carrie Twing will remain with us during this month and crowded houses are expected."

Mrs. T. J. Newman writes from Albuquerque, N. Mexico: some good, true mediums to come here who can give trumpet, slate-writing and materialization. If any one comes here, he or she must work under test conditions, for there has been too many deceived in our work. If Mr. and Mrs. Sprague would only come here this winter, they would take this place by storm."

A. Merkel writes: "The Spiritualistic Church of Students of Nature, 461 W. North avenue, had a large attendance Sunday evening, our pastor's (Sister Schumacher) subject being eloquently discussed. Our home message bearers with visiting mediums wer Sister Miller, Sister Smith and Sister Bundruk. Their messages were rec ognized and appreciated. A special meeting on the 21st will be devoted to spirit communications by mediums. Strangers and skeptics are requested

to .visit us." Dr. J. K. Newman writes from Omaha, Neb.: "I would like all good Spiritualists to know what a treat we in Omaha have had for the last eleven days. We have had the Rev.. G. C. Love of Portland, Oregon, with us. He is the first accredited representative of the N. S. A. in Omaha for seven years, and he opened the eyes and cleared the fog from the brains of many residents here. His talks were interesting enough outside of their instructive side, to hold spellbound audiences for an hour and forty-five minutes and his spiritual messages were truly 'spiritual' and comforting, and free from the usual 'tommy-rot' of so many test mediums. We are looking forward to his return after the con-

vention." Lucy, S. Carroll writes from Washington, Pa.: "I have just returned from a visit to my Wheeling friends. attended two public meetings while there, conducted by G. W. Way, trance speaker. He gave good lectures and excellent tests. Some five years ago was with the Spiritualists in Wheeling, and helped to organize the socity, and when I walked into the wellfilled hall and saw how they had grown I felt very proud of them. met Samuel Hartman there with his literature, a good old veteran for the cause of truth. They will soon be able own their own temple."

W. H. Leidigh writes from Villa

Ridge, Ill.: "I see my last number of The Progressive Thinker reached me last week, and I must renew if I wish the weekly visits of the best paper in the world to be continued, and I most certainly wish it to continue to come to our home, so long as we are here to read it, and may you, Brother Francis, live to a good ripe old age to keep The Progressive Thinker up to its present standard of excellence, and when you have served out your allotted time of usefulness to our great and good cause, may there he some other good man or woman ready and able to take your place, and fill it as ably as you are doing. May the angel world be able to hold you in the good work until such time that some one will be ready to take up the work when your time expires." Mrs. C. Kirchner writes: "At the

Rising Sun Temple, Oakley and Jackson Boulevards, on Sunday, October 14, an array of talent was present which savored of the convention. A very fine discourse by Bro, John W. Ring was given, followed by Mrs. Howe of California, Mrs. Georgia Gladys Cooley, Mrs. Parkhurst of Baltimore, and Mrs. Selp of Portland, and others. All gave out some very encouraging thoughts to the large audi ence present. In the evening, Bro. Ring spoke again to a large audience, and his words will be long remembered. Sister Parkhurst followed with some very convincing messages. She will remain in Chicago for some time, and will lecture and give messages on Sunday evening, October 28, at the Temple, Sister Price officiating in the afternoon. All welcome."

L. Wilcox writes: "The Banner of light Mission, started in the parlors, 3239 Indiana avenue, Sept. 30. vices were opened by a dedication poem (to our medium) by Mrs. Seebolt. Bro. H. F. Arnold was the speaker of the evening. Mrs. G. Gra-ham and Miss Lucy Aulbach rendered some beautiful music. Prof. Leon assisted our medium, Ada ZaZelle, as message bearer; both gave convincing proof of life after death. The meetings following this have been most successful.'

Mrs. A. Birdsall writes from Jack-Mich .: "Our society is progressing splendidly. The Spiritualists of Jackson have at last united, and have been holding services regularly every Sunday evening, under the name of the First Society of Progressive Spiritualists. We opened our meetings September 10, with Mrs. Marian Crowell as our speaker. She is well known in our city, and is an able exponent of the cause. Our next speaker was Dr. Julia Walton, of Jackson, who is among the best speakers in Michigan. For the first two Sundays in October we had Mrs. Jennie Martin of Grand Rapids. 'She is also an able exponent of our cause and a very good test medium. For two Sundays we have had Dr. Johnson of Battle Creek. He holds his audience spellbound. Prof. Georgan is a willing worker among us, giving readings, and always works for the benefit of the society.'

Dr. G. W. Fowler, 262 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "The Sunday afternoon meeting at the Aurora Grata Cathedral, opened at 3 o'clock, when, after a soprano solo rendered by Miss Elizabeth Wood, the chairman, Dr. Wyman, introduced Miss Chrissie M. Bartle of New Brunswick, N. J., who presented a very ably written paper entitled, 'The Vibra-tions of Names and Numbers,' after which given names and birth dates were requested from the audience and personal readings given, all of which proved very interesting to the large audience who were allowed to ask many questions, receiving ready replies, one of which explained that this new science has claimed public attention for only about thirty years, the speaker having been a student about two and a half years. At the close, remarks were made by Dr. Topham, Rev. May S. Pepper, Judge Dailey, Dr. Wyman and Dr. McDonald, who in ng called for which was quite unanimous. The evening service followed the usual routine, with a masterly sermon by the guides of the pastor, and a seance of an hour or more, wherein a large number of sealed letters were read by Mrs. Pepper and many names of both living and deceased friends, with loving messages, all being fully recognized. These services are attracting and evidently pleasing and convincing many who are strangers to our philos ophy and phenomena from both New York and Brooklyn. One lady informed the writer she had come all the way from Boston to obtain a mes sage from Mrs. Pepper. Next Sunday afternoon conference is to listen to a paper prepared by Dr. Sahler of Kingston, N. Y., subject, 'Infinite Intelli-Dr. Sahler has a world-wide reputation as a metaphysician, and is very popular in Brooklyn because of his valuable work, both in practice and upon the rostrum."

Mrs. Dr. Dobson Barker writes from San Jose, Cal.: "The First Spiritual Union of San Jose, Cal., is regular meetings at Hale's Hall, South Second street. Rev. W. C. Bowman of Los Angeles, filled the platform October 7 and 14, taking up a series of subjects, 'The Evidences, the Doc-trines, the Morals and the Institutions of Spiritualism,' making a very interesting course. He is an able exponent of the cause he advocates. The Harmonial Philosophy called forth the nterest of his hearers. The good attendance and close attention paid to the speaker by those present show the appreciation of his discourses. lay, October 14, a memorial service was held in honor of Mrs. Hendee Rodgers, the pioneer and veteran Spiritualist medium of California. The service was impressive and earnest, being participated in by Rev. W. C. Bowman and a goodly number of her old and devoted friends. The Sunset Lyceum under the management of Miss Merle Muntz, is held at 10 a.m. Conference at 11 a. m., all being well attended. The Mutual Helpers Soci-

ety meets every Thursday." Guy Eros Ballard writes from Mt. Vernon, Iowa: "It gives me great pleasure to announce through the colimns of your valuable paper; the meeting and acquaintance of Elizabeth J. Jaquet of your city. She came to our town shortly after the closing of the Mt. Pleasant camp in Clinton, and where I first met her. She did a good work in our town, but her stay here was far too short. She went from here to Cedar Rapids, where, too, it has been my privilege to communicate with many of the dear departed ones. She has met with great favor with the people of Mt. Vernon and Cedar Rapids, and especially in Cedar Rapids, for her stay with them has been weeks, instead of days as with There is no disputing the continuity of life, after having a few sittings with ner and her most estimable guides. She leaves Cedar Rapids to-night for Chicago to attend the convention of the N. S. A. She also leaves with regrets of her departure by a host of friends, who wish her success wherever she may be sent by the dear angel

world, and which we know she will:

W. S. Bassett writes: "I enjoy and The Cedar Rapids people are espe-appreciate your wonderful paper and cially glad to have her there and very the premium books." sorry to have her reave for they have seen duned to greatly by fakirs of all descriptions that it seems good to

them. Mrs. Wm. Sawer, writes: "You really merit many thanks and congratulations for the good work you are doing, but if I should-begin to try to express my thanks, and the pleasure and comfort I have derived from your uable paper, The Progressive Thinker, I would not know where to begin, or when to stope but as you know that I have taken the paper nearly all these years since its birth, you will readily understand that I could not for long time be without it.

