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# Annual Report as President of the National Spiritualists' Association of the United States of America, for the Year Ending October 1, 1907...A Report That Should Be Read by Every Spiritualist in the Land.

To the Officers, Delegates and Vis- pecially in Porto Rico. Portuguese | right to demand. It is not enough Spiritualists of America, greeting: In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, By-Laws, tained our missionary to the world at large, Dr. J. M.. Peebles, and Rules and Regulations of the National Spiritualists' Association of the Unid States of America, I have the nonor to submit my report as president of said body, for the year 1906-07 for your consideration. fourteenth message, that it has been my privilege to present to similar delegate bodies during my official connection with the organization in whose name we are assembled to-day.

Never before in all its history has Spiritualism occupied so large a place has during the past twelve months. The increase of interest in our moveconfined to no one locality nor State nor nation. Reports from all lands show that it has been a favorite theme among all classes of people. It has been discussed in the laboratory of the scientist, in the library of the student and in the drawingroom of the leader of society circles. Those who move along the humbler walks of life have made it their favorite topic of conversation, whether at their daily toil or in the quiet of their homes. More than two thousand newspaper clippings from secu-lar journals alone have passed through my hands, all of which have borne directly upon the subject of Spiritualism. Books bearing upon subject have been in general demand wherever free public libraries are maintained. It is pleasing to note this increase of interest in our movement and to record the fact that Spiritualism has grown into popular esteem, despite the other fact that its professed followers have been devotion to the cause they profess The growth made during the year has been intellectual in its character, rather than practical in its application. Of course, all educational work has its practical side because it fits the masses to receive new revelation of truth when it shall be youchsafed to them.

## SPIRITUALISM ABROAD.

A word with regard to the progress ceived from Great Britain prove that the cause is flourishing in the United Kingdom as never before. The local is constantly widening its sphere of Sunday school work, is receiving, as They do not wait to convert people the most prominent scholars and scispecially encouraging. Colonel Detions of the past year. Encourag- issues of Pearson's Magazine. ing reports reach us from Austria and cries of middle Europe shown so much interest in the movement which that great man so ably represented. Russia has always been a fertile field for spiritual thought. Aksakof and Butlerof have had worthy successors chord, however, for the publications and their demonstrations have done in which their articles appeared never much to turn the minds of the people to the realities of being, away from the ephemeris of materialism. In Italy, Professor Lombroso has come to the front with a new declaration as to his interest in the subject of psychic science. A princess of the realm as a medium, for the

unseen forces has been the means of converting Marconi, of wireless telegraphy fame, to a belief in Spiritualism, and inspired him to proclaim that fact to the world. movement is on foot to form a Federation of Spiritualist scientific circles and clubs for the purpose of engaging in the progagandism of the truths that are be found in the higher Spiritualism. A national organization is also under consideration in Bulgaria. A strong working church society has been Justice of the Principality, His Excellency W. Groblachoff, as its president. The Judge is also the prime mover in the work of organizing a National He has been able to gather around him many of the nobility, both in the field of intellect in South America, wherever the Spanish language is spoken, the same inof interest in the subject of Spiritualism is apparent. No returns have been received up to date from Cubs. Porto Rico and Mexico. It the true and the false in Spiritualism the known that a large number of so-

itors to the Convention, and to the journals show that Spiritualism is a popular subject in Portugal and Bra-

In India, the King of Tagore enter-

one of the royal banquet rooms for a series of lectures upon the subject of Spiritualism. A society was organized under the leadership of the most representative men of the kingdom. In the large cities of India, such as Bombay and Cal-cutta, Spiritualism is coming to the front with rapid strides. also true of all the thought centers in Ceylon. South Africa gives us the same encouraging outlook and assurance of growth. Societies exist in Cape Town, in Durban and Johannesberg. The work in Australia is also of a most encouraging nature. Harbinger of Light," with Mrs. Charles Bright as its editor is proving a power for good in all thought centers in the southwestern continent. She is a most worthy successor of that tireless worker and splendid leader, W. H. Terry, who resigned the editor's chair in her favor during the past year. A national organization has been formed in New Zealand, with William McLean, Mr. McLean is also president of the large and flourishing Spiritualist society in Wellington. He reports a steady and healthful growth of the spiritual movement throughout the New Zealand States. Letters have reached me from British Columbia, Assinbola, Saskatshawan, Ontario and Quebec in the Dominion of Canada, all indicating an active interest in our thought and a desire to spread the light of truth. A strong organization has been formed in Montreal with Mr. John Maclean, A. M., the distinguished author, as its president Toronto, Mamilton and Guelph all send encouraging reports. Truly, the outlook in foreign lands is indeed en-

## SPIRITUALISM AT HOME.

Turning to our own country, we

find a marked increase of interest in Spiritualism in the abstract. The reports of the secular press, to which reference has already been made, show that the masses of the American people are keeping pace with the citizens of foreign lands in their where is this interest apparent. The only people who have not responded to the progresive spirit of the year societies are doing a most excellent. They, at least some of them, have work and the National Federation maintained a studied indifference to this wonderful development of our activity. Best of all, the lyceums, or thought outside of its own movement, ft ever has received in the past, the that would add to the sum total of devoted consideration of the ablest knowledge on the subject. Many of minds among our English cousins. the newspaper articles and magazine to Spiritualism, but they make Spir-Spiritualism in esse and in posse, itualists out of the young by edu-while others have been most severe essays have been highly favorable to cating them in the sacred truths of in their criticism and highly unjust a religious Spiritualism. English scipainstaking analysis of sundry phonomenal manifestations and doing ism have been so conspicuously placed their best to reduce them to orderly, before the eyes of the masses. David form. In France and in Germany, P. Abbott, C. W. Bennett, Hereward Carrington and Will Irwin have writentists are doing the same thing. ten at length and with forceful em-Reports from France in particular are phasis upon the deceitful practices that unscrupulous persons have so Rochas, Professor Flammarion and long engaged in under the name of associates have taken high Spiritualism. James Creelman wrote ground in favor of a scientific basis of the scientific side of spiritual enfor Spiritualism and have thrown no deavor, fair in every statement he little light upon the general subject made with the exception of the headof psychism through their investigating of his article, in one of the

Well-informed Spiritualists cannot Never since the transition gainsay the vast array of facts that of Rudolph Virchow have the counthbese eminent men have martialed against what passes in the popular mind as Spiritualism. In some instances their statements have been too sweeping and wholly at variance with fact. They struck a popular were in such demand as they were when these essays appeared. Occasionally the exhaustion of the entire edition is reported. Your president would respectfully call your attention to the fact that the reading public, outside of the ranks of the Spiritualists judge our entire movement by the tricks which these writers so ompletely expose, and suggests that the time has come for this National Association to take a stand before the world differentiating between genuine and counterfeit Spiritualism. The time has come for the Spiritualists of America to cease covering up the knavery of pseudo mediums. Knowing, as we all do, that counterfeiting exists in our ranks, it is our bounden duty to fearlessly expose the same and to remove it from our midst forever. A movement that will not purge itself when wrong is known to exist within it, deserves to die an

ignominious death. -I feel that the world at large should he shown that we sympathize with these distinguished writers, in so far as they have dealt with facts, and that we propose doing everything in our power to continue the good work they have begun. The eyes of thinking men and women in all parts of the world are upon this Convention. No class of people, no writer or body of writers, can draw the line between

to reply to the essays that have been written or to review adversely brought forth, bearing upon our religion. We are expected to place ourselves on record so clearly and so emphatically as to enable all people to see what Spiritualism really and know for themselves that which it is not. I have faith in this intelligent body of delegates and I believe that you will decide this question aright. I recommend action upon this important matter, and urge that something more than mere resolu-tions be adopted by this body in orminds of the world. Let us profit by this increase of interest in Spiritual ism and concrete it for the benefit

### of our cause. PSYCHICAL RESEARCH.

The Society for Psychical Research, organized a little more than one year ago by Professor Jas. H. Hyslop. has made no little progress during the past year. He is endeavoring to raise an endowment fund of \$1,000,be used in furthering the purposes of the society. He reports the discovery of several mediums whose powers he considers to be equal, at least, and in some instances superior, It is reported that \$75,000 are already in the treasury of the society as a foundation for the proposed endowment fund. I recommend that we extend greetings to this distinguished body of scientists and pledge them our aid in every undertaking that may add to the sum total of human knowledge.

There are now twenty-two State States. Maine, Nebraska and Rhode have accomplished little or Island nothing during the past year. The first named is showing signs of renewed activity, and may under the leadership of its able president, Mark A. Barwise, be restored to a high de-gree of usefulness. The other two scarcely more than exist on paper. The remaining nineteen State organizations have, for the most part, done good work during the past year. No doubt the Convention will hear-at length from them when the reports feel that this branch of our-work needs strengthening and most earnestly recommend that ways and means be adopted by which the State work can be improved and new or-ganizations formed. I am especially pleased to call your attention to the work of the State Associations of Illinois and Minnesota before the Legislatures last winter. The results demonstrated the value of a strong, active State Association more than has ever been made apparent in any previous year. I recommend considerate attention to the reports of all States and urge the delegates to take such steps as will prove their interest in this fine of work.

## THE CAMPS.

The reports received from the various camp meetings in the United States indicate successful seasons for the majority of them, although, with very few exceptions, there has been a decided falling off in attendance It is of interest to note the fact that twenty-three camp meetings have gone out of existence since 1895. There are now thirty-two working camp meeting associations in the United States, including the winter camp in Florida. Your president is inclined to think that the present number can be reduced with to the cause as a whole and to the camp meetings themselves. A seri ous question has arisen in the minds of many Spiritualists as to whether camp meetings are a source of strength or of weakness to our movement. A calm. considerate discussion of this proposition on the floor of this Convention might result in throwing a great deal of light upon

I-visited seven camp meetings during the past season, at six of which the N. S. A.'s claims were presented to the people. Onset, Massachusetts. assigned us a special day on its official program, on which occasion our secretary acted as our special representative. At the other five camps to which I have referred, the people responded to the special appeals made by me and contributed generously to both our general and pension funds. If sufficient interest could be aroused in the work of the N. S. A. to induce all camp meetings in the United States to assign this organization special days on their program, it is probable that great good would therethe incoming secretary be instructed to secure such special days at all these camps, and that letters of thanks be sent to the managers of those that have favored the N. S. A. the present year.

## LOCAL SOCIETIES.

I shall not weary you by any ex tended reference to this most important branch of our organic work have referred to it in all my annual messages during the past fourteen years, and I can only repeat what I of the hour. Lurge the continuation liave said from year to year with of this branch of our work in a as can the enlightened Spiritualists have said from year to year with of this branch of our work in a themselves. This the world has a regard to this vital issue. There are wholly independent manner, and re-

now 467 organizations possessing real structural form in the United States. I would not dare say that they are all actively at work. 216 others have been organized during the past ten years and chartered by the N. S. A., but they have either disbanded or fallen into a state of "inocuous desuetude." There are 225 gatherings of a nondescript character that center about the personality of some recognized as regular organizations having no membership or boards of control. Something must be done to change this distressing condition and infuse new life into the people residing in the communities where these societies once existed. Local societies are the primary units upon which the State and National Asso ciations rest. Weakness in the foun dation means a corresponding weakness in the entire structure. Let me urge-this body of delegates to do something to remedy the distressingstate of things now obtaining in this special field. Resolutions will not Action is necessary. I recom mend that a special hour be set aside for the consideration of this question and plead with you, one and all, not to follow the example of past Con-ventions by adjourning without doing something to remedy the crying ills pertaining to-local work.

## N. S. A. WORK.

The N. S. A. has moved steadily along over the roadway of active en deavor throughout the past year. Its officers have endeavored to carry out the orders of the last Convention to the best of their ability and will place the results of their labors before you for acceptation or telection. Many of the activities of former years were abolished by direct vote of the delegates of the Chicago Convention, hence the enterprises of the N. S. A have not been as numerous as in previous years. The correspondence of both your president and secretary has largely increased, which, in itself, is another proof of popular interest in the subject of Spiritualism Field work outside of the camp meetings was abolished at the Chicago Con vention, hence there is nothing to report along this line. The union of several minor offices was effected with a view to lessening expenses with a hope that the influences of the N. S. A. would not be diminished there The results will be made known to you by the different committees to which various matters will be re ferred, hence I need not discuss them I feel, however, that many improvements can be made that will result in good to our cause in all departments of its thought, and es pecially to the N. S. A. as its chief I shall, ... therefore, representative.

### the hope of interesting year, one and all, in their subject matter, MISSIONARY WORK.

recommend action to that end.

therefore respectfully call your atten-

tion to the following paragraphs with

The plan of mislonary work was radically changed at the Chicago Convention. Your trustees were directed to appoint only one missionary at Rev. E. W. Sprague, who could not accept the office. It was then deonly missionary for the current year. No special effort has been made during the past twelve months to organize local or State societies by any representative of the N. S. A. Repeated calls from various sections of the country have been made for miswarrants me in laying special emphasis upon it at this time... I need not argue the benefits to be derived from well-directed missionary efforts. I believe they are apparent to every delegate on this floor. I respectfully urge upon you the necessity of reengaging in missionary work. I ask that the plans followed in past years be abandoned, and that our missionary enterprises be confined to combinations with the various State assoclations, if possible, or to such communities as promise good results from the short-circuit method. I am utterly opposed to missionary work at large, or to the organization of numerous societies to leave them to pass out of existence after a single visit. I recommend the thoughtful consideration of this question, and, if necessary, the assignment of

## special hour for its discussion.

THE HISTORY OF SPIRITUALISM. The historian's office, that of the editor at large, and missionary at large, were united in one, and your official board was directed to select some person to fill the same. choice fell upon your president, and in view of that fact this special reference to the history of Spiritualism is now made. For several years previous to 1906 Mr. Lyman C. Howe had been the historian of our movement. The work that he has done is yet in his hands, but, as historian, your president has undertaken to do that which time and strength would permit him to do in this special field of endeavor. I have gone over more than a century of civil and religious I felt would be of moment to an accurate account of the progress of Spiritualism. I shall be able to turn over to my successor a manuscript of about 25,000 words, and tertain notes that may be of use to him. Let me call your attention to the fact that the writing of a truthful history involves an immense amount of study. The historian is obliged to carry a great many things in memory, or to depend unon such notes as may quicken his mind at the moment of writing. The work is diffi-cult and should receive the undivided attention of one person. To do this work as it should be done, your historian ought to have an assistant. It is useless, however, to argue this question in this report. Other interests require large outlays and are making heavy drafts upon our treasury. The history, to my mind, is one of the paramount needs

spectfully recommend that it be placed in the hands of someone who can devote his whole time to the Our aged veteran workers are rapidly passing away. Their reminiscences necessarily form a very large part of the history of our movement. They must be consulted while in bodily form. Let us act upon this important matter and make it possible for the history to be written as it should be with due regard to truth. It cannot be done in one year, nor yet in two years. I ask you to bring your best thought to this matter, and respectfully request you to take such action as will bring forth bet-ter results during the coming year.

### EDITOR AT LARGE.

began work as your editor at

large in December, 1906. Very few articles were required at my hands during that month and the one following. Beginning with February, 1907, almost daily demands were of our movement, or in correction f misleading statements concerning it. I subscribed to a clipping bureau through the instrumentality of which was able to keep in touch with everything that was said for and against Spiritualism by the secular papers of the United States, Canada and Europe. Interested friends of our movement sent me almost as many as I received from the Bureau. A conservative estimate of the number received is the one given earlier in this report. Articles from my pen have found their way into the columns of the secular press of 27 States of the Union and two of the Canadian provinces. I-have also written for all the Spiritualist papers and tried to keep our own people informed with regard to the progress of our cause. I feel that the work of the Editor at Large should be continued another year, and I recommend action accordingly. If the historian be given an assistant, this special work can be placed in the hands of that offlcer with no loss to our movement

I regret that I can only report

progress in this very important

branch of our work. Our National

ple, entered into the work with great earnestness at the opening of her official term. She met with but little encouragement from the various yceums and from the officers of our local societies. I believe that there are but 34 lyceums in existence in the United States. Our superintendent did her best to come into direct touch with them all and sought by every means in her power to organize new ones wherever there was a promise of success. The removal of er husband to British Columbia forced her to resign her position after a few months' service. She filed her report with our National secretary and placed in the hands of that officer all papers that were in her possession. No doubt our secretary will make special reference to this same subject. I have only to add that your official board did not choose a it best to hold this work in abeyance until the assembling of this Convention. May I urge this matter upon you with respectful emphasis? This branch of our work has been neglected in bygone years, and will, I fear, continue to languish in influence and power unless something is done at this Convention to infuse new life into the lyceum movement. Its importance must be apparent to I recommend - action, not talk, and ask you, once more, to solve this problem correctly by your votes at this time. I hope someone on this floor will be able to explain to us why the lyceum work has flourished in England and deteriorated in Amer-

### THE LATEST WORD OF SPIRIT-UALISM. Some years ago, under what was

known as the "Pruden Resolution," your president was directed to solicit articles from the pens of representative Spiritualists upon the various important subjects that make up Spiritualism as a whole. This resolution was reaffirmed at the Convention at Minneapolis in 1905. Your president reported progress at our last annual gathering in Chicago and asked for further time, which was readily granted. I am obliged to report that I have failed to secure manuscripts bearing upon materialization, trumpet manifestations, table tippings, Bible Spiritualism, the rappings, and several other phases phenomena. If this body of delegates should decide to have this work published as originally planned, the omission of any reference to these special topics would be a subject of remark and of keen regret to many people. have some twenty manuscripts in hand from the ablest minds in our ranks; and I trust that some use will be made of them during the coming year. The transition of several of our noted workers to whom some of these subjects have been assigned makes it impossible for us to receive anything from them, as they had not prepared their manuscripts prior to their taking leave of earth. I again report progress and recommend that this work be continued by the incoming president under instructions to secure authoritative papers upor all of the subjects named with further directions to the board of trus tees to have same published in book

### THE FEDERATION OF LIBERAL RELIGIOUS BODIES.

At the Convention of 1905 your president was directed to enter into correspondence with the officials of the various liberal organizations in America with a view to the formation of a National Federation of Liberal Religions in America. He was also directed to correspond with the representatives of local and State Spir itualist societies and with the ministers of our faith to see if they would favor such a step and assist in the work incident upon the or-

ganization of such an association. In 1906 your president reported progress and asked for further time. am now able to report that all the liberal religious bodies in America, with the exception of the Christian Scientists, the Swedenborgians, and Theosophists, were heartly in favor of such a federation. All local Spiritualist societies were likewise in favor of the movement, with three exceptions, as were all the Spiritualist Ministers who replied to my letters of inquiry, again with three exceptions. The Christian Scientists and Swedenborgians declined outright to have anything to do with the movement, while the Theosophists paid no attention to my letters. The American Secular Union and Free Thought Federation was especially kind in its reply to my letter of inquiry and very courteous in its ac-ceptance of the invitation. I am inclined to believe that the intent that prompted action in this direction is fully met in the International Federation of Liberal Religions that has been in existence for some twelve years. Its last meeting was held in Boston in September of this year, at which distinguished men and women from all quarters of the globe were present. It remains for us to request permission to join this distinguished and most representative body, or to drop the matter altogether. I recommend union with the Federation in

## THE TEMPLE FUND SOCIETY.

At our last National Convention an organization bearing the title "The Temple Fund Society" was organized and has been incorporated in harmony with the law during the past year. Rev. George W. Kates, of Pennsylvania, is the able and efficient president, while Mrs. Carrie H Mong, of Indiana, is the capable sec-This society has chartered retary. with the N. S. A. and is now one of its working auxiliaries. Your attention will be called to the results of its labors during the present Convention when the executive officers make their yearly reports. A special meeting in the small hall has been appointed for its annual convention, temple buildings are cordially invited. The name of this society defines its purpose, and it certainly will appeal to all Spiritualists who believe best for local societies to have homes of their own. I recommend this organization and its work to your

## DEFINITION OF TERMS.

your president to appoint a committee the present Convention. This com-mittee consisted of Hon. Chas. R. Schirm, of Maryland, W. A. Willing, of Iowa, Geo. W. Kates, of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Georgia G. Cooley, of Illinois, and Miss Elizabeth Harlow, of Ohio. The report of this committee has in part been placed before the Spiritualists of America by its chairman, Mr. Schirm, through the columns of the Spiritualist papers. Its presentation to the public successor to Mrs. Gillespie, deeming timely, for it has given you as delegates an opportunity to decide as to your wishes regarding this matter and I trust that by your votes you will place the seal of your approval upon this report, with such amendments as the Convention may, in its wisdom; deem necessary. The adoption of this code of definitions, or some other, is a necessity, from the fact that the statutes of the different States require something of this sort just dues under the law. I recommend action of a decisive character upon this important matter and urge you further to append to this report a glossary that shall include the special words that make up the peculiar vocabulary of our people. Intelligent men and women are frequently compelled to blush with shame over the misuse of some of our simplest words, as, for instance, soul and spirit, which are used interchangeably as synonymous. I further recommend that our committee be requested to go over the glossary prepared by Andrew Jackson Davis and published by him in his great work entitled "Answers to Important Questions;" also the one prepared by Hudson Tuttle and published by me in the columns of The Banner of Light nearly ten years ago, and draw therefrom a complete code suitable for pocket use by our speakers and me-

## ORDINATION.

No extended reference to this subect is necessary at this time in view of the fact that every delegate knows der the cover of this term. Their, correction and the discovery of a emedy for existing ills are duties devolving upon this Convention. Several unworthy and not a few incapable persons have been ordained to our ministry during the past year. I feel that this Convention should take some action looking to the better enforcement of our own Usages. Your executive officers have exercised every possible care in their dealing with this question but have been mised by the representations of local hodies which have on two or three occasions issued Ordination Sanction to parties who should not have received the same. Our rules either mean something or nothing. If they mean something, let us enforce them. If they mean nothing, let us repeal them and adopt some that do. time has gone for blatant and insuf-ferable self-conceit to exploit themselves from our pulpits. I trust that the Convention will in its wisdom take sharp, decisive action with regard to this matter, so that Spiritualists will no longer stand as apolosent them as public teachers. I recommend that this question be considered in open convention and the facts, whatever they are, placed before us in their true light.

