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**Don't Mob-Nob With Satan.**

"We ought to watch night  
and day to keep Satan out of the house-  
hold; for if ever he gets his head in  
he will never be content until his  
whole body is in."  
Thus Rev. Dr. Wylie, pastor of the  
Scott Presbyterian church of New  
York. Is it not possible too much at-  
tention is given to the doings of the  
Devil by churchmen, and too little to  
their own conduct? Because of that  
little tale of Jesus with his Sa-  
tanian majesty, while seated on  
"a pinnacle of the temple," and later, on  
"an exceeding high mountain," Jesus'  
disciples have been suspicious of him.  
They should be made to understand  
the devil covets larger game than com-  
mon mortals. Milton, for authority,  
he, Satan, waged for a time a war with  
God Almighty, and had the best of it  
on the first day; but, defeated, he,  
God, was reinforced by his Son, born  
of a Jewish mother 4,000 years later,  
who, with lightning for a weapon, the  
prince of darkness was defeated, and  
was thrown over the battlements, from  
which he fell down, down "nine days,"  
says Milton, into the bottomless pit.  
There he collected his forces, and  
through all the subsequent years has  
been augmented by more than ninety-  
nine one-hundredths of all the souls  
which have peopled this earth. All the  
great conquerors, and all the sci-  
entists have joined him, whilst, as  
Prof. Denton told us, "heaven has only  
gained the idiots, the infants, the  
mothers, possibly, and the preachers."  
In another light, with such an innum-  
erable force to contend with, and  
with feeble support, it is questionable  
if the "Lord of Hosts" can hold his  
own.

The conclusion of the whole matter  
is, the preacher and his friends should  
be careful of their own conduct, and  
never imitate the master by mob-nob-  
bing with Satan.

**A Base Occupation of the Soul.**

Wm. Hazlett, a learned English crit-  
ic and miscellaneous writer, died in  
1830. Thus discoursed on death and  
beyond. He said:

"Death cancels everything but  
truth, and strips a man of everything  
but genius and virtue. It is a sort of  
natural canonization. It makes the  
meanest of us sacred; it installs the  
poet in his immortality, and lifts him  
to the skies. Death is the great as-  
sayer of the sterling ore of talent.  
At his touch the drossy particles of  
the irritable, the personal, the pros-  
perous, and mingle with the dust; the  
finner and more ethereal part mounts  
with the winged spirit to watch over  
our latest memory, and protect our  
bones from insult. We consign the  
least worthy qualities to oblivion, and  
cherish the nobler and imperish-  
able nature with double pride and fond-  
ness."

"The winged spirit" is a euphem-  
ism, borrowed from Babylonian my-  
thology. That people gave wings to  
their gods and to their attendants.  
The Jews, after their captivity in Bab-  
ylon, taking the Bible for authority  
seem to have carried back with them  
to Jerusalem the ideas gained from  
their masters; and thereafter, instead  
of the ladder Jacob saw in his dream,  
or the spiral roadway around the tower  
of Babel to heaven, just above cloud-  
land, they had wings "to mount,  
to fly."

Whist Hazlett was doubtless cor-  
rect in crediting the soul with being  
the finer and more ethereal part of the  
gross body, that part of which Spir-  
itualists now teach is the soul, he con-  
veys the idea that their future mission  
is to "watch over our memory and  
protect our bones from insult," a very  
humane and unworldly duty, nearly op-  
posite to the orthodox teaching, that it  
will spend eternity in singing "glory,  
glory, glory, to God and the Lamb  
forever."

Platitudes against sin are as harm-  
ful as applause for sin.—Anon.  
Man alone is and shall be our god.  
—Feyrabach.  
Soft is the music that would charm  
the devil.—Wordsworth.

# Tainted Blood Money.

Many years ago an anti-slavery lec-  
turer made the statement that Liver-  
pool, the great commercial metropoli-  
s of the world, owed its magnificence  
to the African slave trade. He said  
the ships engaged in that devilish  
traffic were generally fitted out in the  
Liverpool port; that they were  
manned by English seamen; and set  
out on their voyages of plunder and  
crime for the wharves of that great  
city. Because of that terrible traffic  
in the lives and liberty of a barbarian  
people, whom the Pope at Rome had  
made subjects for avarice and bond-  
age, Liverpool became the prosperous  
city it now is, with her whitened sails  
in every port. The casual search-  
ing for facts would find every block  
of stone, every brick, and every grain  
of mortar represented the agony, the  
tears and groans of those who had  
been torn from kindred, home and  
loved ones, to minister to the enslav-  
ers' cupidity.

The Christian press has been very  
severe during the last year or two on  
"TAINTED MONEY." Some of the  
churches declined to accept donations  
from Rockefeller and other capital-  
ists, "because," said they, "the money  
is tainted." But in the lecturer's  
story, whether true or false, we do  
not undertake to say, we see how a  
great city may have grown to its mam-  
moth proportions on blood money.  
Do Christians ever stop to consider  
that it was cupidity of the priesthood,  
and the terrible crimes for which the  
system is responsible, Christianity has  
become the great power it is to-day?

Roman Catholics are the parents of  
Protestantism. Had there been no  
Catholics there could not have been  
any protest against the damnable  
methods employed to propagate the  
Christian faith. There would have  
been no sale for "criminal indulgences,"  
which aroused Luther and his  
associates to action. Those indul-  
gences licensed the commission of  
crime. They were inspired by the  
need of money, tainted money. If  
the reader pleases, to construct St. Peter's  
at Rome. That tainted money was the  
parent Christian church to build the  
most gorgeous temple of the ages.  
The great churches and cathedrals all  
over Christendom, each one has a  
story of its own. Bankers, ambitious  
to gain the applause of the church,  
have stolen the deposits of widows  
and orphans deposited in their banks,  
and given it to rear palaces for God,  
then have fled; some were pursued,  
arrested, convicted, and are now doing  
service to the State; while the poor  
victims are suffering in penury and  
want for the money thus criminally  
stolen and given to the church. Was  
not such money tainted with crime?

Now some startling facts:  
The Inquisition, with all its awful  
horrors, furnishes material from  
which Christians must recoil! But for  
that institution, sanctioned by priest,  
prelate and Pope, and approved by  
governments, Christianity would not  
be what it is to-day. Possibly, it  
would have ceased to be. Because  
of it they who opposed its infernal  
teaching got a foretaste of that hell  
which human demons invented and  
imposed on humanity as an institution  
of God. The "believe or be damned"  
was made by it a realistic affair in  
this life.

The victims of the Inquisition were  
either men of learning, or of wealth.  
Frequently of both. Their estates  
were always confiscated. Half went  
to the papal treasury, probably to be  
expended for propagand purposes;  
the other half to the Inquisition.  
Historians of the times say: frequently  
the principal incentives to prosecu-  
tion of persons for heresy, was to sup-  
ply the needs of their empty treasury.  
Money was indispensable, and human  
rights were not considered of any  
account by an unfeeling hierarchy.  
The "Holy Inquisition" was found-  
ed by Pope Innocent IV., in 1243.  
Its power was firmly established in  
Italy, Spain, Germany, and in the  
southern provinces of France. Its  
influence was interrupted to some ex-  
tent by the Reformation, about the  
middle of the 16th century, but it was  
not formally brogated until 1808,  
and then by Napoleon. It is thought  
to be still in force to a small extent  
in the secret councils of the Jesuits.  
The Encyclopedia Britannica, article  
"Inquisition," says:

"And now again, from 1878 to this  
day, a crowd of defenders has risen  
up: Father Wiesner and the Innsbruck  
Jesuits, in their journal 1877, yearn  
for its re-establishment."

We greatly condense, but the fol-  
lowing is mostly extracted from page  
93, Vol. XIII. of the Encyclopedia  
Britannica:  
"It was the uniform practice of the  
Inquisition to confiscate the estates of  
those charged with heresy. The hope  
of a rich booty from confiscations was  
a characteristic which specially marks  
the history of the Spanish Inquisition.  
King Ferdinand, Isabel, by hunger for  
gold, and Queen Isabella, guided by  
the greed of the Inquisition, persecuted  
Persons accused were usually among  
the wealthiest in the land. Bad  
blood was aroused between the Pope  
and the Inquisition growing out of  
a division of the spoils. The officials  
were well paid for their services out  
of the confiscated funds. It was the  
interest of all that this stream of  
wealth should never run dry. The  
money question came up perpetually  
in all heresy trials."

