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WHAT LOVE IS.

Elizabeth M. Campbell.

If you were to ask me what love is,
I would answer, a jewel rare,
Resplendent with life's highest purpose,
And set with each grace that is fair.

I would say, it is the quickening breath,
That sweeps o'er the bosom of earth,
When woodlands and meadows are yielding,
Their all, to the springs glad birth.

I would say, it is like the showers
Of the spring time, fresh and fair,
For it is to the soul that holds it—
A promise of all things rare.

I would liken it to the dew drops,
After the heat of the day,
When lillies and roses are wilted,
And drooping upon the way.

I would say, it is the guiding star,
To the weary storm-tossed soul—
Drifting alone on the waves of time,
Where desolute echoes roll.

For e'en as the dew-drops tenderly kiss
The lillies beautiful gold,
So love's evangel falls sweetly,
Where e're the glad message is told.

Tis the only true excelsior—
To the mountain tops aflame,
From the homes of the loyal people
To the fields of deathless fame.

And so when you ask me what love is,
This is my answer to thee:
Tis the essence of life and beauty,
In every thing that we see.



IOWA STATE SPIRITUALIST CONVENTION.

REPORTED BY MOSES HULL

The fourth annual convention of the Iowa State Association of Spiritualists was held at Clear Lake, in the northern part of the State January 21 to 24, inclusive. It might be said that the meetings began on the 20th, as there was a public reception at the Elks Hotel on the evening of that day. The reception was an enjoyable affair. Besides the entertainment given by the little folks and some of the older ones, encouraging speeches were

made by Mrs. Hull, Rev. Will J. Erwood, President John D. Vail, Mr. Randel, who is now vice president of the Association, myself and others.

I never attended a convention of more intelligent nor of more harmonious workers. The evening and Sunday speeches were made by Rev. Will J. Erwood, Mrs. Hull and myself, and were all well received by the audiences. Tests and readings were given by W. J. Erwood and Mrs. Eva McCoy, of Marshalltown, Iowa.

The Iowa Spiritualists seem to be in earnest. I believe there were ten persons who pledged themselves to each pay five dollars per month, for missionary work in the state during the current year. Several others pledged from fifty cents up to two dollars per month.

The president's annual report reviewed the last year's work. And in view of the increasing interest in Spiritualism and in organized work in the state he congratulated the Spiritualists on the outlook for the future. He commended the work of the N. S. A., and hoped the State Association and local societies would gain much from studying the methods and work of the N. S. A. The president could see that the secular press had become much more liberal towards Spiritualism, and that the Spiritualist papers were a unit in supporting the work of organization.

The report urged that the only way for Spiritualism to rid itself of fraudulent mediums and other barnacles was by a thorough and close organization.

The president stated that he had made an attempt to take the census of Spiritualism in Iowa, but through failure of Spiritualist to answer his letters his efforts had been only partially successful.

Among the recommendations in the report are the following:

- 1.—The employment and settlement of speakers wherever the proper persons can be selected and they can be sustained.
- 2.—Where settled speakers cannot be maintained, each society should attach itself to a circuit and sustain at least monthly meetings.
- 3.—The maintenance of circles in

every family.

4.—The organization and maintenance of Lyceums wherever possible. All were advised to correspond with John W. Ring, the National Lyceum Conductor, at Galveston, Texas. Besides this all were urged to subscribe for the Lyceum the only children's Spiritualist paper we have.

5.—Choirs should be organized and music taught in all Lyceums and societies.

6.—Rules and usages should be inaugurated and observed. In this direction he hoped for much from the N. S. A.

He recommended certain rules for taking in members, so that at least there could be a uniformity in that kind of work.

8.—It was urged that during the convention a monthly subscription be raised in order to push forward the work so auspiciously begun that each Spiritualist make himself a committee of one to raise funds during the year with which to assist the State Association in doing its work.

9.—That a capable manager or superintendent of missionary work be appointed or elected.