### PHENOMENA. . . . No new or striking phenomenon

past twelve months. The eight clearly-defined phases of me dlumship enumerated by Andrew Jackson Davis have all been in evidence throughout the year and many valuable lessons have been deduced therefrom. Phenomena are as valuable as they ever were, and every the N. S. A, is a friend to all genuine psychic manifestations. Phenomena are challenges to the understandings of men to induce them to go in search of the realities of the invisible spheres. They are evidences that prove to us that our loved ones survive the change called death. Theirs is a high and holy office. Accursed indeed is he or she who would counterfeit these things of God and prostitute them to selfish ends, I recommend that this Convention go on record as demanding that a line of cleavage be drawn between the true and the false, the genuine worker and the base counterfeiter. Of all the people in the world, the Spiritualists are the only ones who are qualified to speak on this question, and if they are not qualified to act and refuse to become so, then they must not complain, if this precious truth be taken away from them and given into the hands of those who are worthy of its custody.

### THE LEGAL STATUS OF SPIRIT-UALISM.

In his defense of the will of the late Frederick Fickey, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., our able brother, Hon. R. Schirm, prepared a comprehensive brief covering what might be termed "The State of the Art." or giving a resume of all cases in which Spiritualism has appeared in the courts of the land and the de-In view of the fact that legal difficulties are constantly arising, involvparted Spiritualists and the sanity of hose who are living, I am of the opinion that this brief of Mr. Schirm's should in some way be secured by this Association, brought down to date and published in pamphlet form for distribution among our people. Several calls for such a document have been made during the past year upon the home office, and it is the duty of this Convention to see to it that the N. S. A. is enabled to do the needed work in this direction. Mr Schirm has already published this most excellent paper in the columns of the Spiritualist press, and it is highly probable that he would be willing to have it used in the manner mentioned and assist the Association The Chicago Convention directed in appending to it all cases involving other matters than the testamentary disposition of property. I recommend action in harmony with the foregoing

## AN OFFICIAL ORGAN:

I have been urged by several renresentative Spiritualists, some of to call your attention to this special topic in a separate paragraph. It is held that the N. S. A. should havean organ of its own issued from headquarters, setting forth the advantages effort and to acquaint our people with the work performed by the National body in all its varied departments. it was said that this paper should be so planned and conducted as not to interfere with any journal now in existence, but to devote its every energy to the special needs of our cause as represented by the N. S. A. I place this matter before you without recommendation, feeling assured that your decision will be just and right,

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

In view of the marked increase of interest in Spiritualism throughout the world during the past year, it occurs to me that the time is ripe for holding an International Congress of Spiritualists for the purpose of forming a complete federation of our brethren in all parts of the world. I recommend that the incoming secretary be instructed to men correspondence with the representatives of our denomination every quarter of the globe, asking them to unite with the N. S. A. in calling an International Congress to be held in the early summer of 1908, on the supposed sixtleth anniversary. of the advent of Spiritualism in its present form, either in Paris or London.

## THE PENSION FUND.

You will hear in detail regarding this important branch of our work from our efficient secretary. Mrs. Longley. Permit me to anticipate her report in part by asking you to make this matter a personal one to every delegate before me. We are now paying out \$160 per month to our aged and indigent speakers and medlums who have no other income than that which they receive from the ing rapidly depleted. Contributions to it have been few in number and very small in amount. Every name added to our list is, of course, an added draft upon have several applications pending before the official board that we dare not grant until this Convention shall have determined what shall be done in the premises. If no new names are added to our pension list, the fund on hand will probably last about twenty months. If we take on those whom we know to be in actual need, the money will go that much quicker. If you desire this activity maintained, then the fund must be increased to proportions that will enable your official board to extend the pension to those who are worthy when proper evidence as to their needs is sented to the home office. I urge you to adopt some plan by which the fund may be made a permanent institution, returning an income to itself, anomalous as that proposition may seem. When such workers as Prof. J. S. Loveland, now 90 years of age, is placed on the walting list because of the conditions funds, it is time that the Spiritualists of America were inspired to act, lest they be shamed in the eyes of all has made its appearance duing the the world. I recommend that ways

and means be devised by you as delegates to maintain this activity in an ever enlarging sphere of unsefulness. AN ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Convention of last year instructed your official board to undertake the raising of an endowment fund of generous proportions for the sustentation of the N. S. A. The trustees endeavored to carry out the orders of the Convention. Appeals were issued to the country, both by letter and through the mediumship of the press, with the most discouraging results. Less than \$300 have been received from all sources dur-One-third of the entire year. this amount was contributed by one friend in Texas. The necessity of having such fund properly invested becomes more and more apparent as the years go by, and the N. S. A. increases the scope of its work. This fund should not be less than \$100,000 at the very outset. I appeal to you as loyal friends to Spiritualism to raise this fund. It can be done if each delegate present will but do his duty. I recommend the election of special agents to act as collectors in various sections of the country, who shall make personal appeals to their friends and acquaintances for donations to this worthy charity. These agents can be placed under bonds, if the Convention so elects, and every possible safeguard placed around them to protect the integrity of the N. S. A. I further recommend that these agents be compensated on the not raised more than \$250 in the percentage plan, receiving, instead of salary, let us say, twenty-five per cent of their gross receipts in return for time and labor expended. It is certain that unless something of this own rights. The N. S. A. has done kind is done that the N. S. A.'s future as a working force in Spiritualism for this body of delegates to reflect will be as naught. The income received from the renting of the three houses deeded to the N. S. A. by our late treasurer, about \$90 per month, must go into the pension fund. This will not be half enough to meet the needs of that special activity. Let us have a large general fund upon the endowment plan safely invested at a reasonable rate of interest, and then the N. S. A.'s sphere of usefulness can be enlarged and its many activities carried on without any fear of financial disaster. Brothers and sisters, please do some thing more than talk regarding this matten. Action is necessary, as you will see when you come to consider the financial reports of our secretary

### SPEAKERS' SALARIES.

and treasurer.

I may be pardoned for introducing this subject into a convention of this kind. I deem it a matter of importance, otherwise I would not trespass upon your valuable time. When some of our ablest speakers and mediums receive only five, ten or fifteen dollars per Sunday for two lectures something is radically wrong with our movement. We cannot expect scholarly men and women to come into our ranks to act as our representatives upon the platform. If a speaker lives in a city of 25,000 inhabitants, the above-named sums will not pay his rent, let alone provide food for his family and other necessities incident to home life. The N. S. A. cannot interfere in the manageof its auxiliaries, but can aid them when it is necessary to preserve fore, cannot dictate to the societies represented by you as delegates. I ask you to consider this matter to see if this great wrong cannot be righted. You cannot expect speakers and mediums to work in the factories or upon the streets as day workers, or in the homes as domestic servants, and then go into the pulpit on Sunban vah date, scholarly Let us at least try to addresses. induce our people to support their own religion instead of continuing activities equally important had to be the old method of obliging outsiders to do it for them. Conversation, concentration and consecration, are three things that Spiritualists should observe and practice. I recommend the N. S. A. as their legal representaaction accordingly.

### CLERGY RATES AND CHURCH TAXATION.

It will please you as delegates to learn that special rates for clergymen are now a thing of the past. So many States adopted the two-cent mileage law that the Passenger Associations felt constrained to abolish all special Dekets and passes, so that there is now a uniform rate of traffic for all patrons of the railroads. The clergymen of other denominations share the same fate as our ministers, hence there is no discrimination whatever shown in this matter. This Associa tion and its president are under special obligations to F. C. Dopald, Commissioner of the Central Pas senger Association, Eben E. MacLeod. chairman of the Western Passenger Association, James Charlton, chairman of the Trans-Continental Assoclation, and to J. E. Hannegan, Joint Agent of the Southwestern Associa-I recommend that we extend to these gentlemen a hearty vote of thanks for the courtesy and kindness that they have extended to us as a people during all the years that trust that as delegates you will enact we have had dealings with them and such legislation as will prove to the the organizations they ably represent. The abolition of special rates to clergymen should be followed by much-needed reform work I refer to a just and uniform rate of taxation for all church and ecclesiastical school property. Is recommend that the Spiritualists of America place themselves on record as being in favor of the reform named.

THE MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE.

Let me refer briefly to the one school connected with our movement. It has made healthy growth during the very front as an institution of learning. The young people who are enrolled as students-in the Morris Pratt Institute possess more than ordinary talent and will certainly be a credit to our platform when they shall have been advanced to our min-This school should receive the moral and financial support of every Spiritualist in America. I believe it has come to stay. I do not recommend any appropriation from our treasury at this time, because of the heavy drafts that have been made upon it during the past year in the regular conduct of its business affairs. I do recommend that each delegate make the Morris Pratt Institute a special object of interest when he returns to his home and send to its treasurer such sums as he and his friends can afford to lay upon the altar of education. Prof. A. J.

serves without salary, as does his good wife who acts as assistant secretary and matron to the school Such devotion to duty and to the principles of Spiritualism deserved more than a passing mention on the part of the Spiritualists of America. us give them our thanks in a substantial form, which form shall be practical aid to the school to which they are giving their very lives.

### THE GOFF WILL.

From our honored vice-president. Dr. George B. Warne, we shall learn of the contest in the famous Goff will case in Michigan: also as to its pres ent status. Up to date the decisions of the Supreme Court of Michigan have been in our favor, but the case has been ordered back to a jury trial; hence the ground must be traversed a second time ere a complete victory is ours. In round numbers the N. S. A. has spent about \$2,500 in the defense of this will and it will take at least \$1,000 more to carry the case through the County Court, and another \$1,000 up to the supreme court of Michigan. As at present advised, I am decidedly in favor of continuing the contest up to the court of last resort, if neces-The report of our vice-president, who has been the agent of the N. S. A. in this contest, may thrownew light upon the subject and induce me to believe that further litigation should not be undertaken. The Spiritualists of Michigan have defense of this will case. The State Association is the beneficiary, yet its officers and supporters have not been able to procure funds to protect their this work for them, and it remains seriously upon the subject. We must either abandon the case or carry it through as above indicated. I be lieve that we are in the right and do not feel that we should yield until the Supreme Court of the United States informs us that the law is against us. I submit this matter for your consideration, recommending thoughtful action on your part.

### POST OFFICE MISSION.

The distribution of tracts from the Home Office has been continued throughout the year by our faithful secretary, resulting in a great deal good to the N. S. A., as well as to our cause at large. I feel that this branch of our work should be enlarged and continued during the coming year. I recommend that the incoming Board of Trustees be instructed to prepare additional expository tracts to be sent out with those already on hand. In this connection I also recommend that the history of the N. S. A. be brought down to date by the incoming president and his manuscript placed on file at the Home Office. Our Usages provide for the appointment of Ordination Commissions to conduct the services of ordination of our ministers in States where State Associations do not exist. No form for the guidance of these commissions has been provided. recommend that the incoming Board of Trustees be instructed to go over the reports of the several Commissions now on file in the Home Office, select the one best suited for general use, have the same printed and placed in the hands of all Commissions that may hereafter be appointed. Repeated calls have been made the past year for a document of this kind, hence the recommendation.

## FINANCE.

Upon examining the financial statements of the secretary and treasurer you will see that the N. S. A. has spent nearly \$2,000 more than it has pension list alone has drawn almost that amount from the treasury. Other carried on, and the work paid for. Our people throughout the country have signally failed to contribute to the needs of our pensioners and to tive and spirithal leader. I introduce this subject in a special paragraph with the hope that every delegate will make himself a committee of one to see to it that this organization is placed upon a sound financial basis. Recommendations are not necessary at this point in view of the fact that I have made several under other headings in this report. The future success and permanency of the N. S. A. depend upon the correct solution of the financial prob-It is our duty to solve that problem at this Convention.

## THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE

CONGRESS. As everyone is aware, an International Peace Congress is now, and has for some weeks been, in session at The Hague, in Holland. One of our best known and ablest workers, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, was a delegate to that body and bore credentials from the N. S. A. as its direct representative. Her report will Convention. The importance of this work cannot be overestimated and I such legislation as will prove to the world that all Spiritualists are believers in international peace. recommend that the Committee on Resolutions be instructed to prepare a special manifesto on the subject, to be distributed in printed form, gratuitously, among the Spiritualists of America.

## REFORM WORK.

No doubt the Committee on Resolutions will have something to say upon the reform issues of the times The importance of placing ourselves on record as favoring every humanitarian effort of whatever character will appeal to every delegate present. We cannot speak too emphatically up-on the subject of schild-labor in the mines and factories of the country, nor should there be any hesitancy in dealing with the question of prison reform and improvements in the care of the insane and other defective classes. We should also speak with no uncertain sound upon the subject of temperance, taking care to differentiate between temperance in all things and prohibition of one thing. I recommend that fraternal delegates be appointed by this Convention or by the incoming Board of Trustees, to all reform associations that shall hold conventions during the coming year. It is not enough to say that Spiritualism is reform, is temperance, is progression, but we, as Spiritualists must do something to prove these state-Weaver, the principal of the Institute, ments true. May I also add that I

feel that this organization should send fraternal delegates to the Biennial Conclave of the Universalists' General Convention that is to assemble in Philadelphia on the 23d instant, and to the national gatherings of all liberal religious bodies, including, if you please, the Woman's Suffrage League, that are to be held during the next twelve months. I recommend action accordingly.

CLIPPING BUREAU. In order to facilitate the work of the future historian of Spiritualism and to assist the editor at large in the discharge of his duties, I venture to recommend that the incoming Board of Trustees be instructed to subscribe to two of the best clipping bureaus in the nation, one in the East, and one on the Pacific Coast. These clippings should be placed in scrap-books under appropriate subheadings and kept on file at the Home Office. I believe this is a practical issue and trust that it will appeal to the good judgment of every delegate as a matter of moment to our

### MASS MEETINGS.

A few calls have been made during the past year for the holding of mass meetings at certain points in different States of the Union. Some were held with indifferent results. In past years they proved valuable aids to the N. S. A. and to our cause. Perhaps they should be left entirely in the hands of the State Associations, or to a union of forces of local societies in those States where no State organizations now exist. I make no recommendation regarding this matter, but leave it wholly to your own discretion as representatives of our movement.

### MEDIUMSHIP.

Whatever legislation-may be necssary on this subject can safely be left to this intelligent body of delegates without special recommendations from me. Permit me, however to call your attention to the fact that the Legislatures of a majority of the States of the Union dealt, with certain bills during the past winter that bore directly upon the rights of me-diums to use their powers under the direction of the unseen intelligences who prompt them to action. In some nstances these measures were prohibitive in character, and it was only by zealous, efforts on the part of a few loyal Spiritualists that they were defeated. A few genuine mediums have been arrested and subjected to great ignominy when brought to trial. The trouble in Seattle, Washington, to which I referred last year, is yet unsettled, but the mediums then un der arrest were tried and on two occasions acquitted. They are in trouble again, but there has been no call made upon the N. S. A for funds to aid in their defense. An itemized statement as to expenses incurred in Convention. As soon as Spiritualists discriminate between commercialism in Spiritualism, and Spiritualism as a religion, there will be no further trouble in respect to these matters. A proper definition of our terms will greatly aid our cause as a whole and he of untold benefit to our genuine mediums in making it possible for the courts to discriminate between genuine and counterfeit workers. We must speak in no uncertain way upon the subject of fortune telling and its concomitants. To defer action in this respect any longer would be an open confession of cow-We have delayed, temporized apologized, covered up these matters altogether too long. Let us act and show the world that we stand only for that which is true and support only those mediums we know to be genuine in all their work. Let us not only denounce fraud, but let us also refuse to employ frauds, or countenance them on our platforms.

## THEODORE J. MAYER.

On March 13. of this year our large-hearted, open-minded friend and brother in the person of our treasurer, Theodore J. Mayer, re-turned to his home in the soul world after an earth visit of sixtyone years. For the second time in our history we are in convention assembled without his presence with us in bodily form. He was not present at the convention in Chicago in 1893, and is not with us in mor-tal as we assemble here to-day. For twelve years out of the fourteen that the N. S. A. has been in existence, he has served us as our treasurer without salary. His\_benefactions to our cause are known to you all and need no special reference at my hands to-day. He has completed his course, he has fought the good fight, he has finished his work and gone back to the home whence he came a little more than three score years ago. One of his last acts on earth was to draw a check' in payment of the rent of this hall for the use of this convention. It was his last gift to the N. S. A. Let me send him a thought of gratitude for this favor and of brotherly love for his many other acts of kindness while he lived on earth. I, recommend that our Committee on Resolutions be instructed to prepare a special memorial in honor of our arisen brother and that the same be spread upon the records of this Convention and published in all the Spiritualist papers

NECROLOGY. During the past year a large number of our foremost representatives have taken leave of earth. Some of have been active workers for the N. S. A. ever since it came into existence, while others have labored for the cause as seemed to them best in the communities where they rewe may mention the names of Moses Hull, of Wisconsin; Mrs. Jennie Hagan Brown and Captain W. H. Winn of Texas: Hon. A. Gaston, of Pennsylvania; Mr. A. F. Melchers, of South Carolina, and General W. H. Parsons of Illinois. We know that these good friends of our cause are not dead, but have taken the next progressive step in life; therefore we should congratulate them upon having attained a larger sphere of usefulness and of having gained a broader free dom in which to unfold their splendid soul powers. Let us remember them at their best, honor them for the good they have done, close up our ranks and go forward, doing better work for humanity because of our love for them. I ask that the Committee on Resolutions be requested to deal with this subject as may seem best to the members

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

cancy caused by the transition of Treasurer Mayer was filled by the election of Mr. Cassius L. Stevens, of Pittsburg, Pa., who resigned as truftee to accept the post in question. The vacancy caused by his resignation was filed by the election of Mr. Francis, A. Wood, of Washington, D. O., who has done excellent work as our trustee since his election at the April Board Meeting. The last convention selected Los Angeles, California, as the place of meeting for the convention of this year. Upon the urgent request of many influential Spiritualists, the friends in California kindly and generously relinquished claim to the convention and left the selection of the place of meeting to your trustees. By unanimous vote Washington, D. C., was selected and notice given accordingly. I am convinced that the wisdom of this change will be apparent to every delegate as the work of the Convention pro-Your trustees have acted in all matters according to their best judgment and in harmony with in-structions given at the last Convention, so far as it was in their power to do so. Whatever departures there-from there may have been were wholly due to unforeseen circumstances and to the exigencies of the

### THE HOME OFFICE.

The work at the Home Office has been of the same high order of exellence that has been characteristic of our conscientious secretary ever since she assumed the position nine years ago. She has been promptness itself in the discharge of every duty and has labored with singleness of heart and devotion of soul for the best-good of the N. S. A. She now announces her purpose to retire from office at the close of this convention. The Spiritualists of America little realize what they owe to that noble worker and generous-hearted woman, Mary T. Longley. As she goes from us let us assure' her that she carries with her our earnest prayers for her future success in whatever field of labor she may elect to toil, and our soul-blessings for the good she has done our cause as a whole, and the N. S. A. in particular while she has been with us. All honor to her for the good she has done! Personally am under great obligations to Mrs. Longley and her good husband for many favors received and I take this opportunity to extend to them both my most grateful thanks.

### , THE SPIRITUALIST PRESS.

The N. S. A. is under obligations to all the Spiritualist papers in Amerin England, and the "Two Worlds" in England, and to "The Harbinger of Light", in Australia. Especially are we indebted to W. H. Bach, late of the "Sunflower," and Mr. J. R. Francis, of "The Progressive Think Mr. Bach has opened his columns, freely to communications from the Editor at Large and from the Home Office. I feel that he is entitled to our grateful thanks for the services he has rendered us and believe that he should receive an expression of our good will as he eners into his new field of endeavor. Very few Spiritualists in America realize what they owe to the intrepid and wide awake editor of "The Progressive Thinker," Mr. J. R. Francis. He has fought yaliantly for true Spiritualism and has dared to tell the truth with regard to the shams that have attached themselves to our movement. 1 recommend that a special vote of thanks be extended him for the splendid work he has done for Spiritualism and the generous aid he has rendered this Association. Let us also remember "The Herald of Truth" and its editors and proprietors, Mr. H. C. Berry and Dr. W. A. Hale; also Mr. Frank Walker, the new proprietor of the "Sun-flower." They are rendering the N. S. A. loyal support and are entitled to our grateful thanks.

CONCLUSION. . It remains for me now to surrender into your hands the great office you have entrusted to my care during the past fourteen years. Were I to presume to offer any suggestions with regard to the organic structure of the N. S. A., I should feel tempted to urge a change in the length of the official term for your-Board of of its membership should retire at any given election. Prominent business men have referred to this matter and stated that the present method is a perpetual source of weakness to this organization. can be done to change the Constitution at this Convention, but a resolution can be introduced here providing for the making of the change at our annual gathering in 1908.

To the Spiritualists of America who have honored me with their confidence through the changing events of more than a decade of years I return grateful thanks. There is need of consecration to the principles underlying Spiritualism as never before. I appeal to my brethren in these closing words to rally as one man around the banner of organization and plant it upon the ramparts of assured success. There are signs of promise in the skies, but there are also storm clouds that must be broken up and scattered ere those promises can be realized in every-day experience. The future of Spiritualism depends upon the individual Spiritualist. It is for you and for me then, to build so wisely that the Spiritualists to-morrow will have cause to thank his for our sacrifices. Spirit communion is a precious truth, bu it is only one phase of our great movement. With only the phenomenal side upon which to build our temple, there would be no symmetry in the grand superstructure. Science philosophy and religion as our cor ner stones, our temple will withstand the heats of the summer sun and defy the heaviest frosts of the northern clime. Our movement is safe, but our people need re-birth into the light of a lottier spirituality. Let us work together to make our N. S. A a finite means to a divine end whose ultimate purpose shall be the revela tion of the Infinite enthroned in the universe, whose everlasting arms are around, about, above and below us

All of which is respectfully sub-

HARRISON D. BARRETT, President N. S. A. Washington, D. C.