Thus it appears money saturated  
with blood and life, was an important  
factor in the propagation of Christi-  
anity, and every available method was  
employed to gain it. We are all re-  
joiced that the leaders now recoil at  
a simple taint, which probably re-  
minds them of the noxious odors of  
the late past. As time advances it  
is not hopeful they will discover that  
a system of religion whose history  
all along the ages, was marked by  
fraud and violence, is a false religion?  
And should it not give way to the new,  
founded on knowledge and spirit re-  
velation, which has no angered God to  
placate; has made no sacrifice of life;  
never had a smoking altar reeking  
with blood; nor a demon damned;  
nor a flaming hell; and has not propa-  
gated its truths by wealth wrested  
from angels and babes, whose protectors  
were tortured, and burned, that his ac-  
cusers might long years of hell and  
frugality might minister to the propa-  
gation of a damnable creed, and the  
support of a vicious priesthood, who  
preached the love of God to the end  
that they could the more successfully  
rob and enslave humanity.

True politeness is perfect ease and  
freedom. It simply consists in treat-  
ing others just as you love to be  
treated yourself.—Chesterfield.  
Nothing destroys authority so much  
as the unequal and untimely inter-  
ference of power, pressed too far and  
related too much.—Bacon.  
Dinking water neither makes a  
man sick nor in debt nor his wife a  
widow.—John Neal.

# Another Thoughtful Minister.

Rev. Gustavus Tuckerman, of Bos-  
ton, formerly of New York and St.  
Louis, late of the Episcopal church,  
has voluntarily closed his connection  
with his church, because he could no  
longer accept the teachings of that de-  
nomination regarding the trinity, and  
the virgin birth of Jesus. He has sub-  
sequently connected himself with the  
Unitarians.

Bishop Dr. Greer, of New York, says  
of Rev. Tuckerman: "There is nothing  
whatever in his moral character which  
can be criticised." From this it ap-  
pears the seceding clergyman had too  
much brains, and good, practical com-  
mon sense to believe the nonsensical  
story of the "immaculate conception,"  
a tale for the marines.

The time is not distant when  
Spiritualism, purified, and its truths  
better known, will be frequently ag-  
gumented by those who dare think, now  
in the churches. Only gross igno-  
rance, thoughtlessness or violence,  
could have imposed a virgin-born God  
on the world, with an inspired Bible,  
written by rude barbarians, to sustain  
the fraud.

**Gross Ignorance.**

A Yale Professor, referring to the  
prevalent ignorance of students in col-  
lege, says:

"If all the undergraduates in Ameri-  
can colleges could be placed in one  
room and tested by a common exami-  
nation on the stories of the Old Testa-  
ment, the result would be a mag-  
nificent contribution to American  
humor."

Whether that statement is compli-  
mentary or otherwise to the students  
depends on the view a person takes of  
many of those stories. Those who re-  
ceive as a fact that God wrestled with  
Jacob all night, put his thigh out of  
joint, and was face to face in conver-  
sation with the patriarch, would prob-  
ably be vexed, instead of humored, to  
see the incredulity on the part of the  
students who should attempt to relate  
the adventure. A thousand other stories,  
found in the same old book would  
excite mirth, if told by a thinker, and  
we suspicion it would cause derision.

**Money in Religious Leadership.**

Mrs. Eddy, of Christian Science  
fame, has appointed a Board of Trus-  
tees to care for her property. She  
claims other demands on her time  
were too great to permit personal at-  
tention to pecuniary interests.  
It seems to be a money-making busi-  
ness to be at the head of a great re-  
ligious movement. Joe Smith, Brig-  
ham Young, Dowle, and Mrs. Eddy, all  
were in an impoverished condition  
when they entered on their mission,  
and all accumulated large estates.  
Smith lost his life at the hands of a  
mob while the Mormon movement was  
yet in its experimental stage, hence  
was the least successful of the entire  
quartet.

**IMPRESSIVE THOUGHTS.**

From An Inspired Lecture, Delivered  
at Meadville, Pa., April 7, by  
Helen Stuart-Richings.

It is a law of nature that everything  
conceivable has its opposite, night  
is the opposite of day; down is the  
opposite of up; darkness is the oppo-  
site of light. There is no truth  
which in its logical extreme is not  
false; no virtue that exaggeration  
will not make into a vice. One who  
travels so far west as to find himself  
in the east. Knowledge of this law,  
and observation of the results of in-  
tercourse with the spirit world, lead  
one irresistibly to the conclusion that  
there is a dark as well as a radiant  
side to Spiritualism; that, on the one  
hand it is helpful, on the other, dan-  
gerous; that, in contradistinction  
to its power to bless and uplift, is its  
power to degrade and enslave.  
Pressing through the open gates are  
angels—and devils.  
Hence the need of preparation be-  
fore rushing into mediumship.  
It is not of outward preparation  
of special room, adorned and  
beautified for the seance, filled with  
the fragrance of flowers, and burning  
spices, we would throw open the win-  
dows and doors of our hearts and let  
the sweet winds of heaven blow  
through them, sweeping out the dust  
of the malice, the meanness, the dishon-  
esty, the impurity, and burn on their  
altars the sacrifice of our selfish de-  
sires, we would indeed prepare a ban-  
quet room for the angels.

Phenomena, however interesting,  
are not, themselves, virtues, yet the  
nobles are Nature's indexes of what  
is of far greater importance—the  
laws, the causes behind them.

Spirit messages and psychometric  
readings are phenomena of deep in-  
terest to all thoughtful minds. But,  
behind the message, the reading, from  
which it came—beyond the psychome-  
trizing is the soul that psychometris-  
es.  
Of more value than the spirit mes-  
sage, is the fact it demonstrates, that  
death is only a change of state for the  
ever-present ego.  
Of greater import than the psy-  
chic reading of things beyond the ken  
of the physical senses, is the grand  
fact that the ego is neither depend-  
ent upon these senses, nor yet upon  
other egos, in or out of the flesh, for  
knowledge of things spiritual, but  
has powers of perception inherent in  
its very nature as a spiritual being  
living in a world of which these very  
powers demonstrate the existence.

As you value your soul's growth,  
liberty, peace—refrain from the de-  
velopment of mediumship until you  
can come to it "with clean hands and  
a pure heart," for only thus will you  
avoid the shoals and rocks upon which  
so many individuals and societies have  
been wrecked. Let us all recog-  
nize and seek the rational develop-  
ment of the powers of our own being,  
a development that includes the widest  
freedom and the deepest  
research, with that grandest of all  
human attainments—self-control.

**HELEN STUART-RICHINGS.**

One solitary philosopher may be  
great, virtuous and happy in the midst  
of poverty, but not a whole nation.—  
Isaac Iselin.  
Success is full of promise till men  
get it; and then it is last year's nest  
from which the bird has flown.—H. W.  
Seecher.  
Let none of you treat his brother in  
love he himself would dislike to be  
treated.—Mohammedan.

# LEGENDMAIN.

An Object Lesson, Showing  
the Part It Plays.

It is appalling, the deep impres-  
sion that Legendmain Spiritualism  
has made on a certain class that do  
not seem competent to grasp the exact  
status of genuine spirit phenomena.  
Week after week the insatiable gul-  
lible and Dead Dashes attended "Rev.  
Dr." Moore's materializing circles in  
New York city, where they had the  
privilege of juggling, carousing and  
kissing the "spirits" that came, pro-  
viding their gullibility had been suf-  
ficiently developed for that purpose  
so they would, restrain from grabbing  
the confederates, and thus not expose  
to view the imposture that was being  
so openly practiced.

These Dead Dashes in New York  
were deeply exasperated when the  
"Rev. Dr." Moore was exposed, still  
vociferously proclaiming him a genu-  
ine medium. Such being the case,  
the spirits dressed in a material  
garb which artificial work had given  
them, resolved to teach those who had  
been so egregiously humbugged an  
important lesson. As set forth in the  
New York World, about a dozen ex-  
believers in the materializing seances  
Hugh Moore at his spook shop, No.  
120 West, Thirtieth street, spent  
their Easter, Sunday-evening in an  
educational and edifying way at the  
home of Mrs. Harriet C. Strickland,  
who recently sued the "Rev. Dr." for  
defamation of character.