A. J. Long writes from Langley, Wash.: "Werenjoys your paper very much, and think it by far paper in the cause. Think your determined effort to rout the fake mediums the best among its many good things.

D. J. Hendricks writes from Colorado Springs, Col., that there are many fakers there. He says: "There was one here a short time ago. did a paying business. He got several thousand dollars and then left. He came, paid his license, and in a few weeks robbed the people of hundreds, and skipped. An honest me-dium can't pay the high license."

Mrs. Mary Roberts writes: "A recent communication I sent, appeared in The Progressive Thinker as coming from Rockford, Ill. It should have been Rockford, Mich."

Mrs. Hooker McEvoy, formerly of Oakland, Cal., is now located at 818 Riverside, Spokane, Wash. She can be addressed there for engagements.

Mrs. Maggie Henry writes: "Interest in Spiritualism must be increasing
—at least it is at (old 77) Spiritual Mission Chapel, for the last few Sundays almost every seat was occupied Prof. Stoller makes his lectures short and to the point; then we have plent of time for spirit messages by the dif ferent mediums present, and all want a personal question answered by the Brofessor !

Carrie L. Hatch writes: "The First Spiritualist Ladies' Aid of Boston, Mass., held its meeting in Appleton Hall, 9 Appleton street, as usual, Friday, Oct. 19. The president, Mrs. M E. A. Allbe, was absent, so the meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mrs. C. L. Hatch. The business meeting was at 4:30; supper at 6:15 and social time until when an interesting meeting was held. Mrs. A. S. Waterhouse spoke of the power of the spirit, and said if we would only be governed by it, we could overcome the clouds and doubts that assail us. Mrs. Annie R. Chapman spoke at length along the same line, saying the power within could overcome the clouds without. She closed with messages. Mrs. Hattie C. Mason spoke briefly of the power of love, and what it would do for mortals if it were rightly understood. She also gave messages.; Mrs. Mason sang several selections during the evening. Mrs. Mary F. Lovering presided at the piano. The Progressive Thinker is sold at our meetings."

SPIRITUAL'DEFENSE LEAGUE. A Movement Made to Inaugurate

New Law. At a meeting of the above League, held at 1923, First avenue, Seattle, Wash., September 19, it was resolved to appeal to the Spiritualists generally through the Spiritualist papers, for assistance in carrying a law through the coming legislature to define Spir-itualism and, place its meditims and ministers beyond the power of bigoted and intolerant persons to persecute them and class them with thieves. gamblers and prostitutes, as has been done recently in Seattle, through the action of the Chief of Police in prosecuting them under the Vagrancy which enumerates "fortune-telling" as

against its provisions.

Ten cents is asked from those friendly to this purpose, it being well understood that we all have calls on our purses which keep them empty, hence, it was felt that a dime would not be missed by many individuals, while the dimes from many individuals would be of help in defraying the expenses of postage, printing, etc., which are necessary in the work of changing public opinion and the law.

The case of Miss Rice, pastor of the Psychic Society of Seattle, arrested by the Chief of Police as a "fortune-teller." was decided against us in a Justice Court, and that decision was approved by Judge Albertson, of the Superior Court. An appeal to the Supreme Court is not possible, owing to the sentence (three months under \$100 bonds to keep the peace) having expired, hence it is necessary to appeal to the legislature and to raise funds for the expenses of doing so.
Since Miss Rice's case was decided,

Mrs. Stella Ross, one of the mediums of the First Spiritual Society of Seattle, has been arrested under the same law (as have several others) and an injunction was asked from the Superior Court, to prevent Mayor Moore or the Chief of Police from interfering with her. The injunction was heard October 1, and Judge Morris also held that mediumship comes within the provisions of the Vagrancy Law, and upholds Webster's definition of "fortune-telling" -- foretelling the future.

Send your dimes, either separately or in company, to D. D. Foster, 112½ Pike street, Scattle, Wash., Secretary-Treasurer of the Spiritualist Defense eague. J. R. BURTON, Pres.

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live my life my own sure way. My creed—the simple strength of

And when the clouds shut out my day, I wait serene throughout the night My wealth? These two hands toil

I want no riches not my own. and luxuries aw. How shall I sit, Reaping where other hands have

And friendship? Aye, I earn by mine Own powers of sympathy to bless; E'en love, that makes the way divine. I win by mine own worthiness. I ask no thing of any man.

Excepting health that I may work, And strength the good, long fight to make. -Grace G. Bostwick.

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N. S. A. PROCEEDINGS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUX-HARY SOCIETY REPORTS.

To the Officers and Delegates of the National Association of Spiritualists in Convention Assembled: —Your committee has received for consideration, fifty reports from auxiliary-societies The reports submitted are in many cases incomplete, while many societies have sent in no statements as provided for in the constitution and bylaws of the N. S. A. We are pleased to report that quite

a number show a good healthy condition. The reports submitted indicate to your committee that many of the auxiliary bodies seem to feel under no obligation to comply with the requirements of the constitution and by-laws. which give explicit instructions as to the character of the reports. Your committee therefore strongly

recommend a tabulated blank form to be printed and sent to the secretaries of the auxiliary societies, to be used in sending reports to the annual conventions, whether they send a delegate to the convention or not, and your committee would call attention to the manner in which the Minnesota State Association sends in its yearly statement. With a few changes it would fill the want.

The importance of this blank form was also strongly urged by the secretary of the Illinois State Association in connection with his official report.

Camp-Meeting Associations. Three camp meetings have reported

though many more have shown much interest during the past year in the N. S. A. Grand Ledge Camp and First Spiritual Religious Association of Oregon.

We recommend that an earnest effort be made to further interest them by having them affiliate as auxiliary bodies with the N. S. A.

We recommend that a complete list

of the auxiliary societies of the N. S. A. be published, with a view to having all auxiliaries acquainted with conditions of the societies affiliated

We recommend that missionary work be generally devoted to assisting societies both local and state, in connection with creating societies and building up the cause.

The circuit plan as adopted in several states would comply with the re-

quirements in this regard. We recommend its adoption. Your committee recommend the regulation of the proxy system of voting, and suggest that where societies are not represented by delegates a written report be sent, stating fully

their wishes in this direction. Local Societies.

Your committee is pleased to note quite a number of local societies that are in good financial condition, many owning their own temples and the amount expended by these societies shows the loyal support of the mem-In many cases a noted increase of interest is reported. While it is true that many are weak and unable to employ no speaker regularly, the urgent call comes from them to have the N. S. A. endeavor to establish circuit and missionary work, so they may be strengthened in their home work. We recommend that this be acted upon by the incoming board with a view of building up the societies already in existence

State Associations.

State associations have reported to the number of 17. Minnesota, New York, California, Texas, Indiana, Kansas, Oregon, Nebraska, Washing-ton, Wisconsin, Ohio, Missouri, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Illinois.

The incompleteness of some of these reports impresses forcibly upon your committee the necessity of a more systematic and uniform manner of sending them in to the N. S. A. as one.

The importance of keeping on file at the office of the N. S. A. a complete statement of the condition of the state work does not appeal to many secreta-

There are some notable exceptions to this rule, though some go to ex-Your committee wish to call tremes. the delegates' attention to the fact that it is not necessary to send in a verbatim report of the state annual convention from the call to order to the election of officers, including the report of the 13th annual convention of the N. S. A. One such report was handed in for our consideration, while the other extreme was when a state association does not even report holding a meeting at all and the single item handed to your committee was that \$2,000 in property belonged to the association.

The California, New York, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio and others are worthy of especial mention.

The Minnesota State Association was this year filed a report which every delegate of a state association ought to read. It is complete and gives every needful essential and useful item of information, which enables the secretary of the N. S. A. to know at a glance the condition of Spiritualism in Minnesota.

Your committee feel that just recognition is due to the careful manner in which this report is made out. We recommend that the blank form to be presented, be copies from this report. Lyceums.

The lyceum work will be ably reported by Mr. John W. Ring. We recommend that the N. S. A. give ev-

Educational Institutions. The Morris Pratt Institute Whitewater, Wis., is the only school chartered by the N. S. A., and in fact the only one of its kind under the management of the Spiritualists of the N. S. A. Your committee recommend its endorsement and that made to maintain it financially, it be

ing a most important factor in the

progress of Spiritualism.

ery assistance to building up lyceums.

We recommend that the auditing of the books be done prior to the convention, so that a complete report of all societies entitled to representation can be presented at the annual convention and so prevent the arduous duties being placed on many import ant delegates, that keeps them from the floor of the convention. election of an auditor in close proximity to Washington, D. C., would accomplish this end.