# The members of the Official Board have worked together in perfect harmony throughout the year. The vacancy caused by the case of the Official Board have worked together in perfect harmony throughout the year. The vacancy caused by the case of the official Board have been perfect to the case of the official Board have worked together the case of the official Board have worked together the case of the official Board have worked together in perfect harmony throughout the year. on President's Report

Report of the Committee on the Report of Harrison D. Barrett, President of the National Spiritualists' Association.

that it has carefully read and considered the comprehensive and admirably written report of the president. Much of the report is devoted to a recital of conditions and circumstances connected with the cause of Spiritualism in this and foreign countries. This part of the report your committee has regarded as a means itualistic field, and therefore does not Resolutions, and they have already been recommended by this body to which disclose evils for which this a remedy, and it has therefore refrom making suggestions which it believes will be entirely fu-

The purpose of your committee has heen to reduce this report to as narrow a compass as possible consistent with a due regard for essential mat-

### STATE ASSSOCIATIONS.

ters.

The Convention at Chicago last Spiritualism. year made some wholesome recom mendations in regard to the organization of State Associations, and the method of conducting their business Little more than suggestions can nov be made in respect to this subject nevertheless your committee wishes to impress upon those interested in State associations the advantages to be derived from uniform organization offering resistance to legislation adverse to mediumship. The expe riences of the Illinois and Minnesots State Associations are a valuable source of instruction.

## CAMPS.

Your committee recommends that the secretary endeavor to secure N S. A. day at each of the Spiritualist camps of the country in the com ing season, and that the secretary send letters of thanks to those camps which have already extended us this ate what is well known to every courtesy and support.

### LOCAL SOCIETIES.

The matter of placing local socie ties on a footing where they will be to opposing forces and to protect their mediums against unjust prosecution is a matter of vital importance. The nearest that your committee can come to offering a soluof the various States and the conduct | bearers. by the N. S. A., believing that a commission of this kind will clearly bring mediums within the Constitution of the United States

### MISSIONARY'S CERTIFICATE. THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that ....

.....is a member of the (here insert the name of the church or society) of the city of . . . . . county of...., and State of...., a religious corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of . . . . . , and chartered by the (here insert the name of the State Association or the name of the National Spiritualists' Association of the United States of America), a body corporate incorporated under the laws of the State or district of ..... and that .... has passed a satisfactory examination before the Board of Trustees of the said church or society as a Spiritual medium; and it is further certified that.....possesses the following phase or phases of mediumship, to-

qualified to hold public seances or don, and respectfully suggests that religious meetings, and to give private spirit communications in accordance with the rights and religious belief of the Spiritualists' denomination; and it is further certified that ...... has been appointed a Missionary for the period of ..... from the

date hereof, and is authorized and directed to solicit and collect contributions for the support of missionary work of said denomination. Witness the hand and seal of the resident of the Board of Trustees

of the said (here insert the name of the State Association or the National Spiritualists Association), duly attested by the secretary, under its corporate seal, this ... day of ... . 1907.

President. (Place for Seal) .

(Here insert the articles of belief adopted by the National Spiritualists'

Association.) This certificate and the appointment as Missionary herein mentioned are accepted by me with the clear understanding and agreement on my part that they may be revoked at the pleasure of the said religious corporation by which the same was be-

Signature of Spiritual Missionary MISSSIONARY WORK.

stowed, without the assignment of

any reason for the revocation.

This is a troublesome subject. the absence of such resources we recommend that all State Associations urged to introduce circuit work, and where already introduced, to pro- any other. mote it by the use of local talent.

Your committee desires to report Where there are no State Associations, we believe the matter can be safely left to the discretion of the Board of Trustees. HISTORY OF SPIRITUALISM.

This-most important matter has al ready dragged along its weary length through many years, and not until the beginning of this convention have of instruction and intended to give we received anything in the form of a bird's-eye view of the entire spirof Harrison D. Barrett as historian deem it necessary to advert further was a move in the right direction, to that part of the report. Certain and we recommend that in view of portions of the report are within the Brother Barrett's refusal to again be proper province of the Committee on candidate for the presidency of the N. S. A., that the incoming Board be instructed to appoint him historian that Committee. Again, there are and editor-at-large with a salary of sections in the president's report \$1,000 per year, and that the said board provide him with an assistant committee is unable to recommend at such time, and for such compensation as it may seem advisable.

### THE LATEST WORK ON SPIRIT-TIALISM.

Your committee recommends that in the event of the appointment of Harrison D. Barrett as historian and editor-at-large, that the subject matter under the "Pruden Resolution" be referred to Brother Barrett as a matter involved in the history of

### FEDERATION OF LIBERAL RELIG-IOUS BODIES.

Your committee recommends that the N. S. A., through its president, make application for membership in the International Federation of Liberal Religions.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS. Your committee recommends the continuance of the Committee of Definitions of Terms, with instruc-Trustees, from time to time, the results of its labors, and that the Board be instructed to have printed in pamphlet form the matter turned over to

### it, so that it may be generally dis-PHENOMENA. Your committee desires to reiter-

Spiritualist and to every other person who knows anything about Spiritualism, to-wit: that the phenomena produced through mediumship are the foundation and ground work of able to offer the greatest resistance our philosophy, and, that being true, it is necessary to eliminate, to the best of our ability, from our cause every person and thing which tends to discredit the high mission of Spiritualism or to becloud the fair fame tion without making it obligatory is of those true and noble souls that to recommend the incorporation of stand between the two worlds and local societies under the general laws perform the holy office as message Therefore we recommend of the business of the society by a that neither the N. S. A. nor any loboard of trustees. For the greater cal society, nor any officer of either protection of the mediums we recom- of them, sanction the employment or mend the adoption of the following the endorsement of any medium who form of certificate containing an ac- debases the high calling of mediumcurate description of the phase or ship, and that they visit upon 'the phases of mediumship, to be issued heads of pseudo mediums, who steal phases of mediumship, to be issued heads of pseudo mediums, who steal amusing toy, found that the intelligence to worthy mediums by the State Assothe livery of heaven to serve the controlling it knew more than them ciation, where one exists, otherwise devil in, their relentless denunciation. selves, and became converts to Spirit-THE LEGAL STATUS OF SPIRIT-

## UALISM.

Your committee begs leave to state that Brother Schirm has entered into an agreement with Mr. E. W. Vanderbilt, whereby funds will be provided for publishing the articles on indeed true, and the communications "Spiritualism and the Law," by the editor of The Progressive Thinker. who has already, at his own expense, prepared the plates for this publication.

## OFFI AL ORGAN.

Your committee believes that the matter of an establishment of an Official Organ will be solved some time in the near future, but that nothing can be done at this time to force the matter.

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

Your committee respectfully disagrees with the recommendation that the N. S. A. set on foot measures wit: ... and for calling an International Congress that ... is deemed worthy and to be held in 1908 in Paris or Lonfor the present there be a thorough concentration of effort upon our in terests in this country.

## PENSION FUND.

Your committee recommends that the secretary of the N. S. A. solicit the focal societies to devote the proceeds of one seance or meeting annually to the Pension Fund, and that the State Association be requested to make a similar solicitation of their affiliated societies. Your committee begs leave to suggest the probable feasibility of establishing a certain Sunday in the year for taking up collections in the various societies for this fund, and that this day be designated as "Gratitude Day." and that a form of services be provided bearing upon the virtue of gratitude.

### ENDOWMENT FUND. In addition to the many forms of

soligiting contributions, your committee desires to recommend as a means of building up the Endowment Fund a simple plan which has been used with marked effect by other organizations. We propose that the Board of Trustees secure large lots of novelty albums arranged for the insertion of dimes to the extent of \$5.00; that these albums be sold at about cost price to local societies to be distrib uted by them to worthy members to solicit aid in this simple way, the albums when filled to be sent to the headquarters of the N. S. A. and the committee suggests that it might be a good plan to have a sultable in scription on the outside of the album we had ample financial means the which will at once explain the purtrouble could easily be obviated. In pose of its presentation by the solic itor. This plan, we believe, can be taken up by the young people, and will be more prolific of results than

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### THE GOFF WILL

Your committee has received in detail an account of the work done and Junds expended in defense of the Goff ill, and though it does not believe it good policy to rehearse these matters now, it nevertheless recommends an endorsement and confirmation of what has already been done by the Board of Trustees, and that the Board le further empowered to render such further aid in that contest as in its judgment may seem wise.

### POST OFFICE MISSION.

In the opinion of your committee, one of the most effective means of reaching the minds of reasonable men and women is through the post office. Persons will read in secret what they will not listen to from the lips of our advocates. It would be a splendid adjunct to our work if it were possible to establish in connection with every society a mailing bureau, and where such bureaus are already established we would suggest the plan of having the members of the societies place in a box provided for the purpose the names and addresses of such persons as they believe to be in a receptive mood in regard to Spiritualism, and also the names of those persons who publicly or privately show marked opposition to our cause with such notes of the characteristics of the persons to be reached made on the slip, to the end that the most appropriate literature be sent to all.

## FINANCE.

This committee recommends the adoption of the provision for increasng the per capita tax to \$1 without Doreasing the fee to be paid by State Associations for each affiliated society. This we believe to be the most feasible plan for increasing our finances, and one that will supply the needed funds for the general treas-

## REFORM WORK.

Your committee concurs in the recommendation that fraternal delegates be appointed at this Convention or by the Board of Trustees to all conventions of Reform Associations that shall be held during the year, and particularly recommends the anpointment of fraternal delegates to the Biennial Conclave of the Universalists' General Convention that is to assemble in Philadelphia on the 23d

CLIPPING BUREAU. Your committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation that the incoming Board of Trustees be instructed to subscribe to two of the best clipping bureaus, one in the East and one in the West, and that these clippings be placed in scrap books under appropriate headings and kept on file at the headquarters.

## MASS MEETINGS.

This matter, your committee believes, should be left entirely to the judgment of the Board of Trustees.

Matter pertinent to this subject has already been brought to the attention f the Convention in this report, and vet your committee takes the position yat the N. S. A. is essentially a

ligious body, and while we recog-ze the value of spirit communicabearing purely upon material affairs, yet we do not deem it within the province of the N. S. A. to defend commercial mediumship; at the same time, we do not believe it fair and just to class as "commercia mediums" those mediums who incidentally with their spiritual communications give advice upon material matters to those who are seeking spiritual light and comfort, but who are in need of guidance in regard to worldly and material affairs.

## THEODORE J. MAYER.

Your committee indorses in every particular the eulogy pronounced upon our late treasurer, Theodore J. Mayer, and recommends that the Committeee on Resolutions, to whom this subject is properly referred, be instructed to provide for a set of engrossed resolutions, to be properly framed, and hung upon the wall at the National headquarters.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Your committee respectfully begs to recommend that there be no change made as to the time or method for electing members of the Board of Trustees. It is the opinion of this committee that when good, strong persons are elected to that Board they will be kept in office, and that it weak ones are elected, or for some eason members lose their interest or efficiency, they will be dropped. It easier to retain good trustees anninally than to get rid of bad ones the have a long lease of the office.

HOME OFFICE. It must be a source of gratification to every member of this Convention to read the words of approval and commendation which have been be stowed by the president upon Mrs. Longley, our secretary, and her good husband, and your committee are gratified that the termination of her services are under such happy auspices as surround us to-day.

## SPIRITUALISTS' PRESS.

Your committee most heartily recommends that this Convention, through the secretary, extend the profound thanks of this body to Mr. J. R. Francis, editor of The Progressiv Thinker; to Wm. H. Bach, late editor of the Sunflower; to Frank Walker, present editor of the Sun-flower; to H. C. Berry and Dr. W. A. Hale, editors of the Herald of Truth and to the editors of the English publications, Light and The Two Worlds.

ADJUSTMENT OF COMPENSATION.

Under instructions from this Convention, this committee respectfully submits and recommends (1) the reduction of the secretary's salary to \$1,100 per annum, with the proviso that the secretary occupy the ises at the headquarters, heretofore occupied by the secretary, and that the rental of said premises be fixed at \$240 per annum, and one-half of the cost of light and fuel; (2) in conformity with a previous provision of this report, we recommend payment of \$1,000 to the historian and editor-at-large, if he be Harrison D, Barrett; (3) we recommend the payment of a fixed salary of \$500 to

CONCLUSION.

We heartily endorse the words of President Barrett in which he fore-casts with optimistic word picturing

the future of the cause of Spiritualism. We feel that the harmonlous conditions under which this Convention was organized and has continued to work, augur well for the rapid expansion of the influence and working power of the National Spiritualists' Association. We appear to have entered upon a new era, in which business methods shall be fittingly united with true sentiment and lofty devotion. To the retiring president we extend our best wishes and our grateful thanks for all the good things he has done during his long incumbency, believing that in his new position, which seems to be assured, he will find needed physical rest and that mental activity so thoroughly congenial to his nature.

J. S. MAXWELL. CHARLES R. SCHIRM. GEQ. MOSTOW. MRS. E. L. NICHOLSON. CARRIE H. MONG.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS.

To the Officers and Delegates here

Assembled:

We, your Committee on Amendments, as a whole do not favor the proposed change of Art. VII, Sec. 1, in reference to the increase of per capita tax from 25 cents to \$1.00. Also we do not favor a change of State dues to N. S. A. from \$2.00 to \$5.00, feeling such change would disastrous to the interests of organized Spiritualism.
The following proposed amend-

ment was submitted to your commit-

By-laws, Sec. 8, Art, 1:

Strike out the following words: after all other business of the Convention has been transacted"; substitute as follows: - "at 10:30 a. m. on the last day of the Convention"; and after the word "Officers" and be-fore the word "in," the words "by written ballot" shall be inserted. We, the committee, agree with the foregoing, except that we recommend that in place of 10:30 a, m. be substituted 3:00 p. m.

We, your committee, further recommend the following amendment of Art. VII, Sec. 2, By-laws, by striking out the word "or" after "lyceums" and before "charitable" and after the word "Associations" and before the word "and;" adding "or educational, institutions".

tion be amended—

owing order: Beginning with the year 1908 the reasurer and one trustee be elected for one year.

The secretary and one trustee for The vice-president and one trustee

for three years. Two trustees for four years. And all terms shall be for four years in the order named, save the president, who shall be elected annually.

This being a change of the Constitution, it is understood that the same will be acted upon by the Convention

Respectfully submitted.

OSCAR A. EDGERLY. A. W. BELDEN. MRS. J. P. WHITWELL. H. E. BOERSTLER. MRS. MARTHA WOOLSEY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE OF MEETING NEXT YEAR.

Niagara Falls offers assembly room free. If we charge admission, it is free. Entertainment of music and decorations also provided. Hotel rates from \$1 per day up. Buffalo.-Hall free, if admission is

charged. Hotel rates from \$1 per Detroit.-Cordial invitation with no especial inducements.

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admission taken. Asbury Park, N. J .- Convention hall free. We appreciate this offer, considering that this city by the sea is such a religious atmosphere, realizing by this that they are at least in harmony with our excellent work. Seattle, Wash .- Invited our Convention to be held in their city, 1909. in view of the coming exposition. We refer this to the Convention, as we consider it out of our power to act

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your committee considers the offer from Buffalo from a financial standpoint the strongest. Indianapolis, the next in strength all things considered.

Crush Not a Flower.

Crush not a flower of faith or hope That in another's heart may rise, But let the perfumed petals ope And waft their fragrance to the skies.

Say not 'tis vain of any dream Or fancy of the human brain, For out of it some lofty scheme May ripen into golden grain.

Laugh not to scorn the humblest plan A brother may have formed for

For angels deeper see than man-It may be wise when understood Say not to any careworn heart

But act the kinder, nobler-part, Give strength and courage to the

Your cries will reach the goal you

Say not of any neighbor's field, He's planted where he should have sown,

For God is patient, and the yield, Though rich or poor is all his own. BELLE BUSH. Weymouth, Mass.

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# The National Spiritualists' Association.

Annual Report of the Secretary, Mrs. Mary T. Longley, for the Year Ending September 30, 1907.

in Convention Assembled:

Mr. President and Co-Workers:report of your secretary for the year ending September 30, 1907.

The work of the year at our headquarters in Washington has been pursued by your secretary under pleasant to report for more time than the N. S. conditions, on the whole, and with such dispatch and fidelity as were rule, varied with many other duties of a National organization.

An extensive correspondence—not the press, but also with a large number of inquirers and other individuals who write to our office for information and aid in their studies and labors, has been steadily maintained by your secretary, and thousands of letters have been sent out from the home ffice in the interest of Spiritualism at large, and of the N. S. A. and its oblects as well as of its auxiliaries. In addition to these the usual quarterly circular letters and all necessary litannouncements have been mailed to our chartered societies, most of which have been received and kindly acknowledged. In cases where associations have failed to send us word of their change of officers or of locations, letters have been returned to us and in some instances we have been unable to find anyone who would deliver these writings to the proper parties to whom they belong. This is not the fault of your office but of those at the Your committee further recom-fault of your office but of those at the mends that Art. IV of the Constitugive the timely and proper notice of By adding the words in the fol- their doings—we have reason to think also that some of the societies have gone out of existence, but of which

fact we have not been notified. The Spiritual Press has kindly and generously published all the articles, appeals and statements sent to its col umns by your secretary and we owe to the editors and managers of the same a debt of gratitude for the unfailing help which they have given to the N. S. A. and its officers; in this connection we may mention with profound appreciation, The Progressive Thinker, Sunflower, Lichtstrahlen, Reason, Occidental Mystic, and the latest comer into the field of Spiritualistic journalism, The Herald of Truth.

Our Free Library.

is in excellent condition and has been well attended, scores of readers have visited our rooms for the loan of books, and our work in attending to these alone, is of no small accountin point of time and labor expended upon it-it is a good work, freely given, and not only the humble residents

of our city, but also many who occuhigh places come to freely receive the blessings that our standard liberal and spiritualistic literature offers Visitors from far and near have been many at our headquarters; the present season has brought perhaps

more than usual, owing to the Jamestown Excursions to Virginia, those Spiritualists who visit that great exposition wishing to stop over in the Capital' City and among its sights and points of interest, taking in the Headquarters of the National Spiritualists' Association—the time and work given to the reception of the many callers and visitors to the home office, must be counted as a large part of the duties and official affairs of the secre-

The Temple Fund Association-National in scope and purpose-was organized at the N. S. A. Convention in Chicago, 1906; Rev. Geo. W. Kates was chosen President of that worthy association, and Mrs, C. H. Mong, secretary: shortly after Convention, an application for a charter was made to the N. S. A. by the Temple Fund Association and granted; in addition to this the following named societies have been granted charters by the N. S. A. Board—these are all local in diction-Tampa, Florida; Apalachicola, Florida; Salt Lake City, Utah; Haverhill, Mass.; and Philadelphia, Pa. Two lyceums have been granted charters, one in Pittsburg, Pa., the other in Fall River, Mass. Two societies that have been members of the N. S. A. for years, namely, one in Bradford, Pa., and one in Paterson, N. J., have been granted new charters at their request. Our valued auxiliary, the Spiritual Research Society of St. Louis, Mo., has surrendered its charter to the the N. S. A., but only to enter the State Association and it still continues in thought. purpose and spirit with us.

Auxiliaries. ~ Up to October 1st it is impossible to state the probable result of the financial returns to this Association from our auxiliaries, as many of them will not pay their dues till their delegates come to convention, bringing the money with them; this is the yearly practice, and we know of no way to hange it; notices and appeals have no effect, and it is not right to deprive delegates of their seats in convention as was suggested last year—who epresent societies in good standing and who have the money with them to defray all obligations of their associations, to the N. S. A. But, we can state that a number of our auxiliaries, State and local, have paid their dues and discharged all obligations to the National body, and most of them have appointed their representatives to the annual assembly. The outlook is for a good and most important convention of large attendance and much enhelpful; Spiritually uplifting. Cloth thuslasm. The annual reports are, as a whole, encouraging, inasmuch as from dimes to dollars that a fund-

To the Officers and Members of the most of them show that their sicle-National Spiritualists' Association ties have held their meetings, paid their bills and kept faithful to the Cause during the year; this has meant hard and continued work on the part It gives me pleasure to herewith sub-mit to this honorable body, the annual commendable earnestness and zeal on the part of those loyal souls, which save the day for our beloved movement in their respective localities. A number of societies have failed

A. is disposed to allow them, and there is no doubt that some of them possible to display. The usual rou- will have to be suspended ere long; tine of clerical business has been the we have been lenient with them be cause it frequently happens that just and tasks that must of necessity come as we think the day of grace has gone up for attention in the great affairs by for a society a letter suddenly comes containing back dues with statement of complete resurrection only with our chartered societies, and and an improvement in methods, all of which we are glad to note, and consequently these societies are restored to good standing in our work. Duty, however, calls/me to mention that nearly every local society in Indiana that we organized has either with drawn or has failed to answer letters from our office or to pay up back dues of more than two years; we believe that the greater part of them is extinct—some have gone into the Indiana State Association—the State Secerature-including official notices and retary reports, twelve local: societies in good standing in its jurisdiction, this leaves as many more unaccounted for in the State, Pennsylvania and other States also have derelict societies, and some means should be devised by our Convention by which we can ascertain the direct status of each locality in point of spiritual organizations. she could to learn of these societies but in many instances without satisfactory results.

Our last convention ordered the printing of a list of the N. S. A. chartered societies for distribution to those who might call for them; this list was printed but it is not satisfactory because the addresses of the secretaries and presidents are changing from year to year and new societies come up and some of the old ones go down, therefore we cannot have an accurate list for three months at a the list published shows nineteen State Associations, and nine ty-nine local-including camps, with one National, The Temple Fund. This list is misleading in view of the fact mentioned in the foregoing that many societies have failed to report this year that did not do so last seas on, but while at that time they had barely, perhaps come within the pale of the edict of suspension, this yearf they do not send in accounts, they will surely be amenable to this law.