She had arranged her little flat, at  
No. 1788 Amsterdam avenue, so that  
it duplicated conditions at the spook  
shop as nearly as possible. These peo-  
ple came, all of them former believ-  
ers and adherents of the "Rev. Dr."  
and all his works: Milo Rice, Mrs.  
Hazel, Mrs. Hynes, Mrs. Taylor, of  
Brooklyn; James Crowe, Frank Cor-  
coran, a former stenographer of "The  
Banner of Light," the spiritualistic  
paper in Boston; Miss Amy Smith  
and Miss Carrie Townsend.

Just to show how easy it was to  
fool them, Mrs. Strickland last night  
duplicated the old performances for  
their enlightenment. To Milo Rice,  
one of the firmest of the old believers  
and a man who proselyted vigorously  
for the "church," she had appeared as  
his wife. Last night she told him, in  
the blackness with the glow of the lit-  
tle lamp only illuminating the flat, all  
the nonsense he had poured so eagerly  
into her ears when she was a spirit.

Mr. Rice admitted sheepishly that  
he was "convinced," but he had very  
little to say. "When he believed, he  
had written some curious letters to  
his wife-asking about the spirit land,  
and has been on pins and needles lest  
she had appeared as her mother, and  
Mrs. Taylor had given her a locket  
and chain to take with her into spirit  
land. This terrible Mrs. Strickland  
showed Mrs. Taylor, who blushing  
admitted that she had been duped.

After appearing in forms that they  
instantly recognized the light was  
turned up and Mrs. Strickland ap-  
peared in the white cheese cloth garb  
that so successfully disguises the  
"spirits."

Then the lights were put out and  
she materialized through the floor, an  
act that had mystified the believers.  
When she showed how she only had  
to wave a bit of cloth soaked in phos-  
phorescent paint about in the floor  
and then rise they were a disgusted  
lot. Several said if they had Moore  
there they would give him a lively  
time.

What an extremely sad lesson the  
complete exposure of the "Rev. Dr."  
Moore imparts. All of his "material-  
ized spirits," were confederates, and  
the manifestations given by them se-  
cured the unqualified endorsement of  
as disreputable a paper as ever was  
published in the interest of any cause  
—the Light of Truth of King Sol-  
omon's mining scheme notoriety. That  
paper, edited as claimed, by Angels  
of Light—Benjamin Franklin and oth-  
ers of like ilk, hadn't the horse sense  
to discern the confederates at Moore's  
circles, but took them for genuine  
spirits right from the celestial regions.  
Alas! what next?

**BENJAMIN FAX MILLS.**

He is a most profound thinker  
along progressive lines. His church  
at Los Angeles, Cal., is in many re-  
spects a model for Spiritualists to fol-  
low, as it is doing a work in full  
accord with the Angel World. As an  
unselfish, efficient worker in the  
ranks of Liberalism, he stands forth  
as one of the most remarkable men of  
the present age—the peer of any of  
the leading liberal divines of the pre-  
sent age. His lectures are eloquent,  
instructive and at the same time  
spiritually elevating. At the Stud-  
ent Theatre, on Sunday, April 21,  
at 4 p. m., he will lecture on "The  
Man, Walt Whitman"; at 8 p. m. his  
subject will be "Ralph Waldo Em-  
erson, the Prophet of the New Thought."  
Admission to the Sunday lecture, 35  
cents; to both Sunday lectures, 50  
cents. Mr. Mills will preach at St.  
Paul's Universalist Church, corner of  
Prairie Ave. and 30th Street, on Sun-  
day morning, April 21, at 10:45, on  
"Have You Seen God?"

When any one of the prouder pas-  
sions are hurt, it is much better philo-  
sophy to let a man slip into a good  
temper than to attack him in a bad  
one.—Thomas Paine, in Crisis.  
Solitude and concentration will re-  
veal a world of thought, the likeness  
of which man had never dreamed.  
—Abbot.

When we have but the will to do it,  
that very moment will justify be-  
done; that very instant the tyrants of  
the earth shall bite the dust!—Peter  
Kropotkin.

# SPIRITUALISM.

VERSUS ORGANIZATION.

A Plea for a Higher Degree of Spiritu-  
ality in Our Work.—The Salvation  
Army Pointed Out as A Pattern in  
Certain Directions.

To day I read an article by Presi-  
dent H. D. Barrett, of April 6, in  
which he replies to Clara Watson. I  
endorse every word of this valuable  
article. For years I have been think-  
ing of the importance of those truths  
along just these lines in relation to  
mediumship. I hope every Spiritual-  
ist in the land will read this article  
and every one arise to the importance  
of giving consent and acting with the  
same. I have given many lectures on  
"Mediumship, Right and Wrong  
Uses of the Same." I always take from  
the scripture the history of Belshazz-  
zar's feast. He had four hundred  
thousand tilters and soothsayers in his  
land, and mediums, just when the  
handwriting on the wall he was in  
conspiration and his wife fed to  
his rescue, not having been to the  
feast. She declared to him she knew  
a man who could read that writing;  
one who had lived a sweet, pure spiri-  
tual life; one who could control even  
the lions in their den; and when Dan-  
iel was summoned and came Belshaz-  
zar tried to bribe him to read the  
writing, he refused all his bribes and  
offers of power and fine clothing, but  
declared unto him, I can read the  
handwriting on the live wall, which he  
did. This is the redemption to  
mediumship. Spiritual life in our  
ranks, sacred, holy, truly religious  
life—that alone can save Spiritualism;  
not alone with our mediums, but with  
our speakers who should teach the  
truth as given.

Spiritualism as a fact never had so  
much power in the world as today.  
Our greatest teachers, scientists and  
scholars all over the world are investi-  
gating psychic phenomena, and every-  
where the inquiry is going out, "If a  
man die, shall he live again?" I have  
no fear for this great truth, the con-  
scious knowledge that spirit com-  
munion is true. The only fear I have,  
and which makes my heart ache, is  
the methods used and practiced in our  
seances and Spiritualism.

Great progress has been made in  
that way, and great hindrances have  
arisen. A few of the most important  
things I wish to state, and to see if  
I cannot through your valued paper  
arouse the mass of Spiritualists to ac-  
tion. One of the greatest hindrances  
to that many elected office not self-  
ishly, and instead of magnifying the  
great truths they represent, they mag-  
nify themselves. Then again the peo-  
ple who have a right to vote and elect  
officers, too often elect those whom  
they personally like, without regard  
to their adaptation to the place, or the  
good of the cause; and again there  
are speakers and mediums who long  
ago were children, just learning to  
walk in the spiritual ranks, but under  
the inspiration of their spiritual  
guides through much suffering, and  
perseverance have become unclouded,  
strong, popular and self-reliant work-  
ers to-day. Too often instead of helping  
the weak ones who are pushed forward  
by the angel world, they hold them  
back, persecute, malign and hinder  
their progress, forgetting that once  
they themselves had to be helped to  
the front.

Again in public work as public of-  
ficers, differences of opinion will arise,  
which is proper, but instead of being  
broad enough to differ and allow the  
majority to rule, personal pique, jeal-  
ousy and envy will select those who  
are in the minority or who have been  
beaten by the stronger forces  
(sometimes selfishly) instead of aris-  
ing above these conditions will hold  
malice in their hearts and hatred to-  
wards those who have succeeded and  
become their personal enemies, publicly  
and privately, and thus ruin up the har-  
mony, strength and spiritual work of  
local, state, and national societies. All  
these things indicate and prove that  
we need in our ranks more true reli-  
gion, more spirituality, more living  
as Paul taught in 1 Cor. 13.  
The chapter I have recommended spiri-  
tual gifts, and said to the world, "Ye  
were carried away unto dumb idols"  
before they knew these things.