Financial Statement. No complete report of the financial

statement can possibly be given.
We recommend that this condition be obviated by requesting a complete nnancial statement with each report and, that these reports be sent in advance to the secretary of the N. S. A. so that they can be compiled for the use of this committee, and thus give a true idea of the financial standing of our auxiliaries.

Respectfully submitted, M. E. CADWALLADER, Chairman, ANNA L. GILLESPIE, ALEX F. CLARK, P. D. HIBNER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESO. | that have helped to make this conver LUTIONS.

Whereas, Spiritualism is a univer sal religion enlightening and inspiring the soul in its eternal career and presenting a philosophy adequate to the scientific demands of our times, and bringing hope and courage to millions who are struggling through material-

ism, therefore be it Resolved, That we regard these annual conclaves as benedictions from which we cannot afford to part.

Resolved, That as we meet hake each other's hands and converse each with the other and hear the reports of the officers and missionaries of the N. S. A., we take courage and feel to renew our devotion to the work of enlightening the world in the study of that which has taken away our fears and made us rejoice in a knowledge of immortality.
Resolved, That while our conven-

tions enable us to become acquainted with each other, and each study the methods of each and thus we become a college of teachers of each other: they also enable us to enlighten the world on our philosophy, insomuch that Spiritualism now stands much higher in the world than it did before the formation of the N. S. A.

Resolved, That while we maintain our independence over all formulated creeds which are made to imprison the human mind, we believe that a proper respect to the opinions of the world should lead us to publish our leading principles—those upon which we are most thoroughly agreed, on spiritual and ethical subjects.

Resolved, That as we gain in selfespect and spirituality, not by getting from others all we can, but by giving out to our fellow-beings all we have for them, we will endeavor to push with more vigor, our efforts to lighten the world on the particular

points we are organized to teach. Resolved, That while "the harvest s great and the laborers are few," adly need more thoroughly competent laborers to carry our messages to the world. We believe that the cause we love is being retarded rather than promoted by the work of some who are neither morally, nor educationally prepared, to lead the world toward the higher life; and workers burn the ground over and increase the prejudice against our philosophy, rather than the interest in it. The pure truths of Spiritualism should

handed to the world in clean vessels. Resolved, That in the Morris Pratt Institute there is a greatly needed place for educating those who would prepare themselves for work on the platform, or with the pen. It is perhaps the only school which combines an integral education with an effort to study psychic science; and it is duty as an association, and as individuals, to do all in our power, by way of encouraging words of advice, donations, endowments, and obtaining pupils; and thus enable the school to more fully do the work for which that. grand old man, Father Morris Pratt, lonated the property in Whitewater, Wis., and to which that scholarly and genial man, Prof. Andrew J. Weaver, and his excellent wife, Lodema S. Weaver, and Moses Hull and his wife, Mattie E. Hull, are giving their lives, and all without any compensation whatever, except that which comes from the consciousness of having done their duty.

Resolved, That as Spiritualists we should give to our cause the best and purest of personal conditions for desired spirit communion; and to mediums our heartfelt gratitude for consecrated efforts in behalf of truth. Resolved, That spirit phenomena

have been proven to millions of people, and no scientific disproof has yet been offered in evidence. Resolved, That we urge all who have received evidence of spirit commun-

ion to unite with our organized societles and strengthen our cause for a better public work. Resolved, That we extend the thanks of this convention to the Mis-

souri State Association and Mr. Thomas Grimshaw for their successful warfare against fake mediumship in St. Louis, and that we pledge them our hearty support. Resolved, That at this critical time

when mediumship is under fire, we recommend the officers of the N. S. A. and The Progressive Thinker in their endeavor to expose all frauds and to uphold honest and competent mediums.

Resolved, That we urge all Spiritualists to assist the Temple Fund Soclety to secure funds to extend our ownershop of temples, schools, sanitariums, hospitals, homes for needy and all possible humanitarian efforts; also greater aid should be given provide for mediums in need of help.

Resolved, That with full confidence in the spirit world, ourselves and our Cause, we enter upon a decided forward movement by perfecting our or-ganizations, local, state and National, strengthening our educational institutions and teaching and mediumistic forces, holding mass-meetings and establishing powerful movements in the great centers of population.

Resolved. That the family unrest of our times is incident to the evolution of mankind, and that relief is to be found not by recurring to 'civil or ecclesiastical tyranny, but by teaching all the true and only basis of marriage, which is a soul companionship founded on spiritual love. There are not too many divorces, but there is too much cause of divorce. We deal with the cause of marital unhappiness and so secure the heaven of purity, for which souls yearn.

Resolved, That we stand shoulder to shoulder with those who are expos-ing grafters, high and low, and work to secure justice for the oppressed of the earth; that we condemn child labor, the sweatshop and the industrial oppression and the practical and political disfranchisement of woman; that we will work ceaselessly to make this nation in reality a government of the people, by the people, for the people We hold as an uncompromising principle, justice for all, special privileges for none. In our opinion the conflict between labor and capital will not end until competition is supplanted by cooperation.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the more humane treatment of prisoners and insane persons, that we oppose capital punishment, declare war mous and stand for the peaceful cooperation of all mankind as one brotherhood.

Resolved, That we stand for civil religious, social, industrial and soul freedom and hold that such freedom can be realized only by perfect obedience to the laws of the universe.

Resolved, That as quite a number o our old and tried workers have passed to the larger field of action; we joice with them in their gain. While we shall miss them here, we know they will continue to work with us from that invisible world.

Resolved, That we as a body extend our sincere thanks to the railroads, the press—secular and Spiritualistic -also to the Illinois State Association and Sunflower Club for all favors and courtesies extended.

Resolved, That we extend: heartfelt thanks to the officers of the N. S. A. and all speakers and mediums tion a si

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ROCKFORD, ILL.

An Important Meeting Will Be Held There on October 21.

The Psychical Research Society of Rockford, Ill., has invited the Illinois State Spiritualist Association to unite with them in the holding of a mass convention in that city on October 21, 1906. President Barrett, of the National Spiritualist Association, and President Geo. B. Warne, of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association, with probably other speakers, will be present, as may be several test mediums. Morning, afternoon and evening services will be held, and event is expected to be one of great interest. It is hoped many visitors from abroad will be in attendance.

Wanted-The Names of All the Spiritualists in Montana.

For the purpose of establishing closer relations between the Spiritualists of Montana, will each one please interest himself in sending me all the names of Spiritualists in their respective neighborhoods? Address the sec-MRS. W. C. SELBREDE, retary, Billings, Montana.

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Report of the Temple Fund Committee.

Mr. President and Delegates of the Section 4.—The president, treas-N. S. A., in Convention Assembled:— urer and secretary of this society, Your committee appointed by the ex-shall each give a bond annually in ocutive board, in response to your orders made at the annual convention of vention of this society, to secure the 1905, begs leave to report as follows safe handling of funds placed in their with regard to creating some appro- care. priate means for the creation of a temple fund to assist auxiliary societies of the N. S. A. to erect temples.

To secure the erection or purchase of funds received, disbursed and on hand, to this society and also to the some co-operative plan that will enlist the members and friends of organized that their one was a solution of the society and also to the some co-operative plan that will enlist the members and friends of organized that their one was a solution of this coefficient of the solutions. societies. Your committee finds that and records of this society at any time the local society generally lacks some encouragement to make a beginning. There is possibly no treasury of their annual meetings of the Temple Fund own created; nor can they obtain Society shall occur on the evening of funds for the first aid from their the first day of assembly of the N. S. state, or the National Association, under existing conditions. They wait during the first nucleus; and tinued from day to day during the N. they who are able to help, wait for the S. A. convention, but not to interfere society to sufficiently develop and be with the said N. S. A. business, until able to properly handle any funds or all necessities have been completed.

property for perpetuity of the public Article 6.—The Temple Fund.—Sec property for perpetuity of the public cause of Spiritualism.

lic cause by donations or legacies, is aid local societies to erect temples.
Your committee has decided as fol-

such a fund. Second .- The fund should be under

the jurisdiction of and in direct as- ety may erect temples and control the sistance to the N. S. A. and its auxil-same only upon approval of said so-farles.

Third.—The temple fund should be created by and under the management sembled. of a society auxiliary to the N. S. A. Section be known as the Temple Fund Soclety, and the same to be legally incorporated and its officers bonded for safety in the handling of public funds. Said officials to be annually elected by the Temple Fund Society.