## State Associations.

The report of several of our State Associations is far from encouraging; Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri California, Wisconsin, and one or two others give good and pleasing reports Massachusetts, composed of lay members only, always sends encouraging accounts of its good work in holding successful mass meetings at different points, in doing much benevolent work and in meeting adverse measures in the State House with promptness and dispatch. New York shows a grand work accomplished. Connecticut is doing much, but needs encouragement from more of its people. Some State Associations have failed—up to the present to report. Texas states that only six societies in the whole State are holding meetings: Nebraska does not report at all; Iowa seems much in nced of attention, and, in the opinion of your secretary, the N. S. A. Convention should give some real work and measures to the needs and pur pose of State Associations. The sub ject of dues from the State Associations-on which an amendment will come before this assembly-seems to be an important one; while it is true that most of the State organizations send in their dues and contribute lib erally to the National body, some of them are lax in this respect; when two dollars comes to this treasury from a great State as the dues of a State organization which elects two delegates to our Convention, one on its charter, the other in accordance we presume, with the \$2.00 a rate character, and have concurrent juris- rule for State bodies, it seems to us that some means should be devised whereby a suitable revenue should come to the N. S. A. from these or ganizations-especially in view of the fact that before these state bodies were chartered, or given exclusive jurisdiction, the many local societies in their territories then chartered with the N. S. A. direct, yielded a much larger sum to the annual receipts of the N. S. A.

Our finances are not so low that we have to become a bankrupt institution, nor are they so large that we can af ford to stop begging for funds to sustain the work of this Asociation. The financial report of Treaurer and Sec retary will give full-information concerning expenditure, receipts and property, and we recommend them to your careful attention. A steady drain is made upon the exchequer of the Association—its propaganda work, and all its other works and objects call for a large annual outlay of funds, those of our people whio think a great National Association can be properly conducted and maintained without the expenditure of a large amount of money are sadly mistaken, not to say picayunish in their ideas. But in this connection, we are happy to state that the largest item of ex-pense for the year just closed has been for the support and aid of our poor mediums from the Mediums' Relief Fund—a fact that we can point to with pride, that a charitable work, a benevolence to the needy and worthy poor, has been the largest expense to this institution during the year. An Endowment Fund was started by President Barreft in the early part

of the year, calling for contributions.

in perpetuity—might be established mass of testimony was brought to that would yield an annual income to the N. S. A. for the support of its work. One hundred thousand dollars in popular subscriptions asked for. A few tried and true Spir-itualists responded with their donaions, but up to this time but a little over two hundred dollars have been collected for this worthy purpose, one hundred of which was contributed by one noble woman in the west.

Our Pensioners. .

Since last October, a number new pensioners have been placed on the list for monthly payments; some of the old-time pensioners have passed away-Mrs. Hendee-Rogers of fornia, Mr. Abram James of New We have now fourteen regular pensioners on the dist, namely, Mrs. A. L. Chamberlain, Dr P. C. Mills, Lyman C. Howe, Belle Bush, Mrs. Weeks-Wright, Dr. A. C. Williams, Mrs. A. Angell, Mrs. B. Cutler, Mrs. Myra Paine, Mr. and Mrs. Jaqua, Miss Ella Porter, Mrs. Kate Hoskins, and Mrs. Hattie C. Mason, The full amount of money now be-

ing paid monthly to yeteran mediums is \$160. We are also constantly appropriating sums of money-from ten to twenty dollars as temporary aid to such mediums-and the drain upon he Mediums' Relief Fund in this direction is sometimes considerable; we have aided twelve since last report. four of whom were sufferers by the great and disastrous fire at Lake Pleasant Camp—we do not give the names of these temporary beneficiaries of the N. S. A. since they are sensitive and the aid given was simply to tide them over a brief period of disress, but they are entered on our books for the inspection of those who wish more concerning them-the names of regular pensioners are given here that the Spiritualists at large may know to whom the money goes. who are assisted temporarily, but this is not a charity in the common accept ance of that word, it is honorable for discharged or weary soldier to receive a pension from his government and none of "The Old Guard" are ashamed to be thus counted in the ranks, nor need our soldier mediums be at all sensitive at being known as pensioners upon the N. S. A. only regret that we cannot add immeasurably to the list or as long as one needy, worthy medium is in the land. But we have no endowment fund established, and as the yearly drain upon the pension fund is large we cannot add many to the list in any single year, though there are several names in waiting to be added as soon as possible.

### Literature.

A selection of books suitable to be placed in the hands of investigators and readers of spiritual literature generally was made and submitted by committee of the Convention; the Board was ordered to have said list printed for general distribution, but has not as yet done so, because the editor of The Progressive Thinker made statement to us that many of the books recommended are out of print and unobtainable—this matter therefore hangs in statu-quo.

Thousands of tracts have been gratuitously distributed from our home office and we have much commendation for this great work from Spiritualists and others; last October, an article from the pen of Ella Wheeler Wilcox upon the topic of Spiritualism appeared in the Hearst papers from lew York to California, this article oncluding by advising its readers to send to the National Association of Washington, D. C., for a copy of Heber Newton's tract on Immortality-the gifted writer not forgetting to admon-ish them to send a postage stamp for payment of mailing the tract. our return from Convention we found awaiting as over seven hundred letters containing request for the tract mentioned. Prof. Longley at once took charge of them and not only mailed to each one a copy of the Newton tract, but also one of each of the many spiritual tracts issued by the N. S. A.; the requests for the tracts continued to come and are still coming, and all receive what they ask for with additional literature thrown in-this has created a wide interest in our cause and we have received many responsive and thankful letters from parties who have secured our literature, some of them being from officials in high places, from clergymen and other professional men and wo-Camps.

men. In obedience to request of convention, your secretary early in the fiscal year sent out appeals to the various camp meeting associations soliciting the appointment of an especial N. S. A. Day-during the camp meeting season of each: a few heartily and generously responded, some made no reply. Our President will make a report of the camps he attended, east and west, and of the good work performed there. Vice-Presi dent Warne held an N. S. A. Day at Lily Dale and secured the handsome sum of \$108; your secretary conducted an N. S. A. Day at Onset Camp; at which she raised the liberal contribution of \$103. She was ably assisted on that occasion by Dr. George A. Fuller and Mr. J. B. Hatch and a number of other prominent speakers and mediums. Clinton, Iowa, Camp sent twenty dollars, and other camps of others will report added their contributions to the N. S. A fund-to all of these the hearty thanks of this Convention are due-

## .. Wills and Legacies.

The important matter of will cases with which the N. S. A. is concerned s still before our board; that of the John Goff case in Michigan not yet being settled, although as far as it has zone this case stands in favor of the Spiritualists. A large sum of money has been advanced on this case by the National Association and more must be spent before this estate will be finally settled; we refer you to the financial statement of the secretary for information of amount expended on his case during the year.

The Sinclair will case is one that shows defeat for the N. S. A. and for Spiritualism in the city of Lakewood, N. J. Benjamin F. Sinclair, a me dium and Spiritualist, devised a will in which he left a large amount of land and other property to the N. S. A. This will was demurred to by his son, George S. Sinclair, and an action brought to prevent its being probated

The case was peculiar, since a large

show that Benjamin F. Sinclair professed to communicate with spirits who told him many things, among them that his wife would survive him but a few hours, and that his sor would only live a year after the pa rents had passed away. lived a year longer than her husband and the son still survives. The judge of making a will, because laboring under the hallucination of being in communication with spirits and thus misled by undue influence, and the will was denied the right of probate in court. The N. S. A. was ably represented in the case by a prominen

the Sinclair estate confronts the N. S. A. and Spiritualists; several years ago Benjamin F. Sinclair executed a deed to the N. S. A., conveying his house at Lakewood, and nine acres of land to the National Association, the under standing being that Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair should have a house on the estate as long as either remained on earth. This deed has been in possession of our association for three years—a suit is now in progress, brought by George Sinclair, to set aside this deed on the ground that Mrs. Sinclain was at the time of making the trans fer. of unsound mind and incapable of intelligently acceding to the trans action and of signing the deed. true that the lady had been of unbalanced mind for some time be fore her decease and the point to establish is, was she in that condition prior to and at the time of signing the deed in controversy; the case is not

yet settled, but will be so before long Since our last report final state ment and settlement of the estate of George Smith, late of Acushnet, Mass. has been made and the N. S. A. has received the sum of \$1,281 for the same. J. H. White of Port Huron Mich., devised a share of stock to the N. S. A., from which the sum of \$78.40 has been realized; we have been informed by the County Clerk of Cairo Ill,, that the late Mrs. Maria McGuiness of that city has bequeathed the sum of \$450 to the National Association; that estate has not yet been set-

### Arrested Mediums

In October of 1906 word came of the arrest in Seattle, Wash., of several mediums for pursuing their calling without paying license fee: the N. S. A. Board was solicited to take up some of these cases and help to test them in the courts; the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated in the defense cause of Mrs. Swan and Mrs. Ross of Seattle, and our president will probably give the result of that work in his report.

The Convention of 1906 voted hold the succeeding one of 1907 in Los Angeles, California; owing to a number of reasons, among them the fact that many who voted were unaof the great expense it would be to the Association to take the Convention there; the lateness of the hour when vote was taken and the absence of many of the prominent delegates The N. S. A. Board was as well as many prominent Spiritualists and a number of chartered societies felt that it would not be expedient to hold this Convention in California, especially as that State had not as yet recovered from the effects of the terrible earthquake shock and fires of 1906, therefore, after some .correspondence between the officers of the National Association and those of the California State Board, the Spiritualists of California, through their State Association, most gracefully and kindly withdrew their invitation to the Convention to meet in the Golden West at this early day, and thus left the way open for the N. S. A. to appoint the location of 1907 assembly at Washington, D. C., the city of its Home Office and scene of its incor-

.This year we have had no salaried missionaries, but those who have have done so with no cost may be well to state here that Rev Henry C. Dorn of Newark, N. J. has and has raised contributions and othcasions by his untiring energy in our behalf; Rev. Frank T. Ripley has tak-N. S. A., sending in to this office on in its good work.

It was decided last year that the N. S. A. should hold a series of mass meetings in New England and elsewhere, but after repeated efforts on the part of your President and secretary to awaken an interest in the project in the localities to which they were assigned, the subject was abandoned as impracticable and uselessit having been clearly shown mass meetings are not wanted by our - (Continued on page 7.) -

ruled that the testator was incapable lawyer of New Jersey, but there seemed to be no appeal from the decision rendered. But still another grave matter in

## Missionaries.

served as workers in that field this Association: their reports will be presented to this convention. It done much efficient work in this line er help for the N. S. A. on several ocen up penny collections in several places where he has lectured, which collections have been sent to the Mediums Relief Fund of the N. S. A.; and a noteworthy benefaction is that of the First Church of Allegheny City, Rev. Geo. C. Day, pastor, which has taken a monthly collection for the several occasions a goodly sum to aid

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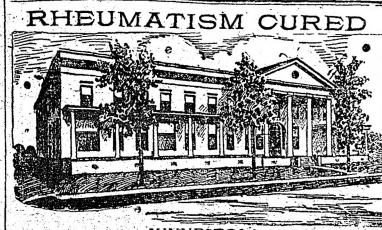
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### AN ENTIRELY NEW DEAL.

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For many years it has been the aspiration of the Jews scattered all over the world to colonize Jerusalem. There are supposed to be about eleven millions of them-near one-half located in Russia. If the whole of Palestine were donated to these people it would be worthless as homes for them. During its best days Palestine never contained to exceed two and a half millions of people. It is a land of desolation, made up of barren hills, mountain ranges, towering cliffs, deep valleys, and gullies of appalling depth. The country east of the Dead Sea and the Jordan rises into an inhospitable desert which is continued to near the Euphrates, while the arable land along the Mediterranean coast-line will not average more than a mile in width, and at places the mountains come down to the sea so closely that they scarcely leave room for a roadway. It is estimated to contain 3,800 square miles

-about one-sixth the size of England. Mountain regions, unfitted for human homes, have always been credited with being the abode of the gods. Mt. Caucasus had the credit of being the home of Jupiter, though he is reputed to have been born in a cavern on Mt. Ida, as was our Jesus in a cavern in the mountain town of Bethlehem, near Jerusalem. It is proper that mountainous countries should be utilized in some way, and what better use than as homes for the gods?

But we took up the pen to say the leaders of the project to colonize Palestine with Jews, with renewal of outrages against them he Russia, are now turning their attention to the United States, and will probably direct their people to locate among us. At present they would be secure in America, and the liberalizing spirit that is abroad will probably protect them. though intolerance of opposing faiths has been characteristic of Christians in every age since their's became the dominant religion.

## Ancient Spirit Rappings.

The following, copied from Baxter's "Historical Discourse on Apparitions," is interesting and valuable. Baxter was born in 1615, and died in 1691. It is written of Baxter, "No more diligent student ever shut himself up with books. His practical writings were never mended, and his controversial ones were seldom confuted." He was a voluminous author. But to the extract:

"There is now in London an understanding, sober, plous man, oft one of my hearers, who has an elder brother, a gentleman of considerable rank, who, having formerly seemed pious, of late years does often fall into the sin of drunkenness. He often lodges long together here in his mother's house, and whensoever he is drunk and has slept himself sober something knocks at his bed head, as if one rapned in the wainscot. When they remove his bed it follows him. Besides other loud noises on other parts where he is, that all the house hears. They have often watched him and tied his hands lest he should do it him-But his mother declared she had seen his shoes under the bed taken up and "nothing visible to touch The drunken sinner refused, in spite of these solemn warnings, to abandon his evil ways."

The drying up of a single tear has Of houest fame than shedding seas of

eral years ago at Lily Dale, and they are forever barred from that camp The "Spirit Manifestations" occurring in their presence in New York, were in no sense derived from the spirit world, but were wholly of mundane origin, confederates figuring conspicuously therein. They are now in Ohicago. Mediums who have so far lost their self-respect as to circulate their cards, or attend their meetings, will be barred in the future from the columns of all respectable Spiritualist papers.

### Some Pointed Questions.

If the reader were in pursuit of knowledge, and should ask a learned friend for information on a subject nearest his heart, and that friend, instead of a direct reply, should answer in an unknown tongue, or evade the issue entirely and leave him in ignorance, would he feel that he was treated fairly? If that friend were a professional teacher, would not the inquirer feel that he was outraged. almost insulted, by such treatment? if that teacher openly professed to be enlightening the world on the subject of the inquiry and withheld the nformation sought, would he not be classed as a pretender, an impostor in fact? If a teacher in the public schools, and he treated all his inquiring pupils in the same ungentlemanly manner, is it not probable that the authorities would give him his dismissal and employ a successor who would be faithful to his mission as a feacher? Should some friend of that teacher, because complaint is made that he is not a worthy instructor, charge the fault-finder with being an atheist, and with holding a grudge against him, would it not look as if he had gone outside the record to find reproachful terms to hurl at him who only sought desirable informa-

Now, if Jesus was a God, as orthodox Christians allege, and if he did say, as répresented by Mark 4:12, that he was teaching by parables, 'That seeing they may see and not perceive; and hearing may hear and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted and their sins should be forgiven them," was he not unfaithful to his mission and an improper teacher? On the contrary, was he not practicing the acts of the deceiver, and deserving of cen-

Should a person be maligned and charged with being what he is not, for directing attention to gross errors in the teaching of a professedly pub-

China Coming to the Front.

constitutional government, with view to the early election of representatives to a Parliament which has been de-

termined upon. China, aroused to action, will fall most favored nations.

And, reader, don't forget, light west. .It was knowledge from the Orient that swept westward, and inundated Europe, following the Crusades. and finally developed America. That educational light crossed the continent, spanned the wide Pacific, and took root in Japan. It has gained a foothold there, which time cannot ob-

The wave rolls on, and the mountain tops of China are illuminated. Soon the school house will be found in every valley, and education in every home, and, like a giant long bound now free, the Celestial Empire will aid | cially), was the financial resource of in freeing the West.

The blight of superstition that accompanied the morning dawn westward a few hundred years ago, is losing its power. Each generation modfles it, and finally will strip it of its terrors Japan is the most advanced\_ of nations in religious thought. China is already too intelligent to embrace the errors of the orthodox faith.

When the new coming wave shall reach America, rest assured the crushing faith of our ancestors, still lingering among us, will find its home with the bats in some old cavern where its founder is reputed to have been born.

## Not Brought Up on Hell.

A Methodist Conference is in session in Chicago as we write. In looking over a report of its doings our eye fell on the following paragraph:

"Rev. Dr. M. M. Parkhurst address-

ing the conference said: "I never was brought up on the kind of Methodism that declares there is a real hell of fire, brimstone and sulphur. Nor was I taught to believe there was a real heaven of gold pevements. The highest Chris-tian ideal is heaven. The lowest moral status is hell. We have them both in Chicago. Many a man born in Boston thinks heaven is unneces-

Sixty years ago Dr. Parkhurst could not have made such utterances, and maintained his position in a Methodist church. In truth there was no denomination but the Universalists who would have welcomed him as a member. Who shall, say the spirit of progress is not abroad in the land?

# Personnel of the N. S. A. Convention.

# The King Is Dead !---Long Live the King!

Probably the Convention of the Ni S. A. to win disputed bequests, N. S. A. that has just closed its five-days session in the capitol city of and counselor what Mr. Mayer was the nation will stand out conspicu-financially. ously among all the annual sessions

for the ensuing year.

National Association, although all the evening sessions.
regretted the notable absence of The work of Mr. Thomas Grimnearly all delegates from California, shaw has long been prized in this

tion to that business.

In the assignment of the Order of Business, and in the appointment of committees, there was impartial recognition of all the delegates, or ception of the best ability present ever manifesting he highest order of in the convention for each particu- spiritual teaching.

rett, who has filled for so many years—all the fifteen years of its place. Dr. Warne, of Illinois—well, existence—the office of the executive head of the N. S. A., having been president, missionary, and editor-at-large, and doing more work in the promoting the cause—what better

dozen men usually perform.

Evidently Mr. Barrett was far from perfect health; but he brought to Rhode Island, one of our old-time the work of the Convention that sig- speakers, and one of the most elonal ability that has made his career quent and forceful, was with her head a marvel of dignity, scholar-ship and parliamentary thorough- every effort to promote the best inheart and mind of every one present eral cause, that he had given to the work of Mr. Max the National Association the fifteen long been a tower of strength to best years of his life, and that as his own State Association and to the its president he has made the N. S. N. S. A. With the eye of an eagle A. respected and honored through-out this whole country and the world. and works, letting nothing escape his

duties of chairman whenever it was it is the banner Association in its necessary, was the vice-president, Constitution and working order, and George' B. Warne, of Chicago, whose ability and faithfulness in the work of Spiritualism have long been made vice-president of the N. S. A. two years ago. The doctor has grown have noticed—since he has been so fortunately united in marriage a few weeks ago to one of the most lovely of her sex. The Doctor, as president to answer the question, "What will of the I. S. S. A. and of the M. P. I., the spiritual rostrum do when all the as well as being one of the faculty old workers are gone? If Miss Harof Hahnemann Medical College of low continues to increase in elo-Chicago, seemed to have enough to do; but there is always more work course, there are no envious ones in

for those who are ready and willing.

Mrs. Mary T. Longley, the faithful An imperial edict has been issued by the empress dowager of China, providing for compulsory education throughout that empire. The people is the convention the culmination of the convention that experts of the state of the convention that experts of measure she deemed for the good of The presence in the convention of her husband, Prof. C. Payson Longley, whose spiritual songs have so charmed all lovers of true able and devoted assistance has reninto line, and take her place with the abled the frail little woman, who has served and filled the office of secretary so many years, to perform her arduous duties. Mrs. Longley travels around the globe from east to early in the year announced that she could not take the office of secretary any longer, that she had served her time, one all-sufficient reason being that her inspirers-and she herfield of speakers and writers which she temporarily abandoned to take

> needed on the rostrum. within the year of the treasurer of the Association, who, with the ext ception of two years, has always filled that office, Theodore J. Mayer, made such a vacancy as seldom comes to any association. Mr. Mayer, both from inclination and ability (finanthe N. S. A., not only standing in the breach whenever necessary to prevent a financial crisis, but stimulating others by his unselfish example to rally to the financial support of the Association. The loss of Mr. Mayer's bodily presence cannot be measured in words: therefore the Convention, while appointing a committee to frame some suitable resolutions that are to be framed and hung, wih Mr. Mayer's portrait, upon the walls at headquarters, decided that the most fitting remembranceas proposed by Mrs. Longley-will be the raising of a one hundred thousand dollars endowment fund, to be called the Theodore J. Mayer Memorial Endowment Fund, for the N. S. A., which will be the best and most

lasting memorial to Mr. Mayer.

The treasurer appointed to fill the vacancy in office caused by the passing on of Mr. Mayer was Mr. C. L. Stevens, of Pittsburg, Pa., than whom a more guitable and judicious choice never was made. Mr. Stevens has at heart the welfare of the cause of Spiritualism as represented by the N. S. A., and although not a millionaire, he gives of his time and means as far as is possible to forward the work of the Association.

Perhaps one of the most conspic nous personalities in the Convention is the Hon Charles R. Schirm, of Baltimore. How the N. S. A. ever Baltimore. existed without Mr. Schirm I cannot tell. Indeed it never did really, for Mr. Schirm has been active in the Association since the early years of its organization; , but the particular kind of service he has recently rendered to the N. S. A. cannot be overand plain the legal status of Spirit- tion. ualism, and has so constantly and ably taken the lead in altering the long time been a most prominent Constitution, By-laws and Usages of speaker and worker on the Spiritualthe N. S. A. to conform to the laws list and other reform platforms, her of the country and the various States persuasive powers being very remark-

Among the delegates present and active were many who have not been Not only for the practical work at an annual convention for years, actually performed, but because of and some who have never been deleradical changes in the persons who were elected as officers and trustees pointed at the absence of Mrs. Lillie, for the ensuing year. The delegates very fairly repre- Gladys Coqley, who were expected sented the entire membership of and announced to take part in the State and local societies of the work of the Convention, especially

Evidently the delegates had come country, ever since he came here with the intention of making the from England, and the building up business of the Convention their first in St. Louis of one of the most prosthought, and of paying strict atten- perous churches, in our movement has proven the value of his work and of Mr. Grimshaw as a man.