In the last verse of that chapter he  
said "Covet the best gifts, and I will  
show you a more excellent way."  
Every one who will select that path  
to carry the flag of true Spiritualism  
toward a higher and better des-  
tiny for the human race, and all will  
incorporate that chapter into their  
hearts and lives, we will then have no  
more critical talking, and on every  
occasion professing the weakness of  
our brother officers and fellow work-  
ers. Instead of that, then all that is  
good, noble and commendable in each  
one will be extolled and fully appre-  
ciated. Then when people act or vote  
it will not be to please some per-  
sonal friends, but to select that per-  
son best adapted for certain places of  
office. When a medium or speaker is  
impelled by the best in them, having  
outgrown old conditions, and wishing  
license to preach this glorious gospel,  
coming before a board authorized to  
grant the same, will select a mistake or  
weakness that hitherto has existed or  
occurred in that personal life will not  
be dragged up against them, to dis-  
courage them in their work. They  
will be taken by the hand and given  
encouragement to make their life bet-  
ter in the future than in the past, and  
an officer on that board who may  
have received in the past some in-  
jury, true or fancied, from such  
medium or speaker, who will allow  
their personal prejudice, malice or  
revenge to influence them to vote  
against such a person, is not fit for  
that office.

Fifty-nine years ago we hailed with  
joy those who were inspired by the  
spirit world, and entranced to teach  
these glorious truths, as controlled by  
the arisen ones, whether they were  
proficient in education or not. The  
question was never asked whether  
they were born in a manger or palace.  
The Angels of Light had found an  
organization they could speak  
through; but today some of our Spir-  
itualists are so critical that unless a  
person has just much education, they  
they must not be ordained to speak.  
I often feel that all the Spiritualists  
in our land, and every one of our  
speakers and mediums should have  
six months' active work in the Sal-  
vation Army, which would teach them  
something; it would teach them what  
it means to have an organization, and  
spirituality. They take up the work  
the weakest men and women in our land  
who make an effort to live a better  
and higher life. They do not taunt  
them with what they have been, but  
point to them what they may be. His  
maters not how perfect or how im-  
perfect their education is, so long as  
they speak the truths divine, and  
manifest in their work the desire to  
redeem their fellow men, they are  
enrolled in the army, encouraged in  
their work, pressed forward toward  
the acquisition of higher life.

Mrs. Ballington Booth from the  
time she was a little girl in her teens  
in the slums of London, in the prisons  
of America, made her life so sweet  
and perfect in spirituality, love, ten-  
derness, and charity, that she held a  
charmed life to the lowest villains and  
the most depraved women, and they  
would not harm her, but loved her,  
and she could and did lift them up,  
and saved them.  
If our mediums, speakers, officers,  
State and National board, president of  
camps and all the officers who are in  
our ranks would act, and forget them-  
selves and their selfishness, and love  
the truths of Spiritualism as she did,  
her mission and her life at truth, we  
should have an organization, and that  
organization would so far forget  
self—personal aims, hate, malice, re-  
venge and all the train of evils that  
grow out of these things, that we  
would become a power in the land,  
and money would flow into our hands,  
and be used for the cause and sus-  
tenance of speakers and mediums, and  
the needs of humanity.

**A. B. SPINNEY.**

Belding, Mich.  
The world is continually growing  
better to all who are honestly trying  
to make it better.—Everett McNeil.  
Correction does much, but encour-  
agement does more.—Goethe.

# A DANGER SIGNAL!

The Time for Immediate Action on the Part  
of Spiritualists Has Arrived!

The time for action on the part of the Spir-  
itualists of Illinois has arrived. The enemies of Spir-  
itualism have made the initial move to suppress  
mediumship, and unless immediate action be taken,  
results disastrous to our Cause may follow. We  
are informed that during the past few months at  
least thirty bills similar to the one mentioned be-  
low, have been introduced in as many different  
places, in States and Cities, a condition that re-  
quires the IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF ALL THE  
SPIRITUALISTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Eugene Danaher, Democratic Mem-  
ber from Cook County in the House of  
Representatives now sitting at Spring-  
field, Ill., acting for those forces which  
through the centuries have hung as  
millstones upon the mental develop-  
ment and spiritual freedom of humani-  
ty, has introduced into that body the  
following Bill, known as House File  
Number 756, which has been referred  
to the Committee on Miscellaneous  
Subjects:

**BILL.**

"For an act to prevent persons from  
advertising or holding themselves out  
to be fortune tellers, clairvoyants, me-  
diums, astrologers, trance mediums,  
palms, life readers, and from ob-  
taining money by means of represen-  
tation that they can read the past,  
present or future by means of cards,  
spirits, palms, stars, trances, or any-  
thing of like nature and providing a  
penalty therefor."

Every Spiritualist, after reading  
this infamous blow at his liberties,  
ought to rouse to immediate action,  
and call the attention of all of his

acquaintances to the iniquitous meas-  
ure. Write at once to the Senator  
and Representatives of his own Leg-  
islative District a stirring protest  
against the enactment of the proposed  
measure into Statutory laws; paste the  
form of petition following hereafter  
upon legal cap paper, and circulate  
the same widely and rapidly for sig-  
nature by these of his own faith, as  
well as by liberal minded citizens in  
every walk of life; forward such pe-  
titions without delay to The Progress-  
ive Thinker, 40 Loomis street, Chic-  
ago, for use by the Committee already  
designated by the Illinois State Spir-  
itualist Association.

It is an emergency hour for our  
Cause in the Prairie State. Delay  
means danger! Now is the time to con-  
centrate our guns upon our ancient,  
ignorant and insidious foes. This op-  
portunity will measure our alertness,  
zeal and devotion in Illinois. Let no  
individual be found indifferent or dis-  
loyal.  
**GEO. B. WARNE.**  
President Illinois State Spiritualist As-  
sociation, 4203 Evans ave., Chicago,  
Illinois.

# PETITION.

To the Honorable Members of the  
Senate and House







# General Survey.

The Spiritualistic Field—Its Workers, Its Work, and General Progress, the World Over.

THIS GENERAL SURVEY DEPARTMENT IS ONLY INTENDED TO CHRONICLE THE ENGAGEMENTS AND WORK OF SPEAKERS AND MEDIUMS. A REPORT OF WHAT THE VARIOUS SPEAKERS SAY WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED, AS WE HAVE NOT SPACE SUFFICIENT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

KEEP COPIES OF your poems sent to this office, for they will not be returned if we have not space to use them.

The Song Cards for sale at this office at \$4 per hundred, by mail \$4.50, are the help you need in society work.

J. C. F. Grumblin will again address the Connecticut Spiritualist State Convention which meets at Hartford, Conn., May 4 and 5, in Unity Church. This makes the fourth session he has served the State society. While in Hartford he will hold classes and help the local society in its propaganda work. On May 6, he speaks for the Occultists of Washington, D. C., in the spacious parlors of Mr. and Mrs. Hooker, well known Spiritualists, and continues the class work May 10, 13, 14, and lecturing in Good's hall on F and 14th sts., May 12 at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. There is every indication that there will be a large outpouring of the people at all of these meetings. Subjects are ready in a printed circular and will be mailed to anyone who wishes one. Address 24 Strathmore Rd. Brookline, Mass.

Rebecca Still writes: "If all persons were interested in myself, they would never be without 'The Progressive Thinker' in the home. You give both sides of all parties without fear or favor. We have some of the lectures of our best workers; and every week it is full of food for thinkers. My sincere wish is that your life will be long and happy. When I receive the Occult Life of Christ I will have all your premium books."

The Spiritual Society Students of Nature, had a good attendance. Mrs. Schumacher lectured on this subject: "Was Christ in a trance when taken down from the cross?" Spirit communications were given by Sister Smith and Sister Underlock; they were well received. Flower readings by mediums the last Sunday evening of April.

Wm. Haseman writes: "Brother Winters, who is conducting the Sunday evening service in the Hall of the North Star Spiritual Union, 1546 Milwaukee avenue, during the illness of Sister C. Mueller, gave a very impressive lecture on Mediumship and the Golden Rule. Sister Winters gave many messages to weary hearts, and all were well received. Sister C. Mueller, who has been sick for the past 8 weeks, will be with us again Sunday evening, April 14, and is invited to be present and welcome her."

Mrs. S. V. Booth writes: "The First Spiritualist and Liberal Union of Hartford, Vt. met at S. V. Hall, March 31, to celebrate the birth of Modern Spiritualism. Mrs. Effie Webster Chapman of Cambridge, Vt., was the speaker. She lectured in the afternoon on the 'Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man,' and in the evening on the 'Growth of Modern Spiritualism.' These addresses were followed by tests by her control, 'Sunbeam.' She is indeed rightly named, for she brings sunshine to many sitting in darkness. Her tests were without exception, recognized. Our society, though small, is standing firmly for the beautiful truth of Spiritualism, and we ask the readers as we labor away up here among the granite hills of Old Vermont, to send their best thoughts to us."