Fourth.—Each temple shall be owned and controlled by the auxiliary society erecting the same; and the N. S. A. shall then have no jurisdiction over the property. But the Temple Fund Society shall hold all mortgages and promissory notes in its name, until reimbursed for loans made.

The Banks and the thereof whose annual fee has been paid for the succeeding fiscal year.

Article 8.—By-Laws.—By-laws not in conflict with these articles of association, may be adopted or amended at any annual meeting of this society.

Article 9.—Amendments

Fifth.—The Temple Fund Society officials shall not make any other disbursement of funds except to auxilianual meeting of this society, provided ries of the N. S. A. by loans with that said proposed amendment or admortgage security; unless by order of dition has been submitted to the secrethe Temple Fund Society in annual tary of this society sixty days previous convention, with approval also of the to the annual meeting, and by that of-

N. S. A. in convention.
Sixth.—The Temple Fund Society shall be constituted of personal members paying an annual fee, who shall gate convention assembled, shall apalso be eligible to the offices of said prove the proposed amendment or ad-

Seventh.—The Temple Fund Society is hereby authorized to receive and handle all funds that may accrue for temple building, in any and all any cause to elect officers of this sofeasible and legitimate ways to obtain such, as may be embodied in the constitution and by-laws governing the continue in office until their successame adopted by, and hereafter when amended, shall be approved by the N. A. in convention.

Constitution and By-Laws for the organization of the Temple Fund So-No. 3.—The executive board shall

Articles of Association of the Temple

Article 1 .- Name .- This society shall be known as the Temple Fund tion assembled. Society of the National Spiritualists No. 4.—The legally incorporated.

Article 2.—Objects.—The objects of this society shall be to raise funds by lectures, seances, entertainments, membership fees, public collections, ed the same only by consent of a madonations, legacies, endowments, etc., and loan or present to the N. S. A. auxiliaries small sums of money to aid said societies to erect temples for their use. Such disbursements to be regulated as hereafter provided.

Article 3.—Membership. — Section
—The membership of the Temple Fund Society shall consist of all Spiritualists who shall pay one dollar per annum as dues to said society. These shall be the active members.
Section 2.—Any person who shall

donate to the temple fund five dollars (\$5) or less than one hundred dollars (\$100), shall receive from this society an illuminated card acknowledging receipt of the same, and the name of said donor shall be engrossed upon the roll of honor.

Section 3 .-- Any person who shall donate to the temple fund one hun-dred dollars (\$100), or an excess thereof, shall be enrolled as an honorary member of this society and be given full privileges as an active member during the earth-life of said We, your committee of State officers, donor: and also be given an illuminto whom was entrusted the work of

ated certificate of such membership. Section 4.—Any auxiliary society of zation for state associations, beg to the N. S. A. that shall forward to the report that we have carefully considtemple fund any sum of money of five dollars (\$5) or more, may do so in the name of its president or and the said person be entitled to enrollment in this society as provided for in sections 2 and 3 of this article.

Section 5.—No one person shall by acquiring duplicate certificates of doas provided for in sections 2 and 3 of this article, be entitled to more than one vote in the annual conventions. Nor shall any member have more than one vote on any question

before the society. Article 4.—Officers.—Section 1.-The officers of the Temple Fund Society shall consist of a president, vice-president, treasurer, vice-president, secretary and three trustees; whose duties shall be as usual with such officers; and as may be further provided for in the by-laws of this society. They shall be elected annually at the convention of members of the society, and each official

must be a member. Section 2.-The officers and trustees shall be an executive board for the purpose of executing all business of this society; and shall have charge of the temple fund, receiving and dis-

bursing the same. Section 3.-The executive board of this society shall be empowered to make loans of money to auxiliary societies of the N. S. A. for the purpose of assisting them to erect or retain possession of a temple. Said loan to be secured by a first mortgage upon the said temple, and shall draw legal

The executive board shall not make any gifts of money to any auxiliary soclety without the consent of the maclety without the consent of the majority vote of this society in annual nancial Success; Ideals; Economy; planning, Attraction; Courtesy; Kindproved by the N. S. A. delegates in annual convention.

sums to be fixed by the annual con-

Section 5.—The Temple Fund So ciety, by its officials, shall make an annual report of its transactions, and

they may so desire.

Article 5 .- Annual Meetings .- The

tion 1.—The temple fund shall be reached by any legitimate methods, such as by lectures, seances, enter handicapped by the lack of a legal and tainments, collections, donations, legcompetent body of people to handle acies, membership fees, etc., subject to the funds. No provision is as yet approval of the society; and said fund made by the N. S. A. for such pursuing the held in reserve and draw inposes. Your committee has been appointed to prepare a plan. The intent pointed to prepare a plan. The intent strength to create a building fund that will than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) wild local societies to erect temples.

Your committee has decided as fol-ws:,

First.—The N. S. A. should not im-so held and an income derived therepose upon their officers the onerous from; said income to be applied to the duty of developing and disposing of temple fund, or the same be sold and proceeds similarly applied.

Section 3 .- The Temple Fund Socidelegates in annual conventions as-

Section 4 .- In event of the Temple Fund Society ever disbanding, then any funds in its treasury, or property held in its name, shall be transferred to the N. S. A.

Article 7 .- Quorum .- A quorum necessary for the transaction of business at the annual meetings of this soclety, shall consist of twenty members thereof whose annual fee has been

ments or additions to these articles of ficer published in at least two Spiritualist weekly papers; and further provided, that the N. S. A. in annual dele-

By-Laws.

No. 1.—In the event of a failure by ciety for an ensuing year, the execu tive board of the previous year shall

No. 2.—The executive board shall have the right to fill any vacancy oc-Eighth .- The following shall be the curring in said board, by any cause

have power to contract any necessary expense to carry on the affairs of this society, and to solicit or obtain aid Fund Society of the National Spiritualists Association of the United But no salary shall be paid any officer of this society unless the same shall be fixed by said society at an annual N. S. A. delegates in annual conven-

tion, or by the by-laws of this society. No. 5.--Auxiliary societies of the

jority of the executive board, in case of loans; and by the consent of the society and the N. S. A. in annual conventions assembled, for bequests. No. 6.—All parliamentary affairs

not regulated by the articles of association and by-laws of this society. shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order. No. 7.--Amendments or additions

to these by-laws may be adopted at any meeting of this society, and shall also be approved by the N. S. A. in convention assembled.

GEORGE W. KATES. , B. F. AUSTIN. LAURA G. FIXEN, MOSES HULL,

ANNE T. NETTERFIELD, Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNI-FORM SYSTEM ORGANIZATION.

To the Officers and Delegates of the N. S. A. in Convention Assembled: -We, your committee of State officers, devising a uniform system of organiered the matter, and submit the following for your consideration:

We recommend that the articles covering individual membership, as now in force in Minnesota and New York, be adopted by all state associations and inserted in their constitutions after their next annual conventions. We thus recommend because we feel that the adoption of this rule would obviate many of the existing difficulties.

2. We recommend that all state associations be granted exclusive jurisdiction in the matter of chartering local societies, and that societies directly affiliated with the N. S. A., at present existing in states where state rganizations exist, be recommended to withdraw from such affiliation and charter under the state associations of their respective states.

3. We recommend that the N. S. A. urge their state and local auxiliaries to place upon their rostrums only such workers as hold valid certificates of ordination, or indorsement, issued by the N. S. A. or its authorized state auxiliaries; and who are directly affiliated with some society organized either under the N. S. A. or its auxiliary state societies.

All of which is respectfully sub-itted, WILL J. ERWOOD, mitted. Chairman, for the Committee.

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Of National Superintendent of Lyceum Work, September, 1905 to September, 1906.