Oscar A. Edgerly, quiet and retiring in manner, is one of the best workers in our ranks, and one of ocieties, and an almost intuitive per- the best trance speakers, his inspirers

The presidents of several State Naturally all eyes were turned to-ward the president, Harrison D. Bar-gave indisputable evidence, that they were the right persons in the right length of time than half a choice could the State of New York have made?

Mrs. Helen Palmer Russegue, of its presiding officer and official good husband, Dr. Russegue, conand it must have been in the terests of the N. S. A. and the gen-

Mr. Maxwell, of Minnesota, has Ably seconding the work of the active mind. From all that we know resident, and relieving him of the of the Minnesota State Association, the nearer the other States "go and do likewise," the better they will be. George' W. Kates and wife, and E. W. Sprague and wife were, as they

always are, active in the work of the Convention. Miss Eliabeth Harlow, one of the more recent acquisitions to our ranks and rostrum, is certainly one of the the spiritual rostrum do when all the quence and good looks-well,

the ranks of Spiritualism; no, inshe had always been too busy to attend, and may not always have recognized the value of the organization of Spiritualists into a unified working body. Her reception by the audimelody, reminds us that his most ence on the evening she spoke can leave no doubt in both personally and as a speaker she

was most heartily appreciated. John W. Ring, than whom our cause has no more efficient worker. was present and took an earnest part in the deliberations of the Convention. In the State of Texas Mr. Ring did such splendid work-why did he There was a time when Texas was the best-organized State in the Union, for this work. What has happened to Texas?

The "LONG and the short of it" up the work of secretary of the is that Brother Brooks, of Wisconsin, N. S. A. And she is right, She is is absorbing a great deal of inspira-The passing on to the higher life VIM is rapidly placing Wisconsin tion from Minnesota, and some of its pext to Minn., spiritually as it has always been geographically.

in the person of Mr. G. Tabor Thompson, of Philadelphia, who, as reading clerk of the Convention, was able to make his voice heard in every corner of the hall, owing to his splendid culture -as a singer. . Some of his compositions were sung in the Convention, and so another gifted worker is added to our ranks as a speaker

and as a musical composer. The work of Mrs. Pruden, Mrs. Sexsmith, Mrs. Kates, Mr. Sprague, Mrs. Nicholson, George H. Brooks, and others, in giving messages and readings was duly appreciated by the

evening audiences. Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader has ever been a conspicuous figure in all the conventions of the N. S. A., and as chairman of the Committee on Delegates' Reports has done much-in fact, all that has ever been done to bring local societies in intelligent touch with the N. S. A., Mrs. Cadwallader is thoroughly versed in parliamentarynusage, and her appoint ment as chairman of the committee to revise the printing of the Constitution and By-lays, so that they shall harmonize and shall read as actually intended, was one of the happy inspirations of the hour. After this, if there are any "printer's errors" in the Constitution of the N. S. A., it will not ba the fault of Mrs. Cadwallader.

Mr. J. C. I. Evans has been associated with the N. S. A. from its inception; first as official stenographer and eight of the conventions, and also for many years one of the Board of Trustees; He brought a clear and accurate mind into his appointed work, and an ever-faithful and loyal spirit.

Mr. Evens was at his usual post fulfilling his arduous duties and manifesting even more than usual interest in the work of the Conven-

Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing has for s of the Union, and in enabling the able. She is nearly always placed

tee in conventions, for her persuas ions go far to determine the financial success of the sessions. She seemed to need rest, and we all hope

that her usual trip to Lake Helen this winter will bring that rest Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, a most honored platform speaker and work-er, and long associated in an offi-cial capacity with the State Associa-tion of New York, was in finest condition and took active part in the general work of the Convention, as well as in that of the Temple Fund Association, of which latter she is

vice-president. Mr. Kates, as chairman of the Temple Fund, or rather its president for I believe it is the Temple Fund Association, has done good work and is continued in that office; it may explain to some people the cause of a telegram to some of the daily papers, that this Association, which is an auxiliary of the N. S. A., asked permission—and it was received—to hold its annual election of officers during the hour allotted to the Temrumor went abroad that So and So had been elected officers of the N S. A., when in reality they were offi cers of the Temple Fund Association This was on Thursday, and the elec tion of the officers and Board of the N. S. A. did not take place until

The lyceum question was the sub-ject of lengthy and serious discussion, which became animated at times. No one actually said, "You are another," but it came quite near

that point at times. The selection of Mrs. Elizabeth Schaus, of Toledo, Ohio, as National Lyceum Superintendent, brings to that work an earnest and able wo man, who has had a leading position in such work in Ohio, and who can not only reach all who speak the English language, but will be valuable in organizing lyceums among the German Spiritualists.

In the report of the committee on 'Usages.' there was valuable pro gress made, and the chairman, with his able assistants, made a splendid report, all of which was adopted by the Convention and will be published

There was most perfect unanimity in the rank-and file of the Convention concerning the elimination of fraud from our midst—i. e., from any pos-sible endorsement or protection by the N. S. A. or its auxiliary socie ties, and an equally earnest deter-mination to protect all reliable meof genuine gifts, with provisions in the Usages for granting certificates and ordination papers to each and every class of workers. It cannot be said truthfully that the N. S. A. is opposed to any form of genuine mediumship, but the mediums must be truthful and honest in their lives as well as in the manifestations given through their mediumship. strong measures adopted by the Convention will entitle every delegate to future conventions to have imprinted on their badges as delegates the letters "R D of E."

There were many "shining lights," who cannot all be enumerated, but who did splendid work on the floor of the Convention, and all deserve the praise of their fellow delegates for the fraternal spirit manifested, there being only one or two unim-

Perhaps the master stroke of the Convenion was that early in the proceedings, and when it was in accord with the regular order of the business, Harrison D. Barrett was made torian of Spiritualism: he had, in fact, filled that place during the past year, it having been privately as well as publicly announced that Mr. Barrett would not be a candidate for the presidency of he N. S. A. There could have been no wiser selection. He brings scholarship, literary ability and a genuine love of the cause. The work will be well done.

There is always "somethin' brew in any and every convention. Was it this knowledge that kept some usually turbulent and restles people more quiet than usual? Some seemed to know what was coming Was it the gift of prophecy?

"The King is Dead? Long Live the King!"

These were the words of Harrison D. Barrett when, at the close of all its appointed work, the N. S. A., it having been previously understood and publicly announced that Harrison D. Barrett would not accept the nomination for the office of president, unanimously elected the one next in office, Vice-President Dr. George B. Warne, of Illinois, to the office of President. If there were any in the Convention who expected Mr. Barrett to faint or have "heartfailure." or anything of the kind. they were doomed to disappointment Mr. Barrett was, as usual, master of the situation. With countenance aglow and perfect poise of voice and manner he was the first to congratulate the Convention on its choice and while retaining the gavel he had always used as the president of the N. S. A. and the chairman of the meetings, he presented Dr. Warne with a new gavel in the most elo-quent and fraternal words and spirit. The names of the new officers and Board are before you, and this Convention of 1907 passes into history as one of the most important in the annals of Spiritualism. If each succeeding convention shall manifest an earnest and fraternal spirit and shall bring equal ability, the complete organization of Spiritualism of every State and town throughout the length and breadth of the country is

I could not stay until the close of the Convention and hear the finalresults of the election (only being able to stay until the election of the president), but have since learned who were elected as the other offi-cers of the N. S. A. I do not think there could have been a better selection for their respective positions. Dr. Warne we all know, and he could not have a better or more helpful mate than Mr. Schirm. Mr. Stevens ability as treasurer I have already mentioned. I know of no one better qualified for the position of secretary than Geo. W. Kates. I told Mr. Richmond, upon my return home that I hoped the Convention would elect Mr. Kates for secretary, and he shared my hope, well knowing the qualifications of Mr. Kates for that position. CORA L. V. RICHMOND.

A ruffled mind makes a restless pil-

# Pension Fund Gratitude Day

I am glad that my first official appeal, or communication, to the Spiritualists of the United States is in the interest of the Pension Fund, that is of such great importance to the cause all of us love so well. Our indigent mediums must not be permitted to suffer. The noble-hearted donor, Brother Mayer, has given it perpetual help that will partly sus tain the present pensioners, but the fund is now so exhausted that there will soon be an impossibility to help these needy ones in a material manner, unless there is an immediate increase of donations. To that end the make for the cause of Spiritualism, Board of Trustees has instructed me then respond to this needed call, and to make a call to all audiliary so-cieties of the N. S. A., and all other societies of Spiritualists, and persons, to take a public collection and solicit personal contributions, on the LAST

SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER. Each society and person can make that day a memorable one for the

cause of Spiritualism by a generous response.

Please remember that it is desired.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1907, DAY OF GRATITUDE TO THE SPIRITS AND THEIR MEDIUMS FOR THEIR HELP AND COMFORT TO HUMANITY.

If you feel that the new officers of the N. S. A, should be encouraged in their earnest efforts that they shall show that you are willing to join FOR OUR MUTUAL CAUSE: Make all remittances to the N. S. A. office, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., S. E.,

Washington, D. C. Fraternally,

GEORGE W. KATES, Sec'y.

# The Notorious Howlands.

They are now at Toronto, Canada, posing as materializing mediums. All the manifestations occurring in their presence are the result of legerdemain or deception. One of their tricks is very fine indeed. In their meetings in California and elsewhere, they would, in a mystifying manner, liberate a dove, ascribing the same to spirit power. Of course it would ereate a sensation. The spirit manifestations occurring in their presence are all of earthly origin. But they are indeed artists in their especial line, and the gullibles and senile old men and women are their victims. Whenever you grab the spirit appearing in the Howlands' seances you will have every time the medium or a confederate dressed in artificial toggery. Their "flower spirit manifestation" is a trick throughout, and can be performed in several different ways.

POLICE BREAK UP A SPIRITUALIST SEANCE.

mgged Rev. Clarence Howland and Rev. Mrs. Howland to the Station on Charge of Fraud-Selzed Gauze that Eloise Wore and Took Away before a believer had seized Mrs. Cabinet.

Between eight and nine o'clock ast night there were lively doings the residence of Samuel Rynex, of 572 Bathurst street. They were occasioned by a Spiritualistic seance, given by the Reverends Clarence C. and Elizabeth Howland, "ministers of the gospel of Spiritualism," whose home is in New York City. were arrested on charges of fraud preferred by Mrs. Lowe, another Spiritualist, of 1158 Brunswick Avenue. Policeman Hogue and Brisbane. in plain clothes, made the arrests after a most exciting fifteen minutes.

Holding a Scance.

"We were just holding a seance which is a form of our religion, which Howland to The Star this morning at his temporary home in Bathurst street. "I had the idea that all present were friends of nine. As much as I have traveled. I never saw anything to equal the behavior of last

night." The seance was in progress when the climax was precipitated by Mrs. Lowe, who threw her arms about the waist of Mrs. Howland just as that lady issued from the cabinet. lights had been extinguished and Mrs. Howland had called upon her spirtualistic guide, Eloise. She lightly clad in filmy lace, having attired herself in it after she had disrobed to meet the faithless eyes of six women.

Policeman as a Printer. Policeman Hogue, who gained admittance by paying a dollar, had attended a previous meeting on Tues- that it was a hoax. day night. Someone had asked him his occupation. He had said that he was a printer from Hamilton. He and when I said I was quite the the advisability of buying a printing his venture would prove successful. 19, 1907.

Then the spirit of a child called Mrs. Lowe. She stepped forward and looked closely at Mrs. Howland, Seeing was not believing, apparently for both women immediately fell to the floor. Mr. Howland immediately went to his wife's assistance, but not Lowe by the back hair and was pulling with more force than grace.

Turned on the Light.

Confusion reigned. Brisbane, who was armed with an electric torch, turned on the current. He then d men. That brought down upon them the combined forces of all the men heads dodged. Hogue then seized Mrs. Howland, who at once became the center of a mob. As she was gowned only in lace, he pushed her toward the cabinet, where she

Took in the Apparatus.

The cabinet, spiritual clothing, and other accessories were then conveyed to No. 3 Police Station, as were Mr. and Mrs. Howland. A loyal little band followed them and waited the arrival of Magistrate Kingsford to affix his signature to bail bonds in sureties of \$400 each.

Mr. Howland produced several of the certificates. One was dated Evansville, Ind., and was made out in the name of Mrs. Howland. It set forth that "her special phase is materialization." The Jonas Goldsmith, President.; Barbara Bauer, Vice-President, and, Anna Folz, Financial Secretary. Mr. A. Gollan, of 47 Bellevue Ave.

nue, had something to say regarding past experiences with the Howland "I saw a seance conducted by these people two years ago," he stated to The Star. "It was in a house at 87/1/2 Church street, occupied by a Mrs. Martin. I sat through the whole seance, and was thoroughly convinced of the entertainment Mr. Howland asked us if we were all satisfied. said he was at present considering reverse, he gave me my dollar back. Both Mr. and Mrs. Howland have plant here. A friend from the spirit traveled all over Europe and the East, world came forth from the unseen and are well known in spiritualistic and unknowable and told him that circles."—Toronto Evening Star, Oct.

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# The N. S. A. Association.

## Report of the President of the Temple Fund Society.

Society of the United States, in Convention assembled

Dear Friends and Co, workers: It is with much gratification that I, as your president, am able to meet with you in convention, to make my annual report, and obtain from you such deliberation that will create more extensive means for carrying forward the objects, for which we were organized by the National Spiritualists' Association.

That work is the extension of Temple or meeting-place building for the Spiritualists of the United States, You are enthused with the need of home places for the Spiritualists to meet in, where proper magnetic forces may be given to the desired communion of spirits that is now an established fact. You realize the importance of agreeable and attractive meeting-places, and for such sursands of Spiritualists are waiting to see what others shall accomplish.

There is only one way to success for us, and that is by co-operation and mutual assistance. They who re- than our ability as a society to loan frain from assisting are retarding the or donate to such worthy localities progress of Spiritualism in the spir- a needed sum to secure a building itualization of the world. Selfish lot, or to make the first payment ambitions and desires dominate the for the erection of an edifice. human race, but should not be an have had several very worthy appliattribute of a true Spiritualist.

The world is in sad need of an application and promulgation of the as our Constitution provides that one ethics taught by the spirits through modern mediums.

The spirits do not minister unto us simply for our gratification by proving their ability to produce sensuous phenomena, nor by all possible help for our worldly interests. They have an undoubted desire to teach truths that shall assist in the betterment of humanity mentally, morally and spiritually. To that end we, as their chosen instruments, should be coadjutors in the develop-ment of all possible good. Are any of us, remiss in that assistance? so, then we are surely debasing our own soul natures.

Realizing the need of unselfish labor for humanity, many of the Spiritualists are giving their time, talent and means to the good work of human progress. For that they are steadfast in their associated efforts to keep this philosophy, and its basic facts, before the people. They make many sacrifices to sustain the local To all such we give all hail! From them alone we are not expecting the help that our Temple Fund Society is in need of. But they, who are already taxed, have in a number -of instances given assistance to our society by membership or contributions. This is an example to the lethargic and inconsiderate Spiritualists who have passed our pleadings for help with no response or even sympathy, perhaps. It is our duty to devise some way to enthuse These for an affiliation in this worthy move-How shall we gain their enthusiastic support? How shall we obtain at least some thousands of individual members who will each pay the small sum of one dollar per annum to sustain this needed assistance to the public propaganda of the cause of Spiritualism? I trust that you may devise some ways and means to this end. Your Executive Board, during the past year, gave authority to the president and secretary to send forth circular letters and other printed documents explaining the organization and intent of the Temple Fund Society. This has entailed some expense, which should be avoided as much as possible, but seemed to be inevitable this year.

Your president believes in printer's ink, and thinks that our society will prosper by issuing documents so liciting funds and members. But it is entirely within the province of the assembled members to restrict or increase this plan of solicitation.

Your officials have been very cau tions in making any outlay of funds. but could not get the society before the public properly this first year of effort without employing this method. The Spiritualist papers have, with great generosity, assisted in publicly announcing the society, and inserting its calls for members and donations. A vote of thanks of this society is due The Progressive Thinker, The Sunflower, and The Herald of Truth. Their co-operation shows that these papers have the public cause of Spiritualism dearly at heart, and are willing to assist in any worthy enterprise: and their generosity, also, shows that they esteem the Temple have faith in one another. Fund Society as filling a need in our public cause.

I can also say that many responses have come to our public appeals, approving the plan and intent, urging us to press on with confidence in the future to realize the great aim of our society. These also promise early help in that direction. Thus the future seems to hold many glowing promises of attainment. We should not be discouraged. Persistence is what we need in the cause of Spiritualism. Obstacles may confront us, but we must overcome them. Dis-couragement should never be written cialism, can not do better than seon the face of a Spiritualist, and decidedly not/be voiced in speech or ten by a well-known and able contrib-by pen. Let us hold a dominant utor to The Progressive Thinker.

application blanks, appeals, copies of tween "evolutionary" socialism and the Articles of Association, etc., and "revolutionary" socialism and anarsand personally written letters; and ple, especially rabid anti-socialists do the result is feeble in comparison, not clearly apprehend, and hence-But he is glad to give his time and confuse the two—which is like makto labor for its advancement. State and is a great injustice to evolution-associations and camp-meeting asso- ary Socialists. There is no better ciations, local societies and public brief treatise on the subject. The workers, have been appealed to for reading of it will correct many erroresponse that the report of the sec- those who are not really well in vet. I am not discouraged. These will aims of Socialism.

weach bring some returns soon or late. The Executive Board authorized a call to societies of Spiritualists to Esperance and Rev. B. F. Austin. take a collection on the second Sun- Excellent. Price 10 cents.

To the Members of the Temple Fund day of March, last, for the Temple ters to societies and through the Spir itualist papers, but with the resul of a response from only a fev

An appeal was publicly made for some self-denial to assist the Temple fund, but no results were reported. The Spiritualists are slow to enthuse, but when enthused are mighty in their power!

I have tried to gain statistics of the number of edifices now owned or in the course of construction, by the Spiritualists, but have not sufficient replies to warrant an estimate. I can say they are more numerous than we are publicly aware. This is an important matter to gain a rec ord, and I urge some plan of cooperation by the members of this soclety and officials of the N. S. A. to secure this.

Several new edifices have bee roundings as shall be pleasing to erected during the past year, and the people and proper for spirit in- a number of local societies are slowly spiration and manifestation. You accumulating funds to that end. The have responded to the call for help latter is a slow process in most localities, and they need some impelithe Temple Fund Sociey to secure quicker and greater results.

Nothing will further this more cations during the year, but have been unable to assist any locality thousand dollars must be in our treasury, and no help given except from an excess thereof. This provision is wise, for some great need may arise in the future for a con tingent fund-

But if this society were in such affluence as to have the ability to help localities, then its mission would attract more readily the members' fees and public donations to enlarge its capacity. These are sure to flow in when we can show some good results of our applied method for as-

Liberal donors and thousands of Spiritualists should at once respond Spiritualists shall annually pay to our treasury one dollar each for this propaganda movement, then generous givers will liberally aid, and legacies be bestowed.

THEN OUR SOCIETY WILL BE AS SECURE AS THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR, AND ALL FUNDS BE WELL APPLIED TO THE CAUSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE GIVEN.

There are many liberal givers amongst the Spiritualists, who only wait for some secure process of application. The N. S. A. is gaining great security; and that Association stands back of the Temple Fund Society, to which we must report all disbursements intended or desired, and secure their consent. Thus our close allegiance is a realization of mutual interest, and is a means of absolute protection.

I urge that each member of the Temple Fund Society shall be a working agent of the society to secure other members and all possible donaer and medium to make some effort to assist this society to secure a working fund, by collections, meetings, seances, etc.

wide-spread co-operation there will be magnificent results the coming year, and all Spiritualists will feel the impulse of success thus created, and pessimistic doubts of our cause be succeeded by rejoicings in prosperity.

I trust that liberal donations will soon be forwarded to the incoming officials of this society, and enable them to say to the world that the Spiritualists of the United States are enthusiastic and generous. These donors may be fully assured that all funds will be wisely used for Temple extension, and every locality in need so assisted will bless the liberality prompting each to public gener-

I have been well assisted by various members of the Executive Board the past year, and extend to each my heartfelt thanks for their kind co-operation to the results se-

Hoping for and trusting in the earnest assistance of each Spiritualist of the United States for the progress of our mutual cause, and notwithstanding the meager results of our first year of effort. I continue to proclaim: "I HAVE FAITH IN

And I trust that each and all will Fraternally

GEORGE W. KATES. Pres. Temple Fund Society. Cheyney, Pa.

BOOK REVIEW.

What Is Socialism? What Is' Capitalism?—An Address to Religious People—Especially to Clergymen.—By R. A. Dague, Tacoma, Wash.

Those who wish a clear, succinct,

cure a copy of this 16page tract, writught of success, and that will help, His writings on any subject attract win the desire.

Your president has mailed several straightforward earnestness and thousands of circulars, membership clearness. His differentiation beautiful the straightforward earnestness and clearness. has also sent out fully one thou- chism, explains a point that many peoenergy for the cause, for he is greedy ing darkness the synonym of light, assistance, with only the feeble neous and mistaken views held by retary and treasurer will show. And formed regarding the principles and

"Materialization.". By Mme. E. d-

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF TEMPLE FUND SOCIETY.

Muncle, Ind., Oct. 9, 1907. To the Officers and Delegates of the Temple Fund Society, in Conven-

As secretary I submit the following report for the first year of work, beginning October 15, 1906, and end-Received at Convention, 54 members.