Mrs. A. J. Pettigill of Malden, Mass., will follow with spirit messages the address of Rev. A. P. Blinn at the First Spiritual Union, Norwich, Ct. Sunday morning and evening, April 21. The Imperial Quartette, the regular quartette of the Y. M. C. A., has volunteered to give the Union a benefit concert the last week of this month, and as it is an excellent musical organization the society anticipates a big success financially and otherwise.

First German Spiritual Society will give a concert on Sunday afternoon, April 21, and dance in the evening, at its Hall, 762 West 13th st., corner S. Ashland avenue. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Old People's Home. The first picnic of the season will be given in Jestrin's Grove, on May 19. Take the Aurora & Elgin electric car to Bellwood; there to the grove. The grove is opened by the First German Spiritual Society, and known as Jestrin's Grove. It will be opened free to all Spiritual societies and gatherings during the coming summer. For further information call or write to Mrs. Gartman, 762 W. 13th street.

Ferd C. Suhrer writes: "Mediums' day at the Fraternal Order of Spiritualists, Sunday, April 7, was productive of much good. New faces were seen in the congregation; and our mediums found a select audience that gave them inspiration for their work, which they performed with telling effect, as was evidenced by the different ones acknowledging the definite descriptions, etc., as given by the reader. Quite a number arrived just in time for the circles at 4 o'clock, and it was a pleasant sight to see the many mutual surprises as different ones greeted each other. We attribute our large and increasing attendance mostly to the wide circulation of 'The Progressive Thinker,' which has afforded notices of every meeting in the country and the coming and going of every Spiritualist doing public work. Through this same medium we have also had applications for membership from other states, until now our foreign membership is almost as great as that in Chicago and including almost every State in the Union. Large bodies move slowly, 'tis said, and it will be, as expected, some little time before our idea of a Fraternal Order is fully appreciated, when the response will meet with our expectations, and we are led to believe now, by the ready acceptance by prominent people of liberal thought in Chicago and other cities. Our platform mediums are being sought and engaged by other societies in neighboring cities, and their re-engagement is the best recommendation of their services. We would like to enroll enough names this month to exceed those of March. \$1.00 pays for a year's membership, and we need between 15 and 20 more. Will you help us? Be with us next Sunday, and stay for our famous 'bean sup-

BEAR IN MIND that the editor of 'The Progressive Thinker' is in no wise responsible for the views expressed by contributors. He may, or may not, agree with their respective views.

Don't forget the address, 406 Ogden avenue, corner Robey street, top floor, in Hygeia Hall."

The Mendville, Pa., Independent Spiritual Society—meeting in the Odd Fellow's Temple, at one time the First Baptist Church, and now the largest hall in the city—is having the services of Mrs. Helen Stuart-Richings, with good and increasing audiences.

Mrs. Martha Woolsey writes: "After reading an article in your paper saying that the Hagganman took the extreme step he did in retaliation for the reading of a letter from the public platform by me, written by President Barrett, in which he stated as facts some things said to have occurred in Michigan, which Hagganman the ex-medium did not consider complimentary to him. Allow me to say, Brother Francis, you have been misinformed. I had a letter from President Barrett but I never read it from any platform. I simply said what I thought of Kingsley and him before I had received the letter."

Dr. B. S. Eskelson writes from Sahu-la, Iowa: "I have engaged in doing literary work for several months past, and that I might do my work more effectively I should like to devote myself from the world in general for the time being; but we can always find opportunity to do something for that which we love best. This is a small place of about 1200 inhabitants, of which only one single person was a professional Spiritualist when I arrived. I soon began to devote my Sunday evenings to giving lectures on Spiritualism, and now I am happy to say that I am about to close a very successful winter's work for the cause of truth. And thus the cause of the angels is going on. Truly what would it profit a man if he gained the whole world, if there was no wisdom and love to get, no light to shed into dark places?"

Mrs. Bertha Morris writes: "The Barnet Workers, of Detroit, Mich., have had a very successful year financially and spiritually, and great credit is due to the officers and members of said organization. Especial mention should be made of the grand work by our loved and esteemed Pastor, Rev. Mary Stein, who by her unselfish devotion to our noble cause has placed the Barnet Workers in the front rank of the Spiritual societies of Detroit. At the last regular meeting, as her year as pastor has expired, she tendered her resignation, believing that in the general field she could accomplish more for the good of humanity, but the society appreciating her grand work were loth to release her and unanimously elected her as their pastor for the second term with the privilege to accept calls from the outside at her discretion. She is open to engagements in the surrounding states, and no society can fail to be benefited and the cause largely lifted by engaging her services. This is an unsolicited tribute to a noble and true hearted worker for the cause of truth and justice."

S. S. King writes from Hamilton, Ont.: "The First Spiritual Society of Hamilton is in a prosperous condition. Mrs. C. Fannie Allen of Boston, was our pastor during the month of March, and any person who ever had the pleasure of hearing her grand lectures and beautiful poems know that her services must be appreciated. While here she started a Lyceum. It was surprising to see the interest the children took in so short a time. Mrs. Ripley of Toronto assisted at a social entertainment last week, which proved to be a success, both socially and financially. She will be with us during April and May. We have engaged Mrs. Spalding to follow her. I have received a letter from Mrs. L. A. Griffin of Lancaster, Eng. stating that she will again visit Hamilton on her way to Australia, and New Zealand. She being a very talented lady, singer, and pianist, and eloquent speaker, I would recommend any society in need of a medium to secure her services. I will be pleased to furnish anyone with her address when possible to do so."

Mrs. L. Rech writes from Toledo, Ohio: "Editor 'Progressive Thinker,' Will you kindly find space in the columns of your dear little paper for the enclosed item and oblige, yours for the good cause, Mrs. Milton Shedd of Detroit, Mich., has closed her engagement with the Independent Association of Spiritualists of Toledo, Ohio. We feel that she is worthy of the highest commendation, both as a woman and a medium. Her lectures and messages were always appreciated, and her cheerful words and kindly smile carry the sunshine wherever she goes. She has the hearty good wishes of the Spiritualists of Toledo, among whom she has made many friends, and in whose ranks she has worked faithfully and well."

Simon Barrett writes from White Hall, N. Y., expressing his great astonishment that some good mediums does not feel that the children who have been stolen by brutes, inasmuch as the bodies of perverts who have been drowned have often been located by those who are controlled by spirits.

Correspondent writes: "The Golden Rule Spiritualist Society is still holding large meetings. On Sunday evening, March 31, our speaker was detained at the bedside of his sick wife. This in the University which was called the place of that worthy speaker, Hon. Charles Hughes. After the address and some vocal selections by Mrs. Frankie Cole, and Mrs. Hill, the friends listened to a beautiful vocal solo entitled 'My Dream,' by Miss Alice Johnson, our sweet singer of that occasion. After this Mrs. Frankie Cole sang 'Flowers in Heaven,' followed by the christening of a sweet little girl of four years, Miss Edna Traquitt, and if ever angel hands or spirits controlled the mortal, this child was governed by the unseen on this occasion. Messages followed from Mr. Temple. On the evening of April 7, our speaker was Dr. Frost, and his address was soul-stirring; and on Sunday, the 14th, Dr. J. H. Randall, our speaker. On April 21, the pastor, Mrs. Nora E. Hill, will lecture on April 28, Mrs. S. L. Prave, will lecture. On that evening there will be christening of three children. O'Donnell's College Hall, 43 South Paulina, between Washington boulevard and Park avenue."

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Seventh Annual Convention of the Wisconsin State Spiritualist Association, at Milwaukee, Wis., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, April 16, 17, 18, 1907, at Ethical Hall, 558 Jefferson street. The following well-known persons will participate in the exercises: Rev. Geo. H. Brooks, Mrs. George Gladys Cooley, Mrs. Alva H. Niver, Mrs. Louise Hinkel, Mrs. Annie Hinkel, Rev. R. L. Witt, A. P. Roberts, Mrs. Cora L. Richmond, Mrs. C. McFarlin, Mrs. S. T. Helgason, Mrs. M. Holmes, Mrs. J. Smead, Prof. A. J. Weaver, Dr. P. L. Mehlreits, Rev. Anna Mehlreits, and others. Mr. Brooks, the president of the State Association, will have charge of the various sessions, and he is exceptionally efficient in work of that kind.