Another fiscal year draws to a close and we recount the experiences with which we have met, endeavoring to draw therefrom such courage and strength as will enable us to —GO ON. The National Superintendent of Ly-

coum Work has faithfully endeavored to meet the requirements of the increasing band of children, who are rapidly learning to depend upon The Progressive Lyceum as a lesson paper. Forty-seven four-paged issues of 1250 to each issue, with the exception of one issue when the number was doubled, making a total of 60,000 copies; and five eight-paged issues with 1550 extra, making 7,800, or a grand total of 67,800 copies of The Progressive Lyceum which have been carefully and methodically distrib-uted over the United States, The reading matter which they have borne has, in my opinion been of the highest spiritual order and judging from many letters, it has found a most kindly reception in the homes where the Lesson Paper has gone.
The financial statement will indi-

cate the expense for this work the money received therefor. As directed by the convention last year the National Spiritualist Association paid the Superintend of Lyceum Work for six months' work, ninety dollars, the first and only money. dollars, the first and only money received for work done during four years. The work of these years has been a constant pleasure, although it has with my other duties, many times demanded the midnight oil. demanded the midnight oil. Sweet little faces wreathed in smiles have been always before me as an inspiration, for the girls and boys have faithfully written me of their experiences. and best of all, of the help which they derived from The Progressive Lyceum. Since conditions prevent me from serving this department of the work which I love so well, longer than the end of this Volume IV which will be the last of November-I claim the privilege of making some

statements and suggestions. The hope of any movement lies in education afforded the children. The children's cause is the people's cause. Spiritualists must become conscious of the situation and care for the unfolding minds of youth. The Lyceum system is a certain solution for the problem of ethical and spiritual unfoldment rather than theological and

doctrinal teachings.
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Spiritual Demonstrations are facts

established by Nature and if the laws and principles are taught for a few generations there will be but lit-tle demand for evidence. Who asks for evidence of the claims of science No one who is educated, you will agree. Why? Because they have been taught that the claims are facts? Who asks for "tests" in the claims of Spiritualism? These who have not been educated to realize that writt communion is a fact scientif. Ally proved by the phenomena of Spiritualism? and more of these are neonly ism," and most of these are people who make a pretense of being Spiritualists. Educate the children, sup-ply the unfolding minds with facts, that they may know and knowing

Association of the United States; and shall be chartered by the said Na-tional Association, and if necessary, provided for in the articles of association of the United States; and have full power to adopt rules for its tion is life and he who would live must move. Spiritualists must exemprovided for in the articles of association, and if plify the spirituality of Spiritualism. The authorized missionary workers should emphasize not only the importance but the necessity for lyceum work. Societies, whose membership is principally adults may go down, even after years of activity-it is ment have passed from mortal life-

stated those who supported this movebut a well-organized lyceum, after a few years' existence, will live, pros-per and increase for it is constantly supplying material for when its advanced members are promoted. May you as assembled delegates think seriously and act wisely in the selection of some one who will carry forward this very important work the lyceum. For every part of the

United States lyceum workers are looking for order and method. Gradually we are establishing a plan of operation which will soon cement the active forces so that State and Na-tional assembles can be held with great benefit to our efforts. I am personally grateful for the opportunity of doing that which the marks made by angel fingers -pointing the way, and hearty co-operation of mortals, have made it possible for me to do. Whatever has been accomplished is the result of congenial co-opera-tion. Pleasantly we have worked together, hand in hand with augels, to bring health, happiness and prosperity into the lives of children that they may look for sunshine and gladness from right thinking and proper acting rather than salvation and grace from conforming to certain creeds. in your presence I pledge my humble efforts for this cause, as earnestly as ever. May you each consecrate your patient determination to do a little more than ever before. Stronger hands than ours have this work in hand; it will succeed, but we can do much to hasten the time when right living will be exemplified daily, when nature will be carefully obeyed and in turn will afford health, happiness—

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT. Lyman C. Howe Recounty His Work for the Year.

To the Delegates Assembled at Chicago to Represent Objects and Aims of the National Association of Spiritualists of America—Threeting:—I regret to be obliged to report slow progress in the work assigned me as your historian, but I have il done the best I could with the circumstances and conditions which made me their prisoner; chief of which whas been physical weakness, due to a variety of a two months' rough-and-tumble with King la Grippe, last winter, which left me hors du combat; but not conquered, though powerfully weak. With this exhaustion of vitality and nerve force, I have wrestled and struggled for eight months, and at last began to rally a month ago, and with new life came new energy; and the tasks that were difficult and wearying, and seemed like mountains weighing me down, became inviting and easy, and I felt of late equal to all that my undertaking involves, except the writing of this apology! But many calls upon my time and strength hindered the accomplishment of my purpose in making out this report, and so I have to send it in unfinished, and trust to your forbearance to accept it generously and give

My purpose has been, and is, to devote the first part to phenomena and mediumship, and it is no easy breakfast spell to collect, sift, analyze and decide what to use and what to reject ---not because any of it is unworthy, but because the limits of the book will not permit the use of all, and in many cases it is difficult to determine what among a mass of facts and testimonies, will make the clearest and strongest, and most representative proofs and illustrations of the vital foundations of the science of life and religion of nature as developed by Modern Spiritualism. Some excellent representative Spiritualists of superior intelligence have written about the claims set up for mediumistic marvels, and discriminating between honest mediumship and the villainous frauds perpetrated by conscienceless pretenders. I do not feel called upon to do this. My aim is to obtain the clearest possible proofs of such phenomena as shall be recorded, and in all cases in which the conditions attending the seance are such as to leave the facts in doubt-thus reducing science to faith—to omit them entirely; or else, devote a chapter to such, with comments upon the possible, the probable and the apparently certain, giving the subtle sophistries of honest believers full and free opportunity to present their best claims, supported by such assumptions as Theosophy and Occultism can fairly maintain by facts and reason. Such a chapter I think might be made useful and instructive.

There is much in the records of the

first twenty years as presented by Capron, Hare, Emma Hardinge, and others that do not hold against the more exacting scrutiny of later science, and the broader range of experipretations of nature and her possibil-

Nevertheless, there are many indubitable realities that tollowed the first twenty years, that are as definite, as certain, and as well attested as hip-thing that has been added in the last thirty years. Owing to my infirmities during the most of the past year, I have left the first part in suspension and skipped on to part second; and as a recent inspiration, which is not worked out to completion, I send you herewith, a specimen page, with request for an expression of opinion from your honorable body, or from a neefing thereof, and approved by the they will act. The age demands do-special committee as you may elect ers. Doctrines are decaying, creeds as to the value and propriety or maxare crumbling, faiths are faltering ing this a chapter in part second. If parallels and contrasts in systematic order, so that each selection will stand against the other with a fitness such as the Golden Rule ascribed to Jesus, and the modern one by the spirit that moved Hudson Tuttle to write: "Do all for others." What I send herewith have been selected hastily, and not all of them stand in such related contrasts as the plan requires. From my present standpoint, it looks as if I shall be able to do something more to fulfill my office as historian than I have been able to do in the

I would inquire what the prospec will be of adding to the attractions of part first, a variety of illustrations think a goodly number of the mediums might furnish cuts of them selves and perhaps some that will place before the mind in pictures their special phases of phenomena. I had some years ago, by the kindness of Prof. Sanford of Minnesota, some unique illustrations of the "Saucer unique illustrations of the pictures" executed some thirty years ago, the nature of which is any other I have seen. I think two or three cuts of these would be a valuable accession to the book.

I deeply regret my inability to share in your deliberations, and renew the social interest and sweet pleasure that must inspire every session I hope for much to improve the work ing value of your honorable body, and to reach its helpfulness to every state in the Union, and give a nev impetus to the enterprise of every so ciety in the United States. Above all l look for a closer blending of the two worlds through the influence of your labors, a lively enthusiasm to kindle the altar-fires; in a million souls, and add to the effectiveness of the working missionaries in the field. From the accounts of missionary work in the past, I judge that it is a valuable branch of the usefulness of the N. S. A., and I hope it will be continued and extended; and if you lack material for the manufacture of new ones to send abroad and extends the work you might, as a foriorn hope, and a novel experiment, try me! A liberal part of my public work has been of a your approval, and answers the ideals missionary character, but without any financial backing, ordinanyor organized body to give the support even of sympathy and good will. The recognition you are giving me now is "bread upon the waters" returning to me with heavenly benedictions and love-

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEC-

RETARY'S REPORT. To the Officers and Delegates of the National Spiritualists Association in Convention Assembled:—Your committee begs to report as follows: 1. It is encouraging to note the

flattering report of the secretary on

the growth of Spiritualism, not only in our own land, but of its spreading to other lands, and foreign countries 2. We heartly endorse what she says on the question of the interest that is taken in our Cause by hundreds of intelligent and cultivated people from various professions and from the many denominations of religious churches, and we sincerely hope that the good work may still go

on in this direction.