" since " 106 members.
Total membership for 1907....160 New members for 1908.....14 Renewals for 1908...........14 Total membership for 1908.....28

Roll of Honor Members as Follows: George W. Kates, Cheyney, Pa. John M. Barkman, 1406 Myrtle Ave-

nue, Baltimore, Md. H. Edmiston, 1370 Avenue A, New York, N. Y. Mrs. A. S. Edmiston, Avenue A, New York, N. Y. C. L. Stevens, 213 7th street, Pitts-

Mrs. Emma W. Barnes, Henniker. Etlenne Fautsch, 767 Estes Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Total number on Roll of Honor .... 8 Number of deceased members durng the year, 4, as follows:

Mrs. Sarah E. Gosnell, 1005 Myrtle Avenue, Baltimore, Md. -Theodore J. Mayer, 600 Penn. S. E., Washington, D. C. T. C. Mills, 6087 4th Ave., Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Sarah Marlow, Crystal Lake, Ill.

Financial Report. Received from memberships for 1907.....\$160.00 Received from memberships for 1908..... Received from memberships for Roll of Honor.

Total receips from member-Received from local societies as

follows: Pittsburg, Pa...... Louisville. Ky..... Chesaning, Mich..... Philadelphia, Pa..... Galveston, Texas..... Ladies' Aid Society, Parklaud, Pa..... 2.30

Total amount of collection Total fec'ts from all sources, \$265.00 Paid for printing..... \$42.30

Postage ...... N. S. A. Charter, 10.00 Express ..... Sundries ..... Total am't paid on orders, \$89.47 Leaving a balance on

hand of ..... \$175.73 Since coming to Convention I have received from memberships and donations, \$44.25, which makes a balance on hand of \$219.98.

This is not as good a showing as we had hoped to make, but since the Temple Fund Society is young, and its purpose not understood by the most of the people, we do not feel discouraged, but expect better results in the future. The success of the society is

argely due to the untiring efforts of our president, who has done all the advertising, both by circular and through the press. He is mingling brighter day is coming for our chilwith the Spiritualists of the country all the time and has never lost an opportunity to present the benefit which the Temple Fund Society would be to them. Personally, I wish to thank him

for the many ways in which he has assisted me with my work as secretary. The work with all the officers has only been through correspondence, but has been most pleasant in

every instance.
With best wishes for the continued success of the Temple Fund Society, this report is fraternally submitted CARRIE H. MONG, Sec'y.

TEMPLE FUND TREAS-URER'S STATEMENT

October 15, 1906, to October 15 1907: Cash received....... \$809.45 Disbursements ..... 89.47

Balance on hand..... \$219.98 C. L. STEVENS, Treasurer. Pitsburg, Pa.

SPIRITUALISM AND RELIGION. Californian Takes the Stand/that It is a Religion, in Opposition-to Dr. Page.

observe in The Progressive Thinker of Ocober 5 a letter signed "Edward Page, M. D.," wherein the writer ridicules the idea that Spiritualism is a religion. He says he has been a Spiritualist for fifty years, and accepts it simply as a scientific fact: that the "dead can communicate with us, and still live."

"Therefore," says Dr. Page, "when we-hear a Spiritualist say Spiritualism is the coming religion of the world, we may conclude that such person has not advanced very far rom the superstitions of past ages. He says there is no more religion

about it than there is when a person

telephones from New York to some one in Boston. Now, sir, anyone can see where Dr. Page misses it. After being, as he says, a Spiritualist for fifty years, he has apparently still to learn that the phenomena of Spiritualism which correspond to the telephone are only half of Spiritualism. The other half relates to the messages and teachings we receive from the spirits. The lower ones (who only deal with the affairs) are, of course, not religious; but the teachings of the higher ones most certainly are, because they teach us our duty to God and our duty to our fellow man, and our duty to ourselves in developing (saving) our own souls, and if, then, that is not

tain no religion.

Dr. Page's position is absurd and inexplicable, coming from an educated man who claims to have been F. A. BINNEY. a Spiritualist for fifty years.

religion, then the Gospels (4) con-

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Summerland, B. C. July 3, 1907.

Mrs. Mary T. Longley,
Secretary N. H. A.,
Washington, D. C. Dear Sister:-Inclosing my report of work for eight months of previous term of office, which has been with all its limitations a most pleasant duty, permit me to make a few suggestions regarding the banner con-test. While only a few have made regular reports since the first, there are many of the lyceums working hard for the prize, and after looking over the different schools and seeing the great need of a little help for many of them-in fact, for all, it has seemed to me that instead of putting the money in banners, make the prize in cash to each winner, that they may supply books or banners as they most need. I have spoken to several of the lyceum conductors re-regarding this and they all have thought it would be a wise thing. The National felt they could give \$50 for the banners, and so would it not he a good plan to give \$25 as first, \$15 as second, and \$10 as third? This would be fair and would help greatly. The Pittsburg lyceum is one of the best, or was, that have grown up during the year, and should be greatly encouraged; also the Battle Creek. The California lyceums are The California lyceums are In good shape; especially San Diego and Los Angeles. The Portland school is also doing good work, as well as Montana, and while the re-ports are meager regarding the Buffalo school, I think it is in good shape. . The Bower of Beauty Lyceum and others are all working hard, and with attention many others could have been built up on my trip to the Coast. I made a special trip to Los Angeles and San Diego, giving lectures when I could and accepting donations voluntary in every way to help defray expenses. The lyceum at San Diego gaye \$7.50 toward lyceum The other donations were all for the general lecture work. I am sorry I have no money to leave for my successor, but, as you know, not a cent was left for me in my work, or even a small donation from the National to carry on the work, as has been done in previous years. was started empty-handed and left so, and allowed no expense fund to enable me to get about among the lyceums. To ask a struggling lyceum already overburdened with its local financial troubles to help in this, I could not; so my work has had to be done by mail. During the six-weeks of March and April I had to hire the writing done, so made it as small as I could. If feel that I have done but a small part in the great work I entered with such bigh hopes, but the odds have been against ne. Societies have not shown an interest and the speakers and leaders have been unable, in many cases, owing to their transitory positions, to build up the work: but with all the discouragements, I have no thought of failure, for so long as we have children we will have the desire to give them a broader education than the old theological one, and the Spiritualists will awake to the danger of listlessness. I could not help but see the small place the children had at many of the anniversary services in March. I remember Mr. Barrett's letter to me, in which he wrote-"It

the subject of lyceum work." This has been too true; but surely some dren, and they will awaken an in-The lyceum pins are with our goods, excepting about 100, which were left with Mr. Stevens to turn over to you. As soon as our things will forward them. I had about 500 song cards\_printed at my own expense. They are in San Francisco, and if you should need them, let me know, and if they are not sold, you can have them. I gave some to San Francisco Lyceum, as well as some other things they need to work with, as they lost all books, banners, flags and dumb bells in the fire, and have had a hard struggle, but are now on their feet and doing Mr. Ring senf a large package of membership cards to Battle Creek just as I was leaving there in May. They are still there; if you want them, let me know. They seem to me at present of little value, but

will be cared for until you need them. I am sorry I cannot be with you as Convention in October, as I fully en joy the work done there. I regret deeply that you are to give up the office you have filled so perfectly, and hope for the good of the cause you may change your mind, and still be in your present position. But wherever your feet may wander, may the path be full of flowers of peace for

you and yours.

With kindest wishes for you per sonally, and with loyal regards for he N. S.-A., its Board and every member, I am; Yours lovingly, and fraternally,

ANNA L. GILLESPIE. FINANCIAL REPORT. From October 10, 1906, to July 10

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Fraternally yours, ANNA U. GILLESPIE, National Superintendent.

"The Light of Egypt." Volume 1 and 2. An occult library in itselt, a We are convinced by the perusal text-book of esoteric knowledge, as of the communications that the prime taught by the Adepts of Hermetic need of the movement is a lesson

REPORT OF MRS. ANNA L. GIL- N. S. A. DELEGATES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

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> Delegates from New York State Asso ciation of Spiritualists to N. S. A. Convention.

Walker, Frank

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REPORT OF THE COM-MITTEE ON LYCEUMS.

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Delegates: Your Committee on Lyceums has carefully considered the correspondence and report of your late Superintendent of Lyceums, Mrs. Anna L.

report and recommendations: We realize the need of the N. S. A. taking hold of this work with more enthusiasm. Each year a National Superintendent of Lyceums has been appointed, but not much accomplished owing to the lack of funds to carry on the work. If the foundation stone of Modern Spiritualism rests on the phenomena of Spiritualism: then the future workers of Spiritualism must come from these who attend the pri-

Gillespie, and presents the following

mary school, the lyceum. After reading Mrs. Gillespie's report, we find that the thanks of this Convention should be extended to her for the able manner in which she performed the arduous duties during her term of office. Mrs. Gillespie, in her report, recommends that the \$50 appropriated for the purchase of banners for prizes be expended in three cash prizes; \$25 first prize, \$15 second prize, and \$10 third prize. But your committee, after reading the numerous communications and not-ing the earnest efforts of the various contestants, we feel that it would be unfair to single out only three for this distribution, and recommend that the appropriation be devoted to the purchase of text-books, suitable for use in lyceums, and the same to be distributed among the contestants according to the number of their mem-bers. In this way the money will carry on the educational work and each lyceum that has sought to win a banner will be benefited by this plan of your committee.

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RESOLUTIONS,

Whereas, the national cause of Spiritualism is not fully justified by public estimation of our esteemed ex-ponents, both of speakers and mediums, and is not properly considered in relation to its organized merits, we, as delegates of the auxiliary bodies of the National Spiritualists Association in annual convention assembled, in order to present our true convictions to the public in general, and the Spiritualists in particular. do hereby Resolve, That we declare the true

place for an estimate of the person-nel and organized merits of Spiriualists is to be found in the authorized societies of this body, and not at all to be measured by such persons reputation as to character and psychic Resolved, That we urge upon our auxiliary bodies supreme care in the employment of tried and true speak-

ers and mediums, refusing their platforms to any one not sufficiently authenticated as to moral character and psychic ability.
Resolved, That we regret the fact that many of our societies and camps

cater to the sensation hunters by the employment of persons of doubtful reputation a sto character and psychic ability. Resolved, That as Spiritualists we deplore being classed with advertised fortune tellers and so-called clair-

vorants who do not represent Spiritualism in its philosophy or phe-Resolved, That the N. S. A. ever stands ready to defend and uphold

genuine mediumship of any phenomenal character.
Resolved, That Spiritualism represents all humanitarian reforms, and has, a special interest in education, temperance, protection of children from injurious labor, cruel treatment of prisoners and the insane, suffrage without regard to sex, and the revelations of the spirit for proofs of a continuous life and their communion

with earth denizens. Resolved, That the irreparable los that has befallen the N. S. A. by the passing from earth of our beloved and respeced treasurer, T. J. Mayer cannot yet be estimated. He has been a tower of strength and help to the N. S. A. and Spiritualism everywhere. We mourn the great loss, but shall welcome his return to us as an adviser and friend, assured that his interest continues unabated for

We request that the Executive Board of the N. S. A. shall transmit this resolution to the family of Mr. Mayer and inscribe the same upon a page of the records of this Asso-

Resolved. That we feel the great loss to the cause of Spiritualism of the earnest workers who have passed to the great beyond, but shall realize that our beloved members and friends from the spirit life shall minister unto us for human progress. We tenderly mention the names of the following arisen ones during the pass fiscal year: Moses Hull, of Whitewater, Wis.

Mrs. Jennie H. Brown and Captain W. H. Winn, both of Texas. Mr. A. Melchers, of South Carolina General W. H. Parsons, of Illinois. Hon. A. Gaston, of Pennsylvania. Respectfully submitted by the com G. W. KATES, Chairman.

HELEN·L. P. RUSSEGUE. PAUL MCARTHUR. H. BROOKS. CARRIE M. HINSDALE.

publication of a quarterly that shall be devoted to the presentation of outline lessons, suitable for assistance of leaders of lyceums. This leaflet to be distributed free to lyceums. We recommend that this Convention appropriate sufficient money to cover the cost of publication and distribu tion of such leaflet. We recommend the appointment of a Superintendent of Lyceums, who shall keen in touch with the various lyceums, and attend to the publication and distribution of said leaslet. We further recommend the Manual of A. J. Davis, Founder of Progressive Lyceum; "Ly Guide," Emma Rood Tuttle; ceum Lessons," C. Fannie Allyn, and the Lyceum Manual published by British Lyeeum Union, be used by various lyceums, according to their needs, and suggest that where there is a desire to start a new lyceum that one copy of the book chosen be supplied to the conductor free of cost, in addition to the leaflet.

Your committee feels that the time has come for the N. S. A. to do for the lyceum, instead of asking the lyceums-whose needs are so appar ent-to furnish the money for this literature. We urge upon the delegates to consider the lyceum question as one of the most important fea-tures in the Spiritualistic movement.

Your committee feels that the im portance of the lyceum movement warrants us in recommending that this report be adopted ad seriatim. Respectfully submitted,

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the auspices of the Golden Rule the auspices of the Golden Rule celebrate its Tenth Anniversary, at Pleasure Club, at Star Lodge Hall, Hack's Hall, 519 Larrabee street, be-378 So. Western ave., Saturday even-

by W. W. Kirkland; Supper extra. Ferd. C. Suhrer writes: "The Fraceeds of which are to be applied to ternal Order of Spiritualists held the building fund, for the purchase of 20, in Hygiea Hall, 406 Ogden ave., corner Robey street (top floor). In the afternoon quite a good sized conthe afternoon quite a good siz gregation assembled, many of whom were benefited by receiving exceptionally good readings from sealed select program of lectures, music and letters through the mediumship of Mrs. Barbara Hilbert, Mrs. J. Staner-Adams, Mr. Charles Thompson and Mrs Mamie A. Helyett, formerly of the hall at prices within the reach of the prices within the prices within the prices within the prices within yett's first public work in Chicago, her zaar, and dancing. Admission 15 name and a decided favorite with our come and help us make this Fair once people. The circles were eagerly more a grand success. Ald us with ferent circles, who are instrumental in proving that death does not end We feel elated at the success of want to enjoy a good time. the first rehearsal of our Chorus which took place at 6, and in which twelve took part. But Mr. Hadley says he needs more voices and if you want some vocal exercise, we would be pleased to have you with us-just enquire at the hall for Dr. Caird. The song service aiready shows imular mediums, who has been serving | will be united. the National Convention in Washing- Mr. H. Smith writes: "The Society ton, D. C. Interest is being shown in Student's of Nature, at Van Buren the proposed Fraternal Camp Association by encouraging letters from tening to Rev. T. C. Warner, Sunday, Spiritualists and others throughout October 26, assisted by the the state. Mrs. R. S. Lifflie of Cali- Mrs. M. Schumacher and Sister Smith, fornia, one of the most able lecturers The coming Sunday evening, flower before the public, will be with us

and will have something for each of -K. W. Grove writes: "Mrs. Hamilton Gill, after a pleasant rest at Onset Bay, has taken up her winter work with much enthusiasm, being in excellent health and spirits. She has not resumed meetings in a public hall, but is holding circles in various parts of the city by request. These circles at private houses have met with unusual success and many have been convinced by the excellent tests given her engagements is a meeting to be held one evening every two weeks at and winter and would make other of the truth of spirit return. Among the residence of members of an orthodox church on Ellis avenue, who are seeking more consolation than mere faith could give, found the consolation of knowledge through Mrs. Gill's mediumship, Mrs. Gill has held meetings for the Olcott society, and lent a helping hand at other places. Her Thursday night circles are held as usual. We are glad of the

ministry of this helpful medium." The lecturer, W. F. Peck, has now. moved to No. 1817 Bacon street, St. Louis, Mo., his home address. He writes from Springfield, Mo .: "I am having excellent meetings here; am drawing back one by one the earnest thoughtful Spiritualists, who have been driven away by the conscienceless tricksters with which this town has been cursed to a superlative degree. Address me for the present, at No. 1524 Roberson ave., Spring-

ham, Wash.: "Having made a general tour through the principal cities of sire me to officiate at funerals of their the west, myself and wife are now lo- friends, and other services. I shall cated for a short time in Bellingham, Wash., where we have resided for the that comes to me, and am glad to past three months. Mrs. Aber is lec- have my friends remember me with turing each Sunday evening, followed by me with tests. My circles here ists in, or near-Omaha who chance to and elsewhere have been large and appreciative. My wife is open for them. Address at my home, 501 N. lecture engagements and I for my old phase-materialization. Anyone wishing to communicate with us will reach us at 19011/2 Beilingham,

Samuel A. Huntington writes from Malden, Mass.: "Ous society held a very interesting mid-week meeting on Thursday evening, 17th, inst., With Mr. James Litchman and Mrs. Raulett, both of Boston, as speakers. On Sunday evening, 20th inst., Mr. Fred Gowing of Boston, and Miss Alice M. Whall of Everett, Mass., were speakers. Mr. Gowing made a brief October and November, 1908, and thy and Magnetic Healing," giving a of October, 1908. Frank T. Ripley's

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and Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn of Stone-KEEP COPIES of your poems sent to ham, Mass., on the 3rd of Novem-

> W. J. Colville's address at the present time is 611 Grant Bldg., Los An-

Tenth Anniversary and Second The Third Annual Harvest Fes-Monday, November 2, 3, and 4, 1907. tlyai and Dance will be given under the Bund der Warheit No. 18, will 378 So. Western ave., Saturday evening, November 2, 1907. Tickets 25 cents, including score card, Music our Second Grand Bazaar, the protheir usual services Sunday, October property to be used as a Spiritual Boston, who was initiated at camp all, and the evening hours will be de-This was Mrs. Hel- voted to visiting, patronizing the Baservices being engaged at Rockford cents a person, payable at the door. since making Chicago her home. We heartily invite all friends and fel-She is an instrument worthy of the low workers in our glorious cause to awaited and quickly filled. We are your presence, your good will and blessed in having such an array of with your money, and when the opblessed in having such an array with four more, we' will gladly and portunity offers, we' will gladly and cheerfully reciprocate every kindness

shown us. Come out anyhow, if you can't miss that anyway, rain or shine. Mrs. M. V. Arris, the medium, is seriously ill at her home, at 4 South Ada street, Chicago. Will the friends call and see her.

W. Brockway writes: "The Occult Scientists are meeting with good provement and an increase in attend- success. Every Sunday the audience ance. The vocal solo by Miss Kiser has increased, until last Sunday Vinwas heartfly encored, as was the cennes Assembly Hall, 3514 Vinsinging of Miss Bess C. Johnson, who cennes avenue, was crowded. Last we are pleased to announce will be Sunday at the Medium's meeting and with us in November also. Mrs. Cora conference, the subject taken for dis-L. V. Richmond occupied the rostrum cussion, "What Proof Have We of Imin the evening, and after answering mortality, and Why Do Mediums have questions took her subject, 'Of What Indian Guides?' It was handled with Value Is the Knowledge of Spiritual-ism to Us in This Life?' Her dis-Hillis gave positive proof of immorcourse was one of absorbing interest tality with his tests and messages. and was listened to attentively. The The afternoon meetings are thrown first Sunday of each month will be open to any and all phases of medigiven up entirely to the phenomena, umship. The evening was devoted both afternoon and evening, and will entirely to messages and tests by Mrs. be known as Medium's Day. We are Brockway, all being recognized. On pleased to announce the return of Sunday, November 3, 8 p. m., Mr. Mrs. Alice Sexsmith, one of our pop- William Krick and Regine Wagner

Onera House had the pleasure of lis-Pastor readings by the pastor; all will renext month. Tell your friends. Mrs. cieve a communication." Lillie is a wonderfully gifted orator,

J. W. Ring passed through the city last week on his way to Pueblo, Col., to visit his venerable father. He will then go to San Diego, Cal., to fill an engagement there. He is very popular there and is doing a most excellent work. His permanent address will be, Spiritual Temple, San Diego, Cal.

Dr. J. H. Randall, secretary of the Chicago Spiritualists League, and the Chaplain of the Commander's Association of Cook County, Department of Illinois G. A. R., has part of his Sunengagements with societies desiring als. Address 1058 Washington Blvd. Chicago.

A. G. Cleveland writes: "The Society of the Psychic Forces held meeting as usual at 361 E. 43rd st., at Wilcox Hall on Sunday evening, October 20. Brother Arthur Hooper gave a short address under control of his guides, and then Sister Harper gave messages which were well received. Brother Hooper sang a solo, assisted by Mr. Carl Richards. Mrs. Isa Cleveland gave some clear messages, answering blindfolded. questions accurately,

Admission 10 cents. Good music." Mrs Clara Stewart King writes to her old-time friends, and others who wish to hear from her, as follows: "For some time I have been getting letters that have been advertised in my old home cities, and forwarded W. W. Aber writes from Belling- to me; others asking me to let my present address be known, as they debe glad to respond to any such call letters. If there are any Spirifualsee this, I would be glad to hear from 18th st., So Qmaha, Neb.

A. W. Pratt of Oakland, Cal., writes that he is 88 years of aga. .. He speaks exultingly of his conversion to Spiritualism. We hope he will reach the century mark.

C. A. Sollinger writes from Cleve-land, Ohio: "Would you kindly correct my mistake in article of last Progressive Thinker. Mrs. M. S. Greenamyer received call to speak at our Temple for the months of November and December, Instead of address on "The Science of Osteopa- Mrs. Marian Carpenter for the month demonstration of the same. Mrs. work, speaking as well as his messag-Whall, prefaced her work by reading, es, are better and more convincing two fine poems, after which she devot- than we ever heard of him before."

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cago, won the hearts of the conven-tion as well as the people of Wash-

charming personality.

Mrs. Alice Sexsmith, of Chicago,

gave messages from across the bor-

Mr. J. S. Maxwell deserves special

mention for the good work he did

in abolishing the proxy system from

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sanders, of

\$1,000 each for the endowment fund

of the N. S. A. It would be well if

many of the Spiritualists would take

this method of giving while yet in the body, and not leaving their wills

to be contested, and the money to

go to lawyers.
Mr. Tabor Thompson, of Philadel-

phia, as reading clerk delighted the

convention by his good enunciation

and well modulated voice. The best

wishes of the delegates are extended

The Fraternal Daughters held their

weekly meeting in Atlas Hall, 406

Ogden avenue, on Wednesday, Octo-ber 23, and the following mediums

took part: Mrs. Dr. Caird, Mrs. Hel-

yett, and Mrs. J. Staner Adams. On Wednesday, October 30, we intend to

give an old-time Halloween party.