On organization he recommended about the same as was recommended by the N. S. A. The report contained pointed words on the persecution of mediums and healers in this state. It was urged that Spiritualist speakers should attend more closely to Spiritualism in their administrations, and let side issues—issues on which we are liable to differ, take care of themselves.

His recommendation on the Morris Pratt school I hand in unabridged as follows:

The Morris Pratt school at White-water, Wis. There has been much writing pro and con as to the benefits to be derived from this school. We notice that much of the opposition is from those who have never contributed a cent of money or any of their time. Then again, who can name a college that has ever been established that has not met opposition? and not one is ever self-supporting for many years. However, this is the only school

where a mediumistic person, or one who wishes to speak before the public from the Spiritualist rostrum, can learn to speak logically and correctly. How many of us have heard mediums and lectures address meetings who could not use good language, and who used many words in the wrong place; and if you have listened to the congregation after such lectures, you would hear remarks like this: "I don't believe the speaker was controlled by any such spirit as he or she claims, because that person, when on earth was educated and would not use such language." The educated public cannot understand why an educated spirit cannot speak properly through an educated medium or lecturer.

Spiritualists believe in education and growth, then how can they advocate ignorance and be consistent. My wish is to speak a good word for the school, if I were going on the rostrum, I would take a three years' course there myself; in my opinion it will help any inspirational or test medium or speaker in many ways.

In conclusion the president urged local organizations of societies and lyceums wherever practical. He also urged the more harmony and a more thorough concentration to the cause; more philanthropy and more practical charity.

All of the old officers, with the single exception of vice-president, had so faithfully and so intelligently discharged their duties that they were re-elected without a dissenting vote. John D. Vail of Marshalltown, president; J. N. Randel of Ottumwa, vice-president; Mrs. Dora C. Crosby, of Des Moines, secretary; W. T. Hamilton of Wellman, treasurer; Mrs. Jennie V. Shaffer of Ottumwa, Mrs. Tena Lovell of Union, E. H. Vandenburg of Clear Lake, W. A. Willing of Northwood and E. Roberts of Plymouth, are the trustees.

All in all this was a grand convention, and all went away with renewed courage, and more than ever determined to do a cooperative work for the good of the cause.

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SPIRITS TODAY.

JESSIE S. PETIT-FLINT.

How strange it is that we, as Spiritualists, so often forget the spirits who are with us in the physical form, and spend all our time and efforts to reach those who have slipped from earthly bondage.

Were not these same decarnate loved ones just as dear when with us incarnate?

Or did we not realize the nearness?

And are there not some with us, just as near and just as dear, today.

Let us seek some of the spirits incarnate, and give the loving greeting, the sympathetic word, and just see how it seems.

We talk about the golden age,—now let us bring about this golden age by living it here today.

Commence right at home, find our own spirits—and make them bright and beautiful by a service of love to all the spirits incarnate about us.

Not one then will be starved out for a loving recognition.

There will be no suffering in silence because of careless words and conduct.

The misunderstandings will be a thing of the past. When we learn to harmonize, then we shall draw to us harmonious influences, not before.

And this harmonization must come through ourselves with our surroundings.

We must learn to find the beauty, the love, right here and now,—and finding it, guard and cherish it, that we may never wail, "Oh, had I only known."

Let us not be forgetful of our loved ones incarnate.

SOMETHING WORTH KNOWING.

Removing a splinter from a suffering hand may not be a nice and pleasant subject, but home surgery may sometimes give some one a feeling of heartfelt joy. The sufferer who illustrates the matter on this occasion was a carpenter.

He was working at his trade at an institution over which the sisters of the Roman Catholic church presided. One day he broke off an ugly splinter in his hand and could not get it out. He went home at the close of his day's work feeling no annoyance from the wound, but by the next morning the hand was in a serious condition and so painful that working was an impossibility. On his way to the doctor's the carpenter stopped to tell the sisters why he must delay his work.

"Let me see what I can do with your hand before you go to the doctor," said one of the sisters. The man demurred. "Yes" said the sister, with gentle insistence, "it will do no harm anyway."