3. We recommend to give due consideration to that part of her re-port, where she extends her thanks to the press for their invaluable aid to the N. S. A. We wish to emphasize that

part of her report where she endorses the good work done by certain mediums, especially by H. C. Dorn and Mrs. J. W. Stores by their assistance to the N. S. A.
5. We regret, as your committee, that the Stewart-Folsom case should be mentioned at this convention, nev-

ertheless we endorse that part of her report that vindicates the N. S. A. on this unpleasant question. 6. We note the report of the secretary in regard to certain societies who have dropped out of their regular connection with the N. S. A., but we find they are still members indirectly by their connection with their state

organizations, who are auxiliaries to the N. S. A.
7. We recommend that that section of our Constitution and By-laws be enforced where state secretaries should send in their dues for their various delegates, in time for the N S. A. Secretary to make and complete her full report before the convention convenes, and that those who do not comply with the Constitution, on this question, shall be deprived of a seat

in the convention. 8. We note the pension fund work reported by the secretary, and recommend that it be continued, and we think that our secretary should re-ceive a vote of thanks for her efficient work in the Mary E. Harris case, well as others.

9. We would recommend that the secretary be requested to use her best efforts to encourage more camps to have an N. S. A. day.

10. We think that while it is a drain on the funds of the N. S. A. to defend contested will cases, still we

recommend that the N. S. A. continue this good work already commenced. The committee approves the action of our secretary in the White case, at Baltimore, Md.

12. We recommend that the con-

vention should thank Brother Longley for his good work in assisting secretary in her office work. Respectfully submitted, F. D. DUNAKIN,

Chairman. DR. B. O'DELL, EDWARD BREWER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COM-MUNICATIONS.

Your committee having carefully eviewed the voluminous correspondence placed in its hands, begs to report as follows:

1. Upon the question of "Federation of Liberal Religious Bodies," we recommend the appointment of a committee whose duty it shall be to call conference of representatives from the various organizations who

reported favorably, and proceed to organize the proposed union.

2. Upon the question of the present need or issues that confront our cause, the consensus of opinion is, that we need a higher and more advanced education on the part of our ministers and mediums. We therefore urge upon all to cultivate self and endeavor to reach the highest and become willing workers in this standard of life to the end that the great work for the good of the whole. inherent principles of our Cause be adequately expressed and exemplified.

3. That a committee be appointed to compile and attend to the printing of the various communications now in hand, written by Hudson Tuttle, Cora L. V. Richmond, Moses and Mattie Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Kates, J. M. Peebles, and others, under the title of "The Latest Word of Spiritualism" and that the incoming president be instructed to continue to solicit more such essays for the use of said committee.

4. Another communication with reference to districting our N. S. A. for missionary purposes was well worthy of special notice. We recom-We recomment that circuits be established for the support of the National Assothroughout state and nation; that clation. Children even will willingly secretaries be appointed to keep in touch with all auxiliaries, and to recommend only such speakers and mediums as are endorsed by state and National associations; these districts to arrange grove and mass-meetings, according to their own best indement, to the end that all auxiliaries may be protected from imposition, our honest mediums be encouraged and fraud disappear forever. Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH SCHAUSS,

CATHERINE McFARLIN, W. E. HAMMOND, SOLOMON DILL.

change; but as change is indispensable to progress, if you shall deem it best to add some new ones in place of others retired, I am confident you will exercise wisdom in your choice, and allow no personal prejudice, or party strife, or selfish ambition, to mar th character of your work, or weaken the noble efforts that animate the life of ine N. S. A.

The letter from Hudson Tuttle, published in The Progressive Thinker, is in my judgment, an able and wise presentation for the N. S. A. to con sider, and act upon, so far as it meets of your enterprise. Some objections have been made to

the tendency of the N. S. A. to subjugate the spiritual science, and its numanitarian application, to a rule of religious faith and sectarian dogma. The objections, I think, are over-drawn, and tend to a misconstruction of the meaning and objects of the re ligious shadings in your enunciations force to a bias that the best light of Spiritualism does not justify. Let us keep clear of all tendencies to dwarf the sublime philosophy of life, or to circumscribe and cripple the free thought and royal reason of free men and free women, seeking to sever the best interests of humanity, and the most comprehensive and beautiful religious science the world has ever known. LYMAN C. HOWE. known.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO DE- REPORT OF COMMITTEE VISE WAYS AND MEANS.

In view of the fact that the National Spiritualists Association, during the thirteen years of its existence, has failed to become an institution of financial independence and helpfulness which was hoped for by its organizers; that instead of this it is dependent upon the gifts of the gener-ously disposed who may attend the yearly conventions, or who may be appealed to by its secretary through the spiritual press, at such times as it is and efficient officers for their faithful necessary. Also in view of the fact that the work of the committee on work. finance is one that is humiliating and mortifying to all concerned and will only be undertaken by such as are pe-culiarly gifted in this direction and sed of an unusual amount of fervor and love of the cause. Again. if by all efforts put forth the amount required is not obtained, the board of directors are sent away from these conventions heavy-hearted, with a burden upon their hands which cannot be realized. In view of all this and the fact that our work as Spiritualists is largely left undone, for want

of means, we believe that the time has come to place this organization upon a sound financial basis by adopting such methods as are adopted by organizations and orders outside of Spiritualism. The order of Masonry, Odd Fellows, and all Fraternal orders pay dues of amounts equal to the work they wish to carry forward. When the necessities of the case are properly presented to the different so-

The thirteen years of organization have been an object lesson and an education. The Spiritualists cannot af-ford to be outside of it. Greater work is yet to be done, in which they will wish to have a hand and become a part. The president in his message has repeatedly asked for an endow-ment fund. No response is given. Your committee, therefore, ask measures be taken at this convention to increase the usefulness of the N. S. A., and we suggest that the sum of one dollar a year be required of each individual member of all societies consisting of individual membership, lyceums excepted; and that members of lyceums pay twenty-five cents yearly. do some little thing to send half cent a week, and any Spiritualist the small sum of one dollar a year, when the matter is presented. This sum from the Spiritualists already organized would enable the N. S. A. to take care of its pensioners without further appeals to any one. Not only this, it would enable them to increase the amount paid them, which we would all be glad to have done. Then the needy cared for would not necessarily be limited to mediums and worn out workers, but could be extended to any aged and poor Spiritualist who might otherwise be consigned to an alms-

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Vational Spiritualists Association of the United States in Annual Conven-tion—Greeting:—We, the under-signed committee on amendments, have carefully considered the proposed amendments submitted to and beg leave to report as follows:

We agree unanimously in striking out the first and second proposed amendments.

Ordination Usages, as amended by this convention, be substituted in this convention, be substituted in place thereof, but that this recommendation shall not affect the action of this body in referring the whole matter to a special committee.

present.

Respectfully submitted, L. P. WHEELOCK, Chairman, LAURA G. FIXEN, DR. E. H. GREEN, OSCAR A. EDGERLY, JOSEPHINE A. BRUER: TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Delegates of the National Spiritualists Association Assembled—Greeting:—We, the under-signed, appointed to examine and audit the books and vouchers of the secretary and treasurer, respectfully report that we have carefully performed said duties, and that we find them correct; and we recommend 1.—That a vote of thanks of this convention be tendered these faithful

2.—That this committee heartily endorse the judicious manner in which the executive board has expended the funds of this association. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WITHELL, Chairman, MRS. E. L. NICHOLSON, W. T. JONES, HENRY C. DORN, MRS. HARRIET DUHL.

The Temple Fund Society.

Having been elected as president of this national body auxiliary to the N. S. A., for raising funds to assist in temple building, and the membership includes every Spiritualist of the United States, I do now solicit every man, woman and child to join this important society. The fee is one dollar (\$1) per annum, for each member. Will you join and assist this important effort? Please read the full published reports of the organization in the N. S. A. proceeding.

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Franklin street, Muncie, Ind., or to Yours fraternally, GEORGE W. KATES.

Cheyney, Pa.

Resolutions of Sympathy. Whereas, our brother, H. W. Richardson, president of the New York State Association, and Chairman of our Credential Committee, has been called away by the transition of his

brother, therefore be it Resolved, That we, the delegates in annual convention assembled, tender to him in this hour of sorrow, our heartfelt sympathy and assure him that his voice and influence will be missed in the deliberations of this body.

Respectfully submitted. E. W. BOND, MRS. T. U. REYNOLDS, PAUL MCARTHUR, Committee.

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Waldo Emerson, Julia Ward Howe, We recommend that Article 11 of Robert G. Ingersoll, Francis A. the By-Laws be repealed and that the Walker, Henry George, Alfred Russel Wallace, John Boyle O'Rellly and Richard T. Ely.