Everybbody is especially requested to

bring a sheet and pillow case, and

we are going to have a real old-time

ghost party. Those who never saw a ghost, don't miss this. It will be

one of the finest features of the Fall

season. Supper will be served at

9 p. m. Afternoon session starts at 2:30 p. m. Don't forget the num-

ber, 406 Ogden ave., 2nd floor. Ev-

Ridge, Ill.: "I see I have received the

last number of The Progressive Think-

er that I am entitled to, and if I wish

to enjoy its weekly visits any further,

I must add our little mite to keep the

machinery running. It is useless for

me to attempt to find language to ex-

press our appreciation of The Pro-

gressive Thinker, for I certainly

would fail. It grows better as it

grows older. I don't think any pub-

lisher ever had a more able corps of

contributors (if as good). Every week its pages are crowded with the

inspiration of the best and brightest

minds of the age. It is useless for

me to take the too valuable space of

The Progressive Thinker enumerating

the names of able writers who so ably

fill its columns every week. I am in

deed glad to see that the great State

of Illinois has been honored by the

selection of Brother Geo. B. Warne

as President of the N. S. A. Brother

Barrett has done well, and I have no

doubt about Brother Warne filling his

place most acceptably. May the good

D. G. Hill writes: "Sunday, Octo-

ber 20, was another day and evening

of enjoyment for those who attended

the services of The Golden Rule Spir-

tual Society's meeting. The after-

noon exercises were by Mrs Nora E.

Hill, with short talks and for mes-

sages, our brother Wm. Traver and

Sister Harper; other work was of a

high order. For the evening our Mrs. Nellie Kusserow gave a most

entertaining lecture followed by mes-

sages by Mrs. Addie Clyburne and

Mrs. Nora E. Hill, both of whom met

the best expectations of those whom

they reached. The speaker for No-

vember 3 will be our pastor, Mrs.

Nora E. Hill, who in the afternoon

will give readings from flowers, as-

sisted by others. Bear in mind the

Harvest Festival and Dance, Satur-

day evening, November 2, at the Star

Lodge Hall; also the fact that our

the President; 705 W. Madison street.

on each Thursday evening, all for the

Louisa L. Kirby wishes to corres-

ond with some good speaker who

wishes a good test medium to work

Carrie L. Hatch writes from 9

"The First Spiritualist Ladies

Appleton street, Appleton Hall, Bos-

Aid Society met as usual with the

president, Mrs. M. E. A. Albee, in the

chair: business meeting at 4:30, and

plans for greater work were sug-

gested by the directors. The supper was a great success. The meeting

in the evening was a delightful one.

Many of our mediums and speakers

were present and many tests were

given. Our Golden Jubilee will be

held on Friday, November 15; a great day is expected. Everything

being done to make it a gala day.

Among those who are expected are Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, Mrs. W. J.

Willis, Mr. F. A. Wiggin, Mrs. S. C. Cunningham, Mrs. Nellie Abbott, Mrs.

Carrie F. Loring, Mrs. Kate R. Stiles

Mrs. Chapman, Nettle Holt Harding

Mr. Albert P. Blinn, and many oth-

ers. Miss Nettle Palmer, vocalist;

Miss Gertrude Waters, planist; Mrs.

music, Mr. Samuel Graham; Hattie

Waterhouse, violinists; Miss Alice Waterhouse, pianist. Reception at 3

all, and old members are earnestly

requested to make a special effort to

attend this meeting next Friday night. The 'Queen' of Honolulu will

all who present the dime to her; this

Hattle F. R. Peet, secretary, writes:

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An Important Work Contemplated by the President.

TO KANSAS SPIRITUALISTS

In fulfillment of my work as President of the Kansas State Spiritualist Association, I-am arranging to make a tour of the State, lecturing on the principles of Spiritualism. To the end that the greatest number of people shall be reached at the least expense to societies and individuals. please write me at once so the route shall be mapped out. Let us have a good report to tur nin next June.

Yours for progress, BESSIE BELLMAN. Winfield, Kan.

and evening, November 30. The following committee is appointed to serve at the bazaar, and contributions to the different booths are solicited from our friends and patrons; Mrs. Isa Cross, general-manager; Mrs. A. W. Bloom, on supper; Mrs. E, J. Bloom and Mfs. Myer, on aprons; Mrs. Nash, on handkerchiefs; Mrs. J. W. Howes, chairman Psychic Committee; Mrs. B. Hilbert country grocery store: Mrs. Keller, on candy: Mrs. Goodrich, toilet, articles and cosmetics; Mrs. Kirchner, on dolls. Other booths will be added. A fine supper will be served at 6 o'clock. Come and bring your friends. Friends will please send their contributions to the bazaar to No. 40 Loomis street, care of Mrs. J. R Francis, president."

The Sunflower Club wishes to announce a Grand Raffle of an Indian figure, done in oil, and donated by well-known artist, Mrs. Jessie Bradley, for the benefit of the club. This raffle wil take place at the approaching bazaar to be held at No. 70 Adams street, Fraternity Hall building, Saturday afternoon and evening, November 80. Tickets for this beautiful figure, 25 cents. Fine supper served at 6 p. m. "Don't failo come and bring your friends, and have a good social time.

Correspondent writes: "Snnday evening Dr. Burgess and your correspondent, piloted by Mrs. Hilbert, who has been given the extra title of "the parading medium," by her seemingly un-easy method of performing her platform work) went to to attend a meeting of a little society that is being organized, in fact is in a good condition, just at present, though not yet old enough to be named. Dr. Burgess was the speaker of the even ing and used the very appropriate theme of "Organization" from which to interest the audience. Mr. and Mrs. Cushman, aided by Mrs. Hilbert and others began these meetings, las fune, and under the management of Mr. Wm. Perry, and Mr. Richardson's little family orchestra, consisting of his four sons and himself, four violins and the piano, a cornetist,, etc., and their exquisite music, the society is on he high road to a grand success The mediums who gave messageswere Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Longstaff, Mr. Temple and Mrs. Hilbert ("the parading nedium),. Cake and coffee were also part of the program, and were high y appreciated. Their next meeting will be held Sunday evening, November 10. Their hall is No 1115 Mich igan ave."

AN EARNEST PLEA.

To Get in Tune with Infinite Law, and Thus Attain Hanniness.

Happiness is a comparative term, and is adjustable in quite the same manner as our conception of God. While it is true that our state, of happiness-consists in our mental attitude toward our surroundings, the fact remains that TRUE happiness can only be obtained by a harmonious co-operation of all conditions with which we come in contact.

The mental attitude of the idiot or insane person is of such a nature that many seem happier with their illusions than many of us, supposedly san; with our delusions.

1c, as the poet Pope says, "O hap-piness, our being a end and aim," is true, it is to be brought about by complying with Nature's laws, and it is up to us to obtain a sufficiently clear interpretation of the same to realize in our own experience of what happiness consists.

It is undoubtedly a fact that the motive power of all human effort is to obtain those conditions of environment which, to our mind, we conceive is necessary for our happiness.
The gourmand's idea of happiness is to possess all that will satisfy the seeming demand of his stomach

The average business man of today expects to be happy when his business will attain to a certain vol-

Many other illustrations could h given, but these are sufficient to noint out that the general conception of happiness is not built on a solid foundation-in fact on error. The tendency of the present age

ditions which produce unhappiness will be rooted out, and man will con-

he has been doing from the beginning. The root of all evil, which is the

antithesis of happiness, is ignorance, and as man is gradually arriving at a knowledge of the truth, he is entering into the possession of his inheritance of that happiness which is real, is lasting, and not obtained through the misfortune of others.

What awakened man can be happy when misery and destitution can be seen all about us, when injustice and tyranny is used in our dealings with each. other?

We will but begin to learn the meaning of happiness when we see about us our children growing to their full stature of men and women with conditions favorable to develop all those qualities which approximate the perfect physical, intellectual and ethical being.

If sociological conditions prevent the development of these admirable faculties, then let us revolutionize society, break the ground and change the crop, clear off the noxious weeds which have heretofore seemed necessary and get in tune with the infinite law of progression by harmonizing our surroundings with the present needs of man, which are, namely, an opportuniy to express the BEST within us, not the worst.

T. E. DONALDSON. 6552 Paulina St., Chicago.

THE CAUSE IN PHILADELPHIA. The First Association's Temple. Mr. Thompson, Pastor.

To the Editor:-In the recent imrovements to the First Association's Temple, Mr. Thompson, our pastor, inaugurated what was a novelty to us, in placing mottoes on the walls of ante-rooms, either side of the rostrum. They were composed by him. Over the door on the left and right were placed these words; "OTHERS BELLEVE and WE KNOW." On the face of the left room, this truth: "SO UNIQUE IS THIS WEB OF LIFE, OUR VERY MISTAKES ARE WOVEN IN TO MAKE THE FABRIC STRONGER." On the right side of the rostrum: "THE FUTURE WHICH GOOD ANGELS PREDICT FOR MANKIND IS UPWARD AND ONWARD FOREVER." Are not these worth passing on? Our pastor discoursed on each of these mottoes on succeeding Sunday evenings in September, and handed us some noble

The annual meeting of our mem bers was held October 7, at which time we re-elected five retiring trustees. Following this the Board of Trustees held a meeting, and after clearing up some old business, officers for the coming year were chosen. Captain Keffer was elected to suceed himself as president.

lights to follow.

Mr. Lawrence, who has been an attache since Mr. Thompson came with us, was re-elected vice-president, in which office for the past year he has been practically the leader in the progressive work done. Mr. Morrill, who has served both

as secretary and as treasurer of our

Association for several years, had to

leave before the election commonced, owing to his wife having passed to spirit life on Saturday, Ociober 5, and the body still being in his being ing. We all felt stricken with our brother, as it must have been a deep sorrow to part with her in whose companionship he had journeyed the past fifty years of life here. We certainly realize and appreciate the great aid he has been to this Association for the last thirteen years, having, up to the first of this year, the debts of the Assoc from his own pocket when sufficient revenue did not materialize, and other members not paying their portion of the expenses. Under the new order of things this is changed. Mr. Morrill has been repaid his heavy loans to the cause, and others are now doing their share of contributing. He has also been filling the two offices above mentioned, no one seeming to care to relieve him in this

The 'nominations being open for ecretary, Mr. Thompson asked whether it would not be proper to elect a secretary and a treasurer, as, since the advent of the new regime which came with our pastor, the duties of the secretary have been greatly increased, and work would be piled on Mr. Morrill constantly because of our intense activity in all lines, and whether, having attended to the duties, of the two offices so long, it was not only fair, but a duty, for us to relieve him ere he be compelled to ask for assistance because of increased duties. Mr. Thompson regarded it as imposing on good nature to expect Brother Morrill to attend to the duties -of secretary in addition to those of treasurer, whereas most societies not so large as the First Association had these offices separated, and often the secretaryship divided into at least two offices: and further, our Constitution calling for separate officers, were we abiding within the dictum by combining them.

particular any more than in the finan-

For treasurer, Mr. Morrill was nominated and unanimously elected, and your correspondent chosen as secretary for the coming year. The latter was also appointed as Conductor of Lyceum; and Mrs. Myers, who has so nobly held it together for some seasons, was continued in her position as guardian. expect to have the children in the happy run of things, that the lyceum may also bud to new life.

RALPH C. STOVER, Jr., Sec'y.

OBSESSION.

It is Acting a Prominent Part in the World To-day, and Must be Considered—Our Insane Asylumy Contain Many Who are Under a Baneful Spirit Influence—See Devils in Mrs. Romadka-Physicians Think Her Possessed Like Bible Demoniacs.

To the Editor:-According to an account in the Chicago Tribune, Mrs. Charles J. Romadka, confessed bur-"possessed of devils" as truly as were the biblical persons whom Jesus reis to investigate the foundations of stored to moral sanity, is the contenthings—to be shown, and this fact tion of two Chicago physicians. One will be the means whereby the con- of these is Dr. Axel Gustafson, who attended Mrs. Romadka. The other

merous medical societies and Chicago Eczema Cured

nospitals.
In outlining his startling beliefs \$1.00 the latter frankly admits that the reasonant for the latter frankly admits the latter frankl position he is taking "would be re- To Try Send your name garded as mere nonsense by the or- To Try and address for TREATMENT

"But," he continued, "It must be zer cure in the world for Ecrement and Scalp remembered that he is wedded to would be directed, if materialism and has no definite faith benefited send \$1,00; if not materialism and has no definite lattu you owe in nothing. In a conscious existence beyond the cress Medic, 2 Co., 108 Phillips Block, Dea Moluate Laso-called death."

Victim of Occult Powers. Both physicians do not hesitate to xpress the belief that the woman is

under the influence of "disembodied spirits. "This woman when herself was all woman should be," said Dr. Gus-tafson. "When another spirit overafson. powered her personality she was what

he nolice declare her to he"

Dr. Leavitt, whom Dr. Gustafson consulted, said in his letter of reply: "I have found enough to justify your belief and mine that it is another case of obsession, as it is commonly called-'possession,' as I am disposed to call it. By the orthodox medical specialist I suppose it would be regarded as a case of 'dementla.

Return to Archaic Diagnosis.

"The term obsession, as used by the latter, signifies a mere delusion, no-evil spirit being recognized by him as actually existing. But to certain of us who have returned to the more archaic diagnosis, it is supposed to mean that the term 'possession' better expresses. I really believe that modern scientific physical research has gone far enough to justify the assumption of such a state in many cases hitherto classed under various heads, but more particularly under that of dementia.

"'I don't know what was the matter with me. 'The devil was in me,' says this woman. 'You can do noth-No one can. 'There's ing for me. something bad in me I can't control.'

Cites Attitude of Jews.

"Even medical men who believe most implicitly in a future existence are not willing to admit the possibility of a disembodied spirit taking possession of the body of another. Christian people are put into the anomalous position of believing most emphatically in the 'divinity' of Jesus Christ, and yet confess that his conception of the alleged demon-possessed people whom he cured and with whose evil spirits he was said to converse, was utterly wrong.

"I formerly trained in the same company and believed in the orthodox medical translation of symptoms like those manifested by this poor Mrs. Romadka, but have come to take a different view. In doing so I have not departed from a rational and scientific line of reasoning.

"The accused is amenable to psychic treatment. She ought not to be punished, but ought to be placed under the care of a good psycho-thera pentist for cure."

When Spiritualists learn that ob session is a fixed fact in our ranks as well-as out of it, they will have ings in Halls are requested to send in learned an important lesson.

T. RUTH.

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

[Obituaries to the extent of ten ines only will be inserted free. All in excess of ten lines will be charged at the rate of fifteen cents per line. About 7 words constitute a line.]

Passed to spirit life on September 19, 1907, from the home of her broth-C. F. Ordway, Montaville, Oregon, Mrs. Julia C. Whiting of Oconto, Wis., aged 59 years. She was the beloved of Montaville, 538 Armstrong street

Henry H. Bailey, a pioneer and prominent Spiritualist of Hastings, Mich., passed to spirit life October 15. caused by an accidental fall down a flight of stairs. His age wes sixty eight years. He has been a constant reader of The Progressive Thinker J. L. REED. for years.

My wife passed to spirit life on October 5, and I was away from home a week to bury her poor body in Connecticut, where most of her family live, and did not get home until the 16th. She was a Spiritualist for 50 years, and for 48 years we have traveled the path of life side by side, and yet I could not call her back to suffer longer in the frail physical body. F. H. MORRILLL.

Passed to the higher life, September 5, in Philadelphia, Adaline Morrill, wife of the treasurer of the First Association of Spiritualists Deceased was a life-long Spiritualist, active in our association and Wo

men's Progressive Union. A stroke of paralysis nine years ago left her an invalid, and suffering so long, leaving the mortal was undoubtedly a great relief to her. Pastor Thompson conducted services Interment, East Hampton, Ct.

Passed to the unseen life from Murphysboro, Ill., of cancer of the stomach, Charles J. Fisher in his 54th year. Seeing spirits and hear ing their words, led him to investigate. He thus became a Spiritualist. Alone in a town of 8,000 inhabitants. with no support but a negative one from his family, yet what he knew to be true he stood by to the last. He leaves a wife and seven children. · LOIS WAISBROOKER

Gone Home-After a long life of loving deeds and thoughts, Mrs. Margaret K. Cooper passed to the higher life from her home in Varysburg, on Monday, October 14, aged seventy two years. The funeral service was held in the Baptist Church; Mrs. A. G. Atcheson of Buffalo, N. Y., officiating, Mrs. Cooper had been a Spiritualist for more than forty years. and for many years had been attending the Lily Dale Camp.

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The Church of the Soul, Cora L. V. Richmond, pastor; services in Hall 309 Masonic Temple at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Mrs. Richmond will be at home 3802 Ridge Boulevard, Friday afternoons, to receive callers.

Central Spiritual Church holds service, Trimble Hall, 1977 West Madison street, near 40th avenue, commencing at 7 o'clock, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Howes.

The Band of Harmony, auxiliary of 309 Masonic Temple, the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Supper served at 6 p. m.

The Students of Nature, Mrs. M. Schumacher, pastor, meets at Van Buren Opera House, corner Madison street and California avenue. Service at 7:30 p. m. First Church Psychical

meets in Kenwood Hall, 4308-10 Cottage Grove avenue; meetings every Sunday from 3 to 10 p. m. Schaeffer, president, 2003 Indians avenue. The Fraternal Order of Spiritualists, Dr. Alex. Caird, president. Ser-

vices at Hygela Hall, 406 Ogden ave., at 2:30 p. m.; circles, 4; supper, 5; Song service, 6:30; concert 7; even-The Church of Spiritual Revelalions. Meeting at 8 p. m., at Butfer's Hall, 57 Court and State Streets.

A. Dierkes, conductor. 743 N. 66th street. The Occult Scientists meet every Sunday at Vincennes Assembly Hall, 3514 Vincennes Avenue. 3 p. m., mediums' meeting and conference. B p. m., lectures, music and messages. Mrs. W. Brockway, pastor; resi-

Mrs. W.

dence 2962 Prairie Avenue. The First Spiritual Temple, New Grove Club Hall, 40 East 31st st., meets every Sunday night at 8 p. m. Messages for all. All welcome. Metropolitan Spiritual Society, Pastor, Mrs. Maggie Walte. Meet at 8 p. m., at Kenwood Hall, 756 E. 47th st. The Church of Progressive Spiritualfsts. (colored) holds services at

3329 Vernon avenue, every Suunday from 4 to 7 p. m. No door fee. All invited. Rev. J. H. Demby, Pastor. The Progressive Spiritual Society holds services at 8p. m. every Sunday. 183 E. North avenue, corner Burling

street. Mrs. B. Hilbert, manager. Society of the Psychic Forces holds services at Wilcox Hall, 361 E. 43rd street, at 8 p. m., conducted by Isa Cleveland.

THE CAUSE GAINING.

Under the Efficient Services of Alice C. Barry.

To the Editor:-The local society is still hammering away at the old stand. Its meetings have been held continuously during nine months of the year for the last three years, and as Brother Peck expressed it at the Clinton Camp, the past summer, "It would be impossible to estimate the good accomplished through the efforts -

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## MRS. LONGLEY'S REPORT

(Continued from page 3.). societies, or even by the people at large as far as helping to arrange for them, at least, is concerned.

Lyceum Work.

The work of the Lyceum and the appointment of a general Lyceum Superintendent-in the person of that efficient worker, Mrs. Anna L. Gillesple, was attended to at last Convention; Mrs. Gillespie entered upon her work with ardor and zeal, she did not spare time, or strength in its behalf, but circumstances in her own affairs coming up to make her removal to British Columbia for a year or two, necessary, she was obliged to resign her position as Lyceum Superintendent and to turn all matters connected therewith into the office of the N. S. The National Secretary found it impossible to take up the charge of this branch of National work in connection with her other duties, and as the summer vacations for, societies were at hand it was deemed best by our Executive Board to leave the matter of appointment of Lyceum manager to the October Convention. Your secretary respectfully requests that our President be empowered to appoint a committee to go over the reports and other literature of Lyceums, including reports and statements of Mrs. Gillespie, said committee to make its report and recommendations to this Convention.

### Propaganda.

The Home Office is constantly rerelying letters and visitors on the important work of propaganda in various sections by mediums and speakers; calls are coming from the South as well as elsewhere-since beginning this report we have received a call from Mr. and Mrs. George Willlams of Birmingham, Alabama, who are very urgent in their requests for mediums and speakers to visit them and open the good work of Spiritualism in that city. If some of our good missionary workers can go in that direction we feel their work would be appreciated and received.

Historian and Editor-at-Large. The important office of Historian and of Editor-at-Large were merged into one at the last Convention and President Barrett was elected to discharge the double duty thus entailed upon him. That he has done so with honor to our cause and to the N. S. A. as well as with credit to himself, his report cannot fail to show to all candid and thinking minds. As Mr. Barrett has been an inmate of your secretary's home for the greater part of six months, and a daily worker in the Home Office, she has had ample opportunity to keep in touch with his work as both Historian and Editor-at Large, and is qualified to state that the labors thus accomplished have been for the furtherance of the best interests of our cause on the one hand-as Editor-at-Large, and for the preservation of most valuable records and events in Spiritualism, on the other, as Historian of our movement.