S. A. Huntington writes from Malden, Mass.: "The Rev. F. A. Wiggins commenced his second course of lectures and ballot reading on Thursday evening, April 4. He chose for his theme, 'Tricks of Spiritualism,' or 'Tricks Practiced by so-called Spiritualists.' After exposing the tricks of so-called mediums, he maintained that Spiritualism is not supernatural, but natural law, which is God's Law. After his able address concluded he occupied half an hour in giving many fine ballot readings. He spoke for us again on the 11th inst. At the 8 p. m. circle Sunday, April 7, Prof. Macurdy, of Lynn, Mass., Duren of Boston, and Mrs. Barry of Everett, took part. At the evening session Prof. R. A. Macurdy, was the speaker and message bearer. He prefaced his work by reading a fine poem entitled, 'Eternal Goodness,' by John G. Whitier. He then for help in time of need. He said that he is an auxiliary of honest ladies, which is a pleasure to meet. Mrs. Jane Goodwin, faithful and true, is the valued President. I am now in the thriving city of Watertown, N. Y., for April, and in Philadelphia, Pa., for May. Watertown friends have a good time, and Mrs. D. W. Webster, local mediums, have done good work. Long live the Progressive Thinker, that is not afraid of Truth—popular or not."

Frank T. Ripley, speaker and test medium, has the Sundays of May and June open for lectures and messages. Terms will be reasonable. Address all letters to Mr. Ripley at 112 N. Beech street, Oxford, Ohio.

Mrs. McMenamin writes from Buffalo, N. Y., announcing the death of Samuel Forbes, a devoted Spiritualist, at the age of 83. She says: "Not only Spiritualists, but those who are blearily opposed to our cause will miss him, for many times he has fought in law and out of law for us, and always came out victorious. He leaves many friends to mourn his passing out. Spiritualism is gaining ground in Buffalo. Many of our best citizens are holding circles in their own homes. This is a city of inspiration, and could be made a great spiritual center."

Mrs. A. Sharp, secretary, writes from Billings, Mont.: "I wish to tell you about our celebration on Easter Sunday, our anniversary. We had forty children at the Lyceum, and fourteen grown people. The children had a lovely program, consisting of recitations, a song by three of the girls, and a Greek chorus. We also had a Wand Drill of eight children. Mr. D. A. How conducted it. All the other children took part in the drill following the Wand Drill. All of them had flags which our conductor, Mrs. Eva McCoy, read presented to the Lyceum. Mr. How also presented to the Lyceum Lyceum wands for use in the Wand Drill. After the drill, the children marched up to the conductor, and sang 'America,' and waved their flags. It was a very pretty sight. They also took the same part at the evening meeting, and to the Lyceum. Many of our friends, when we first started the Lyceum, we had only four children. We have now about fifty. We are all delighted with our Lyceum, and our conductor and pastor, Mrs. Eva McCoy; every one loves her dearly. She has been a fine church member, and gives some excellent lectures and test readings. I was at the Ladies' Aid Society on Friday afternoon, April 5, at Mrs. Martin's, 319 31st street; there were about thirty who attended."

M. B. Herriek writes: "The Progressive Spiritualist Society of Augusta, Maine, have just closed a very successful year. The speakers, as speaker and message bearer, Mrs. Harding's work is of the highest order and not alone among Spiritualists is she appreciated, but among strangers. She has awakened a lively interest, and many who had never before known the continuity of life and spirit return, were interested listeners among her large and constantly increasing audiences. Anniversary Sunday was fittingly observed with special music, decorations, etc., and the service was one long and a great pleasure to all who had the pleasure of listening to it."

E. R. Fielding writes from Washington, D. C.: "Mrs. Mary T. Longley is speaking for the First Association of Spiritualists for April. A memorial service will be held for the late Theodore J. Mayer. The George Washington University fund is growing. This in the University which was called the place of that worthy speaker, Hon. Charles Hughes. After the address and some vocal selections by Mrs. Frankie Cole, and Mrs. Hill, the friends listened to a beautiful vocal solo entitled 'My Dream,' by Miss Alice Johnson, our sweet singer of that occasion. After this Mrs. Frankie Cole sang 'Flowers in Heaven,' followed by the christening of a sweet little girl of four years, Miss Edna Traquitt, and if ever angel hands or spirits controlled the mortal, this child was governed by the unseen on this occasion. Messages followed from Mr. Temple. On the evening of April 7, our speaker was Dr. Frost, and his address was soul-stirring; and on Sunday, the 14th, Dr. J. H. Randall, our speaker. On April 21, the pastor, Mrs. Nora E. Hill, will lecture on April 28, Mrs. S. L. Prave, will lecture. On that evening there will be christening of three children. O'Donnell's College Hall, 43 South Paulina, between Washington boulevard and Park avenue."

Mrs. Loie F. Prior, who has been lecturing in various parts of the country is now in Los Angeles, Ind. She has done a most excellent work.

This will be one of the most interesting Spiritual Meetings of the season. Bring your friends along. Program of the evening: 8 o'clock, Meeting of the Chicago Spiritualists League, K. & K. Hall, 106 Randolph street, two flights up, Thursday, April 18, 1907, 8 o'clock, 5 p. m. sharp. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Opening hymn, 'Invocation,' Dr. J. H. Randall; music, William W. Kirtland; address, 'The Evolution of the Human Mind,' by Mrs. O. B. Wilson; song, Mr. Hooper; message bearers, Mrs. A. W. Bloom, Mrs. Mary Weaver and Mrs. Isa Cleveland; music, W. W. Kirtland; debate—'What Qualifications Do Spirit Intelligences seek in Those Whom They Choose to Be Their Medium on Earth?' Debate opened by Dr. J. H. Randall and Dr. Gustafson; admission 15 cents.

The Sunflower Club will give the last of its series of dance parties on the evening of April 22nd. Come one and all, and bring your friends.

Prof. W. M. Lockwood made it so decidedly hot for the late sensational revivalists in Buffalo, that they appointed a committee to wait on the professor and advise the committee that he was to their meetings. The Professor's lecture upon 'Periodical Religious Brain Storms, are They Induced by Sun-spots, Sin-spots, or the Almighty Dollar,' created great interest—in fact a decided sensation. His lecture on the 'Site of Hieroglyphic Insanity, Scientifically Illustrated,' contained a veritable mine of valuable information.

Prof. G. L. Work, a lecturer on subjects pertaining to Spiritualism, arrived in the city last week, accompanied with his wife. He intends to locate at an early day in Los Angeles, Cal.

Fannie Allen writes: Our Canadian cousins in the pretty city of Hamilton, Ontario, are working hard to build the philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism. I worked with the First Society during March and brought away pleasant memories. I organized a Lyceum, and the blessed children assisted in the anniversary exercises. Their sunny faces and kind words, their work right made us feel proud of them. All speakers enjoy the encouraging words of the President, Mr. S. King, who is the right man in the right place. The sunny face and kindly words of his wife are a present help in time of need. He is an auxiliary of honest ladies, which is a pleasure to meet. Mrs. Jane Goodwin, faithful and true, is the valued President. I am now in the thriving city of Watertown, N. Y., for April, and in Philadelphia, Pa., for May. Watertown friends have a good time, and Mrs. D. W. Webster, local mediums, have done good work. Long live the Progressive Thinker, that is not afraid of Truth—popular or not."

Harrison D. Barrett, of President of the N. S. A., passed through Chicago last week, on his way to Washington. Letters will reach him if addressed in care of the N. S. A.

Dr. Geo. B. Warner is now in Washington, D. C., attending a meeting of the N. S. A. officials.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Schmidt have opened a meeting at Garfield Hall, corner Haman and Chicago Avenues; Sunday service, 7:30 p. m.

Harry J. Moore informs us he will have to cancel his engagements for April in consequence of ill health. He is now in Portland, Ore. We hope he will soon recover. His services are needed in our ranks.