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"What about the religious sects in the spirit world?" They are as distinct as they are here, for a time, until a larger light dawns upon their consciousness, for you know, death does not change a person's character, temperament, or opinion; that is a work of development and progress. Therefore, when a Presbyterian dies, in a full belief in the doctrines his church inculcates, he is drawn into a community of souls whose ideas correspond with his own, and meets those good divines and teachers whom he admired on earth. The same in the case of a Roman Catholic; he is not immediately divested of his ideas, but joins that particular society or brotherhood which he desires, until his views en-large, and he sees the symbol in the light of the reality; the emblem giving place to the truth it represented.

'And what of the man who had no religion; who was, say, a materialist, agnostic, while on earth?" "By their fruits ye shall know them." If such a one has loved his neighbor, and done his duty; if he obeyed the instincts of divine natural law, and thus fulfilled his responsibilities, he also shall reap what he has sown, and in that higher life he shall receive proof and evidence of the soul's immortality, the existence of Deity, and the spiritual possibilities of man. He will reason remember the words of the Greatest Teacher, "The son of man shall sit on the throne of glory, and judge." Even this son of man shall sit on the throne of his reason, and shall know, say to all unworthy thoughts, aims, or suggestions, "Depart ye!" and to all good motives, pure thoughts, and lov-ing deeds, "Come, ye blessed of my

I will tell you what interested me very much during several psychic tours: The condition of the little children who dwell in the Summer Land a vast sphere about - 30,000 miles (some one told me) from the earth planet, but whether any mind could measure the vast places between the spheres, I cannot tell. There are seven in all round our earth, and one devoted entirely to children, with their angel guardians and teachers. ions of happy little ones, gathering in bands, schools, and companies around their leaders. The scenery is delight ful, such lovely flower-strewn valleys; such limpid lakes; such glorious forests; such beautiful fields. Thousands of children who, during earth life, were obliged to live and labor, to suffer, and ofttimes sin, are here gathered into loving care, and inhabit the homes prepared for them by ange Their delight cannot be exhappy, and free to enjoy all the beauty spread forth in abundance before Those who loved children here, and perhaps were never given any of their own, can lavish their love upon these dear little ones, and teach them all they are so eager to learnchildren of all peoples, of all ages; but none of them helpless, weak, de-formed, or suffering. No imbeciles, no blind, or deaf, or dumb, or

Can you imagine such a sphere? No, you must wait until you become clairvoyant, or till you enter the higher life; when you will be able to watch the angels' care and wisdom towards their little ones; and how they all grow up to perfect womanhood and manhood, to become messengers and workers for humanity. And indeed. these little ones often descend in beautiful bands to the earth, and inspire mortals with thoughts of faith, purity, and hanniness.

troubled.

'Did I ever see any of the colored races?" Certainly. The forests and mountains, plains and valleys, of the first sphere, are the delightful homes of the Indians ("happy hunting grounds") and other peoples who were children of Nature, and could therefore find happiness in no other heaven than Nature's own. These also progress, and become the helpers of humanity, chiefly for healing mediums, or phenomenal manifestations, on ac-

"Are they all happy?" I wish I worship the Great Spirit; they learn occult skill. "Is about fourteen "Are they all happy?" I wish I to help the weak; they rejoice in their years since he first came, with dark;

these may be useful, especially to mediums and sensitives who have possibly similar experiences to undergo.

controls, many guides, varied experiences WITH DARKENED OR TROUBLED SPIRITS, FRAUDULENT INFLUENCES, ETC., passing through innumerable death scenes, worldly good; playing upon my love

have been delivered from all and these return; he must have forgotten that brary room of the Leichardt Town help more effectually the work of things, how deeply tender is the love his own presence there was a proof of Hall, where an appreciative audithings, how deeply tender is the love his own presence there was a proof of Hall, where an appreciative audiof our Father, how unchanging his care of his children. The grand "I his discourse but the possession of a will" still remains, as the sun still mediumistic gift. For three days some members of the Council we were shines, however dark the intervening and nights he followed me persistentclouds; so, for the assurance of tired ly, my own beautiful guardians standallowed to hold further services on the and troubled mediums comes the promise, "I will give my angels charge concerning thee;" "Fear not, little flock; it is the Father's good fail not." pleasure to give you the kingdom."

less, selfish, or mercenary sensitive. my life with faith, hope, and love. Being continually earth-bound, or on the material plane of thought, they can so influence mortals as to create prosperous surroundings; give success in speculations, fraudulent deceptions, or questionable production of phonorement thought the expension of

other magnetic master of the heavenly under which he succumbed after less spheres direct the movements and that a week's illness. He, the hope ministries of their particular school of and pride of my widowed heart, thought or action—whether in the ar-loving, so promising a youth, then tistic, as Michael Angelo; or the mag-suddenly removed from my presence; netic, as Mesmer; in the poetical, as it did seem as though the sun of life Milton, and others; in the scientific, as was darkened, and heaven had forgot-Galileo, etc.,—so did this evil one in ten to be gracious. I had been giv (the tempting of mediums) direct and Melbourne, and on my return I found will his servants to do his pleasure, that Willie had left his mortal form, good angels, to control sensitives, to happier sphere. prevent the spread of true Spiritual-

the trials he has striven to fasten CHRISTOPHER, AND THE OTHER upon my life. In appearance, as seen OF WILLIE, WHO SEEMED TO bearing, distinguished him. Sometimes he wore a mask, and long dark WAS ELOQUENT, SO AS TO DE-My crying, my soul was comforted; CEIVE THE UNWARY; but ever un-derlying his suave manner was a quent on the magnetic influence, fell

'Tis about fourteen

thodox opponents had closed it to our services, and I had to seek another field of labor. My circles were not Passing through various stages of very prosperous, my power but dear sons to welcome me when I re been; and it has been so full of development, from impressional writ- feeble, when one night I lay awake turn to their father in spirit life; and pleasure, such a means of enlargeing, trance speaking, psychic travellistening to the language of one ing, clairvoyance, clairaudience, and psychometry, to pure intuitive perceplanguage, indeed, appealed to all the all the way we have come and under the language. tion, normal clairvoyance and con-finer tastes of my nature; being at scious inspirational speaking, and all once poetical, logical, and powerful. these gifts covering a period of nearly Hour after hour my spiritual hearing twenty years, I have met with many drank in this liquid music of oratory, but love itself he gives." Are we not have devoted years of faithful, earnwondering who could be thus minis-OR tering to my wearied senses.

rescuing by magnetic will many sor-rowful, repentant souls from darkness of thought, and my own depression of and evil, witnessing many conflicts spirits. He had discoursed concern-between light and darkness, receiving ing the various planets, evolution, many conflicting communications, vis-iting many sorrowful abodes in the darkness of thought, and my own depression of history, geology, poetry, the drama; iting many sorrowful abodes in the spheres, and temples of glorious beauty glowing terms of seeming disinterestin the heavens; listening with rapture ed brotherhood, or lines of social or to the musical tones of angel teachers, political thought. And now he strove to the musical tones of angel teachers, whose words filled the soul with beautiful inspirations; and subjected to many trials and temptations, which continually strew the path of which continually strew the path of cloven foot, but working so skillfully to undermine my faith, striving to many trials and temptations, which continually strew the path of progressive mediumship.

Should I reveal the secrets of many a mental struggle? My heart says, Yes! because other souls may take hope of cheer as they learn how I have been delivered from all and these things, how deenly tender is the love.

Especially do I remember with hypnotic influence of seen or unseen spiritualistic Society in Leichardt, hypnotic influence of seen or unseen spiritualistic Society in Leichardt, how South Wales, where a faithful band of workers gathered round me and many a soul was cheered and helped by spiritual communion. I have been delivered from all and these things, how deenly tender is the love.

Especially do I remember with hypnotic influence of seen or unseen spiritualistic Society in Leichardt, New South Wales, where a faithful band of workers gathered round me and many a soul was cheered and helped by spiritual communion. I had been holding services in the library room of the Leichardt Town.

Spiritualistic Society in Leichardt, New South Wales, where a faithful band of workers gathered round me away one's own individuality. I only help more effectually the work of the pleasure the formation and growth of hypnotic influence of seen or unseen by protection and board Meetings.