Your secretary feels that at this juncture, when such important labors have been done and the opening of a grand work in the line of Historian is made, that it would be unwise to take this labor out of the hands of the present manager, or to change to some other, no matter how able that other may be, for the field of research that our Historian has entered upon is vast and rich in material and will yield wonderful stores to his ready

## Necrology.

The past year has taken many prominent Spiritualists from our ranks, the busy Spirit of Change has transported some of our best workers and leaders to the immortal realms; our President will undoubtedly chronicle the passing of some of them in his annual statement to the Convention, but no report to our National Association would be complete from its secretary that did not mention the illness and spiritual transition of our long-time Treasurer and ever faithful leader, Theodore J. Mayer of Washington, D. C. As perhaps is well known to most of you, Brother Mayer had been in steadily failing health for three years, but his indomitable spirit, together with the many affairs that he had in hand kept him at work carly and late and did not permit him to take the long and needed relaxation from business that his case required; but his work was not all of a personal matter to himself, for in addition to the time and attention that he gave to the N. S. A. and to the affairs of the local Spiritual Society in this city, much of his thought, personal attention and daily planning were given to the of a public emergency hospital in Washington to which he contributed thousands of dollars and in the building of which he was benevolently concerned; he also gave time and planning to the affairs of an educa-

the higher life on March 12. It is with emotions that appeal to the tender, spiritual side of our human nature that we touch upon the life and works of this good man and Spiritualist; no words can do adequate justice to his memory and labor: only the silent benediction of love may rise to him in his home of light from our hearts and be a token of our appreciation of his worth and tribute to his good deeds.

tional University here, and all these

matters of interest and of expense to

him, together with his business con-

strength and energy until almost the last moment of his earthly career.

Late in January of this year, our

brother became too ill to continue at

his post, and after a serious illness

drew upon his resources of

Many times during his illness your secretary was privileged to visit him. and with her he planned the last deeds he could perform for Spiritualism in settling his accounts as treasurer of the Association, and almost his last work was to send from his sick bed, to the manager of this Hall in which you are assembled, the payment in full'from his own purse, freely given for the rent of these five

days of our Converge.

Hoping to recover his health, but conscious of his dangerous illness, Brother Mayer conversed freely of the life beyond, also of his wishes for matters to be accomplished in the event of his passing; he had no fear but spoke calmly of the great To Be-

and the last words he ever uttered to the secretary of this Association,a few days before his transition, were: bless you; give my love to everybody!" reverently she now brings these words to you, his co-workers and friends, as his message from Be-

While it is now a matter of general information that three years prior to his decease, Brother Mayer made transfer of three good buildings to the N. S. A., houses adjoining on t is necessary to refer to this transaction in this annual report to our constituents. This deed was placed in the charge of Mr. Mayer's attorney to be delivered at once to the N. S. A. secretary at his demise, and by her, to be at once taken to the District Recorder's office for registration. Your secretary had been repeatedly charged by the donor, during the last three years, to be sure and attend faithfully to this request, and in the early morning of March 13th, our Brother having passed away during the previous night, she went to the lawyer's office, signed to him for the deed and carried it to the Recorder's office for record. We did not receive the deed till some time after the Board meeting the middle of April, but on its delivery into the hands of cmfwyp cmfw livery into our hands we found that the property thus transferred to the N. S. A. is to be held for the benefit of the Medium's Relief Fund of this organization. Your secretary is happy to record this fact, which places this generous gift in the light of a sacred charge to the N. S. A. for the benefit and blessing of aged and helpless mediums who have given their lives to the service of humanity. It also proves to us that our beloved Brother Mayer ever held the needs and interests of the mediums at heart, and that he fully realized the grand work of the N. S. A. in caring for those helpless ones. The property mentioned is occupied by good and desirable tenants, and the rent from the three houses amounts to ninetythree dollars and fifty cents per menth. Some repairs have had to be made and some more must be attended to at once, but the property is in a fine locality and of value to this Asociation. At the time we acquired it it was in the care of a real estate agent, but seeing no reason why the money paid to him should not be saved to the N. S. A., your secretary appealed to the Board to allow her to collect the rents and attend to the matters that might come up before her with the tenants, submitting all essentials to the Executive Board, which was granted. She has had no difficulty in attending to this duty, and the N. S. A. has been saved nearly five dollars each month thereby. The taxes on this property had not been paid for the year and the N. S. A. was held responsible for them. We paid these taxes in full, but after the adjournment of the Board in April the secretary thought that as a matter of business, the estate of our penefactor should pay the tax to the tline of recording the deed, as said estate had received all revenue from the houses up to that time; she accordingly entered into correspond-ence with the executors of the estate and after some letters, pro and con

A Memorial service to Brother Mayer was held in Washington, April 14; under the joint auspices of the N. S. A. and the First Association of the City; nearly the entire Board participated in these exercises, all of which were reported for and published in The Progressive Thinker.

for the sum of \$98.20.

In the person of our well loved and honored Brother and Trustee, Mr. C. L. Stevens of Pittsburg, was elected at the April Board meeting; this election left a vacancy on the Board of Trustees, to which the President of he First Association of Spiritualists of this. City, Mr. F. A. Wood, was These gentlemen are both very efficient in their work and valed members of our Association.

## "What the N. S. A. Has Done."

The National Trustees at their Board meeting in May, framed and accepted a leaflet with the above caption to be published in the Spiritual papers and then issued for distribution to our societies and to other interested inquirers. This article treated in brief of so many good works of this Association and ready reply to our critics and others. to the query of what use to Spiritualism is the N. S. A., and to its auxiliaries; Editor Francis generously printed a number of these leaflets for the Home Office, as well as the list of chartered societies, with no expense to our treasury.

The Parting Word. With this Report, Mr. President and fellow delegates, and with the close of the Convention of 1907. which I feel will be a memorable assembly in the annals of Spiritualism, the work of your secretary as an official in the National Spiritualists' Association, will end; but as a laborer in the cause of Spiritualism voice and pen will ever be ready to not only defend our National body and its grand objects, but also to enhance its interests and promote its labors whenever power and opportunity permit. For nine consecutive years, I, as your secretary and co-worker have enjoyed the sympathy, aid and confi dence of our constituents, an honor of which Lam justly proud and which I fully appreciate. Having received the election to this important office in 1898, and on each succeeding year the unanimous election-with no opposing candidate-I feel that I can earry with me the good will and kindthoughts of all connected with our work; this to me is a happy thought and of more value than aught else. The relations between the auxiliaries of our N. S. A., the various members of its Board of officers during my official work and myself have ever been pleasing and encouraging to me; I can think of no friction that ever arose to leave a sting; passing shadows there have been but they have melted away in the sunlight of explanation and of kind thought, and only the blessed memory of many congenia associations with hosts of good and true Spiritualists abides with me.

I have been repeatedly asked by our people—and urged by our aux- for health. Price 25 cents) iliarles-during the last six months, not to withdraw from the N. S. A. but as far as serving as its secretary, of 105 pages. Cloth, 75 cents.

parting word and to decline renomi nation at this convention. My best of good wishes go with you, my helpful thoughts are extended to you, and my pledge to do all that I can in my feeble way to aid and encourage the N. S. A. is made to you. In regard to the new secretary who shall be elected to our office I must speak, asking wo streets the N. S. A. Headquarters, the Convention to be thoughtful and deliberate in its choice; nine years of service have made me familiar with the work and needs of the office and of its custodian. The place is not easily filled. The duties are manifold-to keep in touch with the socleties, the press, individual investigators and Spiritualists, to meet their many demands requires, tact and a trained qualification on the part of the incumbent of the Home The correspondence requires the writing of thousands of letters yearly on the part of the secretary-letters that cannot be shifted to anyone else; matters arise of importance that must be met at once, sometimes by the secretary; articles must be prepared for the secular and spiritual, press: reporters received and interviews given with care and a measure of conservatism; the financial accounts must be accurately kept by systematic bookkeeping; the free library must be attended to and the headquarters kept in thorough condition and attractiveness; and the secretary must live at the Home Office that it may be prop-erly cared for. It is a good house with room enough for a family, and of course the secretary pays the rent for the residential part. A thousand and one things that cannot be here enumerated must be looked after; remember this, dear friends, in the selection of your secretary. When your present incumbent came into the office she had but little idea of the numerous duties to be attended to in a great National body, it seemed to her then that it was a case of "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread"true the case is much different now than it was then in the sense that we have now a good exchequer and ther the N.S. A. was sixteen Hundred Dollars in debt-with no money to draw from till noble Theodore J. Mayer came forward, and advanced the money for the payment of all debts, placing one thousand dollars at our command to draw from till we could re fill the treasury: We at once set to work to solicit contributions for the work of the National body, letters were sent all over the country appealing for aid; the spiritual paperstime, gave freely of their columns for this work; gradually we crept along to better things, and we went into the 1899 Convention with all bills paid and three thousand dollars in the administration, the Home Office was in chaos, making the newcomer heartsick at its contemplation and the mountain of work to be done there before the new labor of the year could be entered upon, but it all cleared away and at this time, everything is in readiness for the incoming secretary, therefore in many ways the work will be easier for the one who is to come; but in nine years the obbetween them, we secured their check jects of the N. S. A. have enlarged and the position of the occupant of the home office cannot fail to be of great importance and responsibility

our constituents, and to Mrs. A. O.

Fugitt and Mr. C. P. Longley, for help rendered in official in many an anxious hour, I desire here publicly to attest my heartfelt thanks for and expressions of value of all the good that has been shown to me-and especially is this true concerning the aid and blessing of host of unseen but none the less valued helpers of the Angel world-to whom I owe my allegiance and debt of lov ng gratitude.

With cordial greetings and tender affection to one and all, Respectful ly submitted.

MARY T. LONGLEY. N. S. A. Secretary October 1st, 1907, N. S. A. Head uarters, Washington, D. C.

## CONTENTMENT.

More blest than he who has traveled And is cheered by thousands who

think him great, And luckier than the anointed are, With their jeweled crowns and

their cares of State, richer than those who govern by The might of millions they coldly claim.

Is he who has never been uplifted high, Nor ever been weary pursuing

Who comes and goes in a world that is small,

A world that is free from pretens Who in his nook has the love of all, And through the years is contented

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# the custodian of its Home Office goes. I feel persuaded by both physical and psychical conditions and reasons, that the time has come for me to say the Auxiliary Society Reports

N. S. A., in Convention Assembled: Your committee has received for its consideration reports from three camp meetings, one Temple Fund soclety, thirty local societies and six-teen State Associations. Though so few of the auxiliary so-

cleties have reported, we are pleased to notice a marked increase of interest in the manner of preparing them. They are more systematic than in former years and give more needful items of information.

## CAMP MEETINGS.

Only a few of the camps have sent in any statement. Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association, Compounce, and New Era, Ore. We recommend that the incoming secretary be instructed to make an endeavor to have camp meetings more closely affiliated

### LYCEUMS.

Many lyceums have reported through the late N. S. A. superin-tendent, Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie. These reports are full of interest and have been referred to the Lyceum every effort be made to sustain ly-

### ceums. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Morris Pratt Institute, of Whitewater, Wis., is the only school chartered by the N. S. A., and, in fact, the only one of the kind in the Trustees seem to have created more interest in the institution than has been for years. The full report will be presented by its .officers at this convention.

## TEMPLE FUND SOCIETY.

This society reports about two hundred dollars in its treasury, and an increase of interest. As its full report will come before this Convention to be acted upon, it calls for no special recommendation from this committee

### LOCAL SOCIETIES.

Thirty local associations have filed written statements and financial as well. Your committee is pleased to note that there are a number of local societies that present very com-plete statements of the work accomplished during the year and are in good financial standing, many owning their own temples, and the amount expended for speakers and mediums shows the loyal support of the mem-

While many are weak and unable to employ a speaker regularly, yet your committee notes with interest the tendency on the part of the local societies to have settled speakers. An urgent call for circuit missionary work comes from the societies We recommend that this be acted upthat the missionary , endeavor strengthen the societies, already in much more complete than usual.

We recommend that the incoming secretary be instructed to make every

for this recommendation.

The importance of keeping on file does not seem to appeal to many sectheir endeavor to present complete reports. The Illinois State Associaemphasizes the fact that he tried to follow as closely as circumstances permitted the great prize report of last year, and his report shows that Illinois is a close second in honors

ment furnished. The Minnesota State Association has again filed a model report, which contains such a complete record of the State work, and every item is of useful information. Your committee feels that just recognition is due for the careful manner in which this report is made out. It reflects great credit upon the Minnesota State Assolation and its faithful secretary, Mr. Irvine.

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there is a typographical error. It NOW, that the school may have the should read "One delegate for each benefit of it. chartered society of lay members and

To the Officers and Delegates of the one delegate for each fifty members or fraction thereof." We recommend the committee on amendments be instructed to correct the typographical erpors and confileing statements in other sections of the Constitution and By-laws as now printed.

At the present time each society is granted a delegate on behalf of its charter and one on behalf of its membership, but the error in this particular case seems to make it read that there is to be no delegate for charter. Your committee recommends the adoption of a new By-law requiring each delegate to wear a badge and stating that no badge be issued to any delegate or proxy whose society has not fulfilled the requirements of the

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submitted to us is the explanation of putting it into their will to come to the school at their decease. If a person is dependent for his at the office of the N. S. A. a com-plete statement of the work accom-donate, it might be advisable for him plished by each State Association to put it into his will; but for all who do not need the proceeds of retaries. There are some notable ex- what they intend to give, would it ceptions to this rule; New York, In- not be better to close the transaction diana, California, Missouri and Ohio at once? In these days when so are worthy of especial mention for many bequests to Spiritualism are contested, causing great expense and often breakage of the will, there is tion, through its secretary, especially no certainty connected with such a method of disposing of one's property, especially when given to an unpopular cause.

This bond which we have received

we have deposited in a private box in the character of the itemized state- in the vault of the Citizen's Bank of this city and shall draw from it fifty dollars a year interest. \ I wish it might be the beginning of a continuous endowment which, by and by, will make this institution one of the largest in the country.

Before this endowment came the Institute was practically out of debt. It commenced this year unencumbered. Its permanence was thus secured. The cash value of the property could not be less than \$15,000. Your committee recommends that tabulated form be printed, upon the ever, can be secured and yet the chool can be hampered in its growth,

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Your committee recommends the regulation of the proxy system of voting, so as to give their representation to each auxiliary society. We recommend that a complete list of auxiliary societies of the N. S. A. if more is added, will give the school be published and send to each auxiliary with a view to having all aux.

Nothing can tell more for our

institution of learning. Nothing can Owing to the conflicting statements tell more for humanity-than an incontained in the Constitution and Bystitution like this where mediumlaws, your committee recommends ship is loved, its laws studied and that a careful revision of same be the radical and progressive ideas of that a careful revision of same be made, and that all errors, typographinin cal or others, be eliminated. The errors especially noted are on several Spiritualism are the very essence and atmosphere of the education given. pages of the Constitution and By- to the school, do not wait until you laws, which conflict with each other, are "dead" before the school gets it. On page 6, after the word "society" If you are not needing it, GIVE IT

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# Ringing Words.

The N. S. A. Convention of 1907, as Viewed by the Present Secretary.

Association has passed thto history; and treasurer were the unanimous and the general verdict is, that it choice, and are to have the full conwas the most business-like convention fidence of all, I feel sure. The seccertainly high-class, both intellectually and energetic.

H. D. Barrett, for salary and expenses.

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The legislative work was very imit should be, for a convention is as- trustees have entered upon their dusembled to legislate, and not to refer ties with zeal. They are each wellthe most important matters of pub- known public workers. the spiritualization of the people is Mrs. Longley as a trustee. growing in might. The phenomena Let us all take courage! Good growing in might. The phenomena of Spiritualism is fully proclaimed by N. S. A. as being of positive and demonstrated spirit production. the air! The positive phenomena of all charis to be upheld and sustained by all possible energy. We have arrived at the time when we can proclaim the positiveness of spirit phe-

The place for Spiritualism, as an ism, is in its ranks organized, and not with any outside class. The places to find mediums we can confide in, is in the auxiliary societies we be judged by those who fail to affiliate or are not accepted by these organizations. Good mediums may exist and be at work outside. but all the had and doubtful ones must relegated to the outside. And all the auxiliary societies should try the medium as well as the spirit before these are given public place and sustenance. The N. S. A. desires to rest upoy its merits, but that is determined by its units; therefore close affiliation and protection is needed. The major responsibility is placed upon the auxiliary societies at work before the public This convention asks them to hold up a high standard of merit officially, and especially by the class of talent employed and presented.

The Children's Lyccum is to receive good attention this year. A Lesson Quarterly is to be instituted, and Mesdames Elizabeth Schauss Emma Rood Tuttle and M. E. Cadwallader are the committee in charge.

Another convention of the National chosen. The president vice-president of that body. The personnel was retary was elected by a large vote in certainly high-class, both intellecful work for the good of all. The trustees were elected after long halportant, and very little of it was left lotting by the convention, with a long to the incoming Board. That is as list of capable nominees. These

lic interest to the Official Board. The The declination to be candidates, reports were not pessimistic so much by President Barrett and Secretary as optimistic; and the latter spirit Longley, made much of regret to all; is the dominant one as the result of but still, the realization of changes this gathering. A new era seems being now more than ever less harmdawning, because faith in the N. S. A. ful to the general welfare, their close is restored and increasing. The officers-elect, each and all, see golden honored has brought no paralysis to promises for the future of Spiritual- the N. S. A. work. These ex-officials There will be no pessimistic have not left the cause at large, nor talk from the executive office. We the N. S. A.. They each continue must herald to the world the positive to hold official position with the N. fact that is now realized: Spiritual-S. A. Mr. Barrett was elected as ism is becoming a world-power, and éditor-at-large and historian, and

> forces, human and spiritual, are back of our movement, and progress is in Rally all, and help to achieve the

great results desired. Fraternally. GEORGE W. KATES.

N. S. A. OFFICERS FOR 1907-1008 FISCAL YEAR.

It is my privilege to announce to the Spiritualists of the United States of the N. S. A., and in no case should that the following officials have been chosen as the Executive Board for the ensuing year: Dr George B. Warne, Chicago, Ill.,

president. Hon. Charles R. Schirm, Baltimore, Md., vice-president.

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A. W. Belden, San Diego, Cal. Please take note that official letters to the president and secretary should be changed in address accord-

ingly. All communications to the main office will receive prompt attention.

Fraternally GEORGE W. KATES, Sec'y. 600 Penhsylvania Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C.

The officers-elect were carefully

MISPLACED MIRACLE.

An Old Mule Was Saved Under Peculiar Circumstances. One survivor of the recent powder-

mill disaster was an old mule, whose driver had been blown into bits. The mule's escape from instant bodily annihilation was a miracle, but no priest sent out to the world the glad tidings that once again "God's" protection had been shown forth to the world's "show-me" inhabitants. No claim was made by a pulpit pounder that here was ocular evidence of "Divine intervention.

But if, instead of this poor old mule that hand been found uninjured a painting of a portly, porcine-faced priest, a crucifix, a bottle of holy wa-ter, a "piece of the true cross," a semblance in sepia of a smug-mugged senile pope, or in fact any article that had once been "blessed by the influence of Christianity," the dignitaries of the church would have come from all the points of the compass. They would have pointed out the survivor to a gaping multitude of duped, de luded delvers in a dark delusion that has come up from the dusky days of ignorance in the form of the Christion religion, and the "miraculously unscathed" article would have soon been enshrined in a place where the resultant pilgrims could conveniently drop their pieces of money in a "poor

Of course, we know the same impersonal, impartial laws of nature persecution, Isch says, is because he protected the maimed mule from instant disintegration that have pre- ago, which provides that no member served numberless "sacred" relies, of the sect shall step on a pair of etc., from destruction in times of dis- scales and be weighed.

aster, ever since priestcraft pushed its pesky presence into existence among But dare a preacher declare this fact? Ye gods, no! He would quickly lose his precious position in his nicely varnished pulpit if he dared to be a man of truth and declare forth facts instead of falsities.

No, 'twould never do to call the atare to be found in nature and nature's laws.

Had this mule been the property of even the janitor of a church the escape would have then been a churchlegitimatized miracle.

The churches near the scene of the explosion were converted into piles of splintered wreckage, but the mule survived. Can it be that one mule (an old one at that) is worth more in the sight of God"-than several churches? Or was it a misplaced miracle?

FRANK XAVIER MITCHELL.

SAYS CHURCH HOUNDS HEM.

Rudolph Isch, a well-known and respected member of the Amish community in Bedford County, Ill., has brought suit for \$50,000 damages against Rudolph Wietzig, a wealthy farmer and an elder in the church, alleging that he has been hounded for 16 years by the church, separated from his family and his fortune dissipated. The reason for his alleged broke a rule of the church 16 years

FAVORS JAP CODE IN CHICAGO.

President Schneider for Oriental Ethics in Schools-Stress Laid on Morality-Creed Found in Imperial Rescript Issued Thirty Years Ago,

Japan is to have a unique revenge for any real or fancied slights it may have received at the hands of American school authorities if President Otto C. Schneider of the Chicago school board has his way. President Schneider wants to adopt the Jananese imperial rescript on education as a standard of ethical and moral teaching in the Chicago public schools.

A copy of the rescript in a new translation recently made by a board of Japanese scholars, reached the president yesterday from the Japaese government at Tokio. It did not take President Schnei-

der long to discover in the document a pointer for the Chicago schools. "Why not?" he said to a visitor who expressed surprise at the president's proposal. "There could be no objection to using it here. The document cannot be improved upon. "It presents a code of ethics which seems to apply to the west as well as the east. The chief stress seems to be laid on the development of morality, and that is right. Learning has

sideration, and it should be." This Is the Japs' Creed.

The rescript, which is a sort of educational creed, was issued some thirty years ago by the emperor of Japan, and has been used since that time as a formula for ethical teaching in the Japanese schools. In part it reads: "Be filial to your parents, affection-

really always been of secondary con-

ate to your prothers and sisters; as husbands and wives be harmonious, as friends true; bear yourselves in modesty and moderation; extend your benevolence to all; pursue learning and cultivate arts, and thereby develop intellectual faculties and perfect moral powers; furthermore, advance public good and promote common interests; always respect the constitution and preserve the laws; should emergency arise, offer yourselves courageously to the state; and thus guard and maintain the prosperity of our imperial throne, coeval

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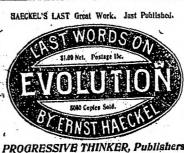
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