Mrs. Hattie F. Pelt writes: Members and friends of the Illinois Sunflower Club, do not forget the Tea party to be held on Tuesday, April 23rd, at 8 o'clock, at the N. S. A. Lincoln Hall. Mrs. Drulliner will preside at the urn; each cup of tea entitles to a reading. Good mediums in attendance.

C. L. Hatch writes from No. 9 Appleton St., Appleton Hall, Boston: The First Spiritualists' Aid Society, under the leadership of President, M. E. A. Albe, in the chair. A good meeting was held in the evening, the following taking part after a service of song: Mrs. A. S. Waterhouse, Mrs. Carbee, Mrs. Hattie C. Mason, Mrs. Sears-Hill and Mrs. Shirley. Mrs. Mary P. Lovell, our president, presided. Next Friday a Colonial Party will be held. The 18th of April is a holiday in Massachusetts, and the Aid will observe it with a social and general good time. Supper served at 6 p. m.

Mrs. Carrie M. Hinsdale is still doing an excellent work with the society at Glastonbury, Tex.

Albert P. Blinn writes from Norwich, Conn.: This society celebrated the 5th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism holding two services on Sunday, March 31st, both of which were largely attended and very interesting. A large number from William, Maine, New London and Stonington. In the morning the writer gave an address upon 'Spiritualism of Yesterday and Today,' and Mrs. M. A. Gridley gave a very interesting talk upon her reminiscences of the Fox sisters having been one of the principal speakers at the transition service of Margaret Fox Kane. The musical program was especially good as prepared by Organist Charles A. Dowsett, and rendered by our quartette, and by Mrs. Beebe as soloist, and Mrs. A. Dowsett as accompanist. In the evening the speakers were W. DeLose, Wood of Danielson, Mrs. M. A. Gridley and the writer. Mr. Wood spoke at some length upon the dangers of psychism, illustrating his theme with incidents from his experiments in hypnotism. Mrs. Gridley spoke upon the 'Good and Evil of the phenomena,' and followed her remarks with psychometric readings, and the writer touched upon the general trend of the movement and its far reaching effects upon all departments of thought.

Altogether the day was a pleasant one, decorated with potted plants, palms and flowers; one of our faithful workers, Mrs. Wales W. Clapp, having most successfully seen to it all winter long that the platform never lacked flowers at any of the services.

The regular meeting of the Band of Harmony occurs April 18. Upon reconsidering, it has been decided to take the floral offerings to the hall at the Sunday morning service, April 21st, as that is the real date of the anniversary. The pastor, Dr. J. H. Randall, will be spoken of in the last issue of the Progressive Thinker.

Mrs. Mattie E. Hull will attend the Lily Dale Camp meeting the coming season. She is under engagement to lecture August 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, in the city of Los Angeles, Cal., until the latter part of this month or the first of May. Correspondents will address accordingly, at 1410 Kellam Ave., Los Angeles. Permanent address, Whitewater, Wis.

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## ANNIVERSARY AT SEATTLE.

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The Seattle Spiritual Association, at Seattle, on March 31st, celebrated the Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, at K. P. Hall, the hall being decorated for the occasion with flowers and palms and emblem colors. With a well filled hall, people being on time, and at a little past 7 o'clock, the meeting was called to order, by our president, Mr. W. A. Hall.

Meeting opened with singing; all sang joyously, following which a good religiously Spiritualistic invocation was given by Mrs. Florence V. Hinner, a speaker and co-worker of the society. Then our National President, Harrison D. Barrett, gave us his address, 'Why We Celebrate This Day.' I am sure we all felt grand upliftment of soul, as the eloquent speaker poured forth his beautiful thoughts, with inspiring convictions to our hearts. We all felt the power he possesses. He is a great good man.

Following the address, Miss Dice rendered a beautiful instrumental solo, which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Pomeroy gave a short address on Spiritualism, which was very good, well chosen words, and deep feeling. She reached our hearts. She was followed by Mrs. Lapworth, 'What we should do the coming year.' With good remarks and sincerity of soul, she inspired us to work, and to do better work, and co-worker of the society. Also Mrs. Willis, a short address, 'The Need of the Hour.' We all enjoyed her thoughts for we all know she is earnest in her work. We all sent her our best thoughts.

Mrs. Rogers then gave us a beautiful vocal solo, which was enjoyed by all. Then the messages were given by some of our workers; Mrs. Fairfield, Mrs. Hensen, and Mr. Cobb. They did good work, Mr. Cobb giving full names in every message to the astonishment of all skeptics. He is a good platform worker.

He was followed by a beautiful vocal solo by little Miss Adair, 'The Night is Long.' She has a beautiful voice, sweet and clear, and was encouraged on and on. She is a promising great singer.

Then closing remarks by our National President, Harrison D. Barrett, which, with fitting words, and surprise of many, he presented to the president of our society, Mr. Walter A. Hall, a beautiful gold watch, given by the members of the society, and tendered with the love and esteem they feel for him, for his good work, always on time at our meetings, looking out for the welfare of all sincere in all things, and we all felt as he rose to thank us, the deep feeling he bore for us all. Long may he live to do good for the cause.

We then adjourned until the evening meeting, but not until we had partaken of tempting refreshments, prepared by the ladies of the society, in which a sum was raised to put in the treasury. Thus concluding the program of the afternoon.

Evening Meeting. Opened at 8 o'clock, with congregational singing.

Poem by Mrs. Dahken: 'Our Message,' good soul thoughts, uplifting and inspiring and received great applause; the poem being original. Invocation by Mrs. Chassee one of our able speakers and co-workers, after which Harrison D. Barrett gave his address with great feeling and his hearers imbibed the great truths he gave forth with marked aptitude and satisfaction. Followed by Mrs. Cobb, in memoriam of some of our lately arisen friends, speaking at length of each one, of their good work done, and their uplifting work done here on earth, and spoke with feeling of Moses Hull and Jennie Hagan Brown, Theo. J. Mayer, and many others whom we shall miss in the field of work. She said they had gone to their reward; to take up their work in a larger field. Mrs. Cobb is a good speaker, we all enjoyed her.

Following this, a beautiful vocal solo was given by Mrs. Pomeroy in her rich clear voice, we could feel her soul force, pouring forth, which was a great treat to us all.

Then our platform work of the evening was given by Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Emmett, Mrs. Ross. They did very good work, with consolation and comfort, and rose to many; after which Mr. Barrett, with closing remarks made us all feel encouraged to work and to do better work in the future.

Mrs. Cobb dismissing us with her blessing, we dispersed feeling we had spent a good, happy, and uplifting day, long to be remembered.

MRS. FLORENCE E. HINNER, Corresponding Secretary, 311 Nob Hill Avenue, Seattle, Wash.

## THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION.

The Place of Holding the Convention Changed.

A majority of the members of the O. S. A. have requested the president of the above named association to hold the next state convention at Sherwood, Defiance County, Ohio. Under these circumstances, therefore, I, Fred D. Dunakin, president of the Ohio State Spiritualist Association, do instruct you, Carl A. Sollinger, secretary of the O. S. A., to call our next annual convention for the year 1907, for Sherwood. Notify all officers and delegates to meet at said place, May 24, 25, and 26, to transact the business and perform the duties pertaining to said convention. All delegates will be entertained free of charge, so come and insure success, and live a few days in the country. Further information given by the secretary.

By order of, FRED D. DUNAKIN, President O. S. A. CARL A. SOLLINGER, Secretary, 4405 Clark Ave. S. W., Cleveland, O.

## ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The New York State Association of Spiritualists.

The annual convention of the New York State Association of Spiritualists will be held at Plymouth Spiritualist Church, in the City of Rochester, June 7, 8 and 9. There will be three meetings daily; the day sessions for the first two days are to be business sessions, and the election of officers will occur Saturday afternoon, June 8. All evening meetings and day sessions on Sunday will be devoted to lectures, music, spirit messages, and other phases of mediumship. A large number of eminent speakers and mediums will participate in the exercises. All auxiliary societies are expected to send delegates, and all interested members are invited to come and take part.

SARAH A. WOODRUFF, Secretary.

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## LIFE'S PROGRESSION.