New South Wales, where a faithful band of workers gathered round me away one's own individuality. I only help work of the protection of the potential was a myth and a delusion. Denying the existence hope to grow younger and stronger as time proceeds, and thus be able to brary room of the Leichardt Town help for the protection of the potential was a myth and a delusion. The protection of the protection of

At last, exhausted, sick in soul and Among the dark days of my life body, I lay me down to pray that God and somehow the "winter of our would deliver, when suddenly my vis-(and somehow the "winter of our discontent" seems always longer than the summer of our joy), there stands senger come to my aid, who gently out few so vividly as those in which magnetized me till I fell asleep, wrap I encountered a spirit giving the name of "Theosphon," WHO HELD AU-THORITY OVER A LEGION OF Months passed ere he renewed his at-SPIRITS, HIS WILLING MINIONS; tack, but my sympathy grew deep for INFLUENCING THE THOUGHT OF any one who may be tempted and MORTALS, TEMPTING MEDIUMS, deny spirit guidance, or retreat to AND CONTIUALLY TRYING TO IM. platforms of a lower level, where our PERSONATE THE TRUE MESSEN- Father is unacknowledged, and his an-GERS FROM HIGHER SPHERES. gels caused to grieve. Through Able to read at will the thoughts of much trial have these angels led me, mortals and spirits, he and his band | many souls have they won, much lov-(or school) easily deceive, and even ing patience have they shown to me gain control over the unwary, prayer- comforting so sweetly, and inspiring phenomena, through the agencies of is not often turned, so sacred are its their willing slaves, the vengeful, avalue memories, yet fragrant as pressed ricious, deceiving, undeveloped spirits white rose leaves between rarelywho throng the immediate atmosphere opened pages. My eldest son, Willie, of this planet. As the Nazarene controls his dis-ciples, Socrates his following, or any which culminated in virulent fever, ils own particular-sphere of action, ing a lecture that Sunday night in

which is to frustrate the efforts of and been carried by his father to a During the hours of that "dark" ism, and win disciples to atheism, ma- night, as I lay awake sorrowing as a of course there are many dark-brown with the spirit friends were browed leaders such as he, but this is the particular "Mephistopheles" of my personal experience, and bitter were one, of the personal experience, and bitter were one to meet together. clad in brazen armor, with helmet and out of which came a voice, distinct

radiant presence, having entered into church.
"the liberty of the children of God." "There is one question I would like The loving sympathy of Melbourne to ask you, Mrs. Harris,"

friends and fellow mediums was add-anxious inquirer. "Have you found ed to the tender ministry of angels, that mediumship tends to deteriorate therefore I was strengthened to renew health or mental force, or destroy my work, and strive to be the means one's individuality in any way?" of helping others who might also be I do not think so, in my own case; bereaved. Since that time, Willie but of course I have no phenomenal has spoken to me through many me- manifestations diums, been seen by many clairvoy-sants, and I have had speech with him, only been used as an educational unwatched his progress to noble man-hood, been acquainted with his work tions of inspiration. I have in spirit life, and received much help times felt tired, even exhausted, after and comfort by his presence.

as spirit communion. It takes away teacher, or even the minister, grow the sting of parting, and links earth to weary also? I do not think mediumheaven by tenderest bonds of interest and mutual affection. So I have three any other profession would stand the will of the Infinite Fatherall one family, invor out of the body?

with only such a thin veil between."
"Tell me something about your work," said a friend, on one occasion, "among societies in different colo-

. Yes; therein lies the greatest happiness; and the resollection of several ums, does not appear at all in danger (wears' happy) work has the australian of ending his earthly course in a lunayears' happy work in the Australian workers in the cause, and enjoying

some members of the Council we were ground of our unorthodox teaching.

The result of this was that a meeting of the principal members was held in the house of Mr. Nettleton, an earnest worker in the cause; and it was at length decided that a small property should be purchased for the This consisted of a house containing five rooms, two of which were connected by folding doors, which, when thrown open, provided space for forty or fifty persons. Here therefore, we were established in a very short time, and many happy services and circles were held for development of mediums; and conversation

on spiritual subjects. Those were happy days. When at last our rooms became too small, an adjacent building was moved to the side of the house, and by the united efforts of all concerned, converted into a cozy little hall. Oh, how hapsion House," selling their work to our hall. Donations of goods were given, hymn sheets were printed for library were donated by others; and pleasant little socials were held to

help the work along. Such a happy time! It stands out as an evergreen memory in my mind. At last our little hall, decorated with greenery and flowers, was ready to be dedicated to the service of Truth; and our happy children sang their lyceum songs of welcome. We were a happy people, and whenever our friends from Melbourne came to see us, or visitors from Sydney joined us in our meetings, they felt the charm and most reliable manner of gaining of the spifit of brotherhood, and communion with purer minds were inspired to help us in the work can truly help us; but whose wi we had undertaken.

Children were dedicated; a marriage service was held among the flow-Mr. Robertis held : circles there:

many mediums who are now scattered by myself and other clairvoyants who LEAN ON HIS SHOULDER. AS IF about doing good work for Spiritual-have described him to me, he is very STILL WEAK FROM CONTACT ism were developed there; and many handsome, of commanding figure, in WITH HIS SUFFERING BODY. So an earnest speaker stood upon our handsome, of commanding figure, inwith His Suffering Body. So
tellectual countenance, and very fascipeaceful, so bright, were the two fignating demeanor. He came someures, surrounded by the magnetic
times as a knight of "ye olden time," glow which lighted all the room, from large opera houses and noble halls in vizor; sometimes as a cavalier, in and clear saying three times, with main in my heart a tender memory of slashed doublet and hose, plumed hat, and glittering sword; dark, piercing son who was dead is alive again, and happy band of faithful workers. eyes, scornfully curling lip, and proud liveth for evermore."

Many of them are scattered now; And this was my son, whom God many have been called home to spirit loved, and had called away from all life; but a work was done there trial, pain, and sorrow, or possible which influenced many lives, and was temptation. I held my breath, ceased registered in heaven, because of the lume, of decided value. A narrative of cloak, in which he wrapped himself trial, pain, and sorrow, or possible which influenced many lives, and was from our vision. IN LANGUAGE HE temptation. I held my breath, ceased registered in heaven, because of the earnest effort, and unselfish toil which distinguished it. Old bless all those thor's experience. Cloth, 560 pages, ilearnest souls; I shall meet them all lustrated, \$1.25.

wreath of flowers, and as I stood by through many progressive pathways the grave, I felt he was beside me, a into the city that has no need of a N. S. A. PROCEEDINGS

foldment towards the superior condi-Oh, there is nothing so comforting the teacher of music, the day-school ship has been more exhaustive than amply recompensed for any trouble or

est labor to mediumship, and these were singularly capable, healthy strong-minded folk, for whom the wondrous denunciations of the latest work on matters psychical would have no terrors. For instance, Mr. George Spriggs, a king among mediyears in the thuse the restrict with a many noble workers in the thuse and enjoying week of his genial, hearty self. And the hearty eco-operation of loving after about twenty years' work, a friends is well worth the effort, or small matter in comparison with whatever trials may have strewn the some of these grand pioneer workers, I feel quite "myself;" not at all in way of life's progressive journey. I feel quite "myself;" not at all in Especially do I remember with danger of being "destroyed" by the But desirable. It is but a means toward an end a method whereby the unseen intelligences bring their sensitives or instruments into rapport with themselves, enforcing their teachings thus into the very inner self or soul of the medium.

To hold communion by intuition becomes the most satisfactory method; to send thoughts to a beloved one, and wait for the answer, being in receptive state of consciousness; to receive the answers to questions then, as by telepathy, is a constant delight. The effort to place oneself upon the same plane, not to drag the communicating intelligence down to a human plane. This is a progressive education that anyone can enjoy, and which can never be harmful to mind or body. More and still more sensitive becomes the instrument, but firmer and stronger the will to rise, to ascend to those higher places where real life real love, and real toy are found Therefore the spiritual nature must be developed, but no loving duty to earthly friends need be neglected in Carpenters, glaziers, gasfitters, gave to bridge the gulf men call "death," their nair-nonday and overtaine, the mis-ladies held sewing bees at the "Mis-from higher spheres, if prayerfully sion House," selling their work to humbly, and carefully sought. But procure the timber for the flooring of it is not necessary always to be an unconscious medium, or a phenomenal medium. Let us look to humanity's is by Melbourne friends, books for our highest ideal, the life of the Master ibrary were donated by others; and Medium, and see what grandeur of character. what firmness of purpose what spiritual beauty and grace accompanied all the manifestations which he presented, and then we can follow on, unafraid of "obsession," 'possession," hypnotism, or any other hing, save the fulfilling of love's higher law. Higher Spiritualism

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