She quickly filled within an inch or so of the top a rather wide mouth bottle with steaming hot water, and as she held it another sister pressed the inflamed part of the injured hand gently down over the opening, such a peculiar sensation!

It seemed to the man that his whole hand was being drawn with great force into the bottle. He would have taken it away, but the sister was holding it gently, but firmly. Then there was a feeling of relief. It seemed as if the inside of that hand had become liquid and was pouring its unpleasant contents into the bottle. This was almost exactly what was happening, and with the liquid went the offending splinter. The hand was bathed and bandaged, and the carpenter continued his work without further inconvenience.—*New York Times.*

WHERE HAPPINESS REIGNS.

ARTHUR F. MILTON.

When Adam and Eve had gained their first experience in sin and sorrow, and thereby became wise, they naturally looked higher than the soil they had been resting on.

Neglect is the result of distaste to any avocation, and they were driven forth by necessity to find other means of livelihood.

It is still so. When men and women become too mentally active (whether by education, stimulation or conceit) they abjure the ordinary agricultural pursuits and seek city life—not quite as pure as country life, but more in accord with their materially acquired wisdom, more exciting and stimulating to a mentality that seeks trouble or invites its own punishment—often deserved.

But on the other hand, when men and women become too sensitive to such discordant vibrations as city life furnishes, or their moral natures become too active to endure the impurities of the mental and physical atmospheres of cities, they feel a natural longing for the country life—thus returning to the first principles for subsistence—back to Eden.

THE SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE.

This is the title of a neat volume bound in Morocco, from the pen of Edward H. Cowles, D. F., principal of the "Portland Institute of Psychology."

It is replete with valuable suggestions and helpful to all seeking to attain the development of the higher powers and faculties, that they may come into the possession of fullness of peace and plenty, of abounding health here, and never ending eternity of joy hereafter.

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THE WORK IN STOCKTON.

A letter from the good workers Mr. Frederick C. Holmes and wife bring good news from Stockton where they have conducted meetings to large audiences.

At the close of the meeting of Sunday night January 24, the ladies of the society served a fine supper in the Banquet hall.

Short speeches were listened to and a very harmonious hour was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes will remain and speak on Sunday the 31st. They go from there to Sacramento for the Sundays in February where it is hoped they will receive a glad welcome.

BOOK NOTICES.

Are we to have a United Medical Profession?

A small book of 44 pages 5½ x 7½ very neatly printed and bound in paper covers under the above title has been received from the author Chas. S. Mack, M. D.

The author in a condensed form and lucid manner indicates the necessity of gaining true information relative to the basis of differences between the schools and practice of medicine before they can hope to unite upon a platform of "Rational Medicine." We cheerfully commend this little volume to all students and practitioners. Price, 25 cents.

FORETOLD IN DREAM.

Woman had premonition that terrible Chicago Theater disaster would occur.

Delphos, O., January 7.—The terrible theater fire in Chicago was foretold in a dream and probably saved the life of a Delphos woman.

Mrs. J. Flaschenpoeller of East Second street was visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. P. Lutinger, in Chicago, and had arranged to attend the Iroquois Theater with a party of ladies, and all were ready to depart for the playhouse when one of the ladies related a dream that she had the night before, in which an awful fire occurred during the second act of the play. Being of a superstitious nature, the ladies decided to remain at home. Mr. Lutinger's mother and sister attended the play and were among the victims.

Please note—The November 14, 1903 issue of the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL has been exhausted. We need six copies, if any of our subscribers can spare them they will confer a favor by mailing them to this office.—Editor.

THE CAUSE IN SAN BERNARDINO.

At the annual election of officers of the San Bernardino Association of Spiritualists, which took place on Saturday, January 23, Joseph Marchant was elected president, Mrs. Maggie Zimmermann, secretary and Mr. N. B. Hale, treasurer.

William P. Fuller, of Colton, continues to be our speaker, and his ability, tact, tolerance and courtesy is making appreciative friends. Mr. Francis Regan, recently from northern Washington, is also holding meetings in our hall on Sunday evenings, making two meetings each