## The National Spiritualists' Association.

## A List of Chartered Societies.

By vote of the last N. S. A. Convention the National Secretary was instructed to have a list of chartered societies printed and a copy of the same supplied to each auxiliary of the organization. The following list I do not consider complete, as some of those named are in arrears for dues, and yet they are not sufficiently so to have their charters revoked before another annual convention; some others may have joined State associations but they have not notified the National Secretary. This is the best that we can offer until the list is revised after the convention of 1907. The N. S. A. has issued during its existence, 358 charters, but many of the societies have subsequently withdrawn from the National and joined the State body; other local societies have disbanded and a very few have decided to affiliate with neither the National or State organizations and to continue their work as independent bodies.

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

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Grand Junction—Progressive Spiritual Society, Mrs. Ida B. Chase, Grand Avenue.  
Leadville—Occult Society, Mrs. Agnes Moulton, The Moulton.  
CONNECTIONS.  
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Natick Camp—Miss Mary A. Hatch, S. Windham.

DELAWARE.  
Wilmington—Mrs. M. C. Hatman, West street.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.  
Washington—First Association, F. A. Wood, A. Street S. E.

FLORIDA.  
Jacksonville—Zuleika Society, Mrs. Amy Buchanan, E. Eighth street.  
Tampa—Mrs. J. J. Lumsford, Beach street.

IDAHO.  
Pocatello—Mrs. E. Estorla, South Third street.

ILLINOIS.  
Our Illinois local societies went into the State Association, as is the case with all the locals of several other states.

INDIANA.  
Americus—Newton Bower, Colburn, Balboa, West Grove and Pennville Societies, Eva Paxson, Balboa.  
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Harlan—Mrs. Jennie Keever.  
Hartford City—John Lennox.  
Fort Wayne—H. H. Haines, Columbia Avenue.

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Marion—Mrs. M. Bonerortz.  
Mechanisms—C. R. Keesling.  
Muncie—Jan. Schenck.  
Noblesville—E. S. Palmer.  
Plymouth—S. B. Fanning.  
Portland—Ray Hammett.  
Remington—John Jordan.  
Rensselaer—James Welch.  
Rochester—Albert Bitters.  
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Sullivan—P. D. Lowe.  
Sweetser—Cleo Harter.  
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Trafalgar—W. H. Bartlett.  
Williamsburg—Columbus Reynolds.

IOWA.  
M. V. S. A. Camp, Mollie B. Anderson, Clarksville, Mo.

KENTUCKY.  
Louisville—Church of Divine Truth, Mrs. Emma Young, West Walnut street; Church of the Soul, Chas. Grimmy, Bank street; Light of Truth Church, D. F. Reclaus, Jefferson street.  
Newport—H. F. Schraeder, York street.

LOUISIANA.  
New Orleans—Miss K. Willig, 831 Sixth street.

MAINE.  
Kenduskeag Society—L. M. Hewes, Main street, Bangor.  
Portland—First Society—E. G. Bragdon, Congress street.  
Cannonsville—H. D. Barrett, Cannonsville, Me. Madison, Rev. F. A. Wiggin, Alaska street, Boston, Mass.; Verona, A. F. Smith, Hodgdon street, Bangor, Me.

MARYLAND.  
Baltimore—First Church, Chas. R. Schirm, Builders Exchange Building.

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## Third Annual Convention

## Of the Indiana State Association of Spiritualists.

The Third Annual Convention of the Indiana State Association of Spiritualists was held in Orpheum Hall, 135 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 29, 30 and 31, 1907.

While there were not as many delegates present as we had hoped for, the reports show that there were two societies now in good standing, but all did not send delegates.

Much important business was transacted, among which was the adoption of some amendments to our By-Laws, and some good resolutions.

The report of the President and Secretary and Missionary showed that much good work had been done for our cause during the past year.

From every viewpoint the convention was a grand success; perfect harmony prevailed, the weather was beautiful, and all meetings were largely attended. Sunday night every available seat was occupied and many were compelled to stand, notwithstanding it was Easter, with special services in all the churches of the city.

On Friday and Saturday we had with us as lecturers Miss Elizabeth Harlow, whose work is always good, but on this occasion she seemed to excel herself, saying just the things that were in keeping with the contention of the city.

On Sunday we had with us J. E. Wood as lecturer. He always pleases his audiences, and bids fair to be one of our best teachers. He talked to large audiences both morning and night and had their entire attention.

At all the meetings Mrs. Anna Thronand and Mrs. Mattie Hayden gave clear and concise messages, all of which were acknowledged, and Mrs. Frances Riddick gave state-ments from the platform, some of the messages being written on top of the table in full glare of the electric light, and many persons holding the light.

On Monday, the 29th, occurred the wholesale arrest of the local mediums, at the instigation of Hagaman; and on the 26th and 27th the wonderful debate between J. Dwight Hagaman and Dr. J. E. Wood, which was regular service every Sunday at 11 o'clock, in Hall 309 Masonic Temple (corner State and Madison streets). Sunday school at 10 a. m. All are invited.

The Band of Harmony (auxiliary to the Church of the Soul) holds regular meetings the first and third Thursdays of each month, at 8:30 to 10 p. m. Ladies bring punch. Coffee served at 6 p. m. All are made welcome.

The Christian Spiritualists will hold services at the Grand Opera House, corner Madison street and California Avenue, every Sunday at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Hamilton Gill will conduct and give spirit messages.

The Progress of Spiritual Society will hold services at 132 E. North Avenue, corner Burlington street, Mrs. B. Hilbert, speaker.

The First German Spiritualist Society on West Side. Meetings every Sunday at 8 p. m. in German Hall, corner Ashland Avenue and W. 15th street.

The Light of Truth Church will hold services in Hopkins Hall 628 W. 63rd street, near Stewart Avenue, Conference at 8 p. m. Lectures at 7:45. Messages at each service. Midweek meeting Thursday 8 p. m. Mrs. Jeffery Burdall, pastor.

Central Spiritual Church holds services each Sunday evening at Trimbale Hall, 127 W. Madison street (near 40th Avenue) commencing at 7:30 sharp. Conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Howes.

The Church of the Pygmalion Forces holds services at 15th and 16th streets, near Chas. and 43rd street, every Sunday. Conference at 8 p. m. Lecture at 8 p. m. The hall number is 361-553 East 43rd street. Conducted by Mrs. Isa. O. Jones.

The Society of Spiritual Truth holds services every Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at 853 Calumet Avenue. Lecture and spirit messages. All are welcome. J. K. Hillis, Psychist.

The Spiritual Church of Students of Nature will hold its services at Flynn's Hall, 461 North Avenue, corner Robey street and Milwaukee Avenue, every Sunday evening at 7:30. The hall can be reached by Milwaukee Avenue North Avenue and Robey street, and the Logan Square and Humboldt Park Metropolitan elevated.

Mrs. M. Schumacher, pastor.

The Christian Spiritualists Society will hold meetings during the winter months, conducted by Miss Sarah Thomas, every Sunday afternoon and evening, at 3 and 8 o'clock, at Conway Hall, corner Western Avenue and West Lake street, entrance on Western Avenue, over the store.

German Spiritualist Society. North E. Hill, pastor; Dr. J. H. Randall, assistant pastor. Holds services every Sunday evening during July and August, at O'Donnell's College Hall, Paulina street, near Washington Boulevard.

Temple Light and Truth, 870 Wabasha Avenue, near Robey street and North Avenue. Sunday school 10:30 a. m. Lectures and spirit messages given at 8 and 8 p. m. by Mrs. T. L. Lott, pastor.

The Holy City Occult Society holds regular Sunday evening services, 7:45 o'clock, at 819 E. 56th street, Jackson Park cars pass the door. The best table available will be set for all. To spread the truth is the object of this society. Address all communications to Miss Eva L. Stewart, corresponding secretary, 455 E. 56th street. Entrance to hall, 819 E. 56th street.

Resolved, That we cannot bestow life, we have no legal or moral right to take life, therefore we are unalterably opposed to capital punishment.

Resolved, That as we are opposed to all forms of disputation, we urge that Spiritualists everywhere assert their rights and demand the recognition of the use of everything which has a tendency to destroy them physically, mentally and spiritually.

Resolved, That as the "Old Guard" who have so long stood in the van of progress are slowly but surely passing away, and the day is coming when we will have need of younger teachers to step into the breach, we urge the Spiritualists everywhere to organize and sustain Lyceums for the education of our children to the end that they may become familiar with the philosophical and spiritual aspects of Spiritualism, thus becoming qualified to take charge of the movement in the days to come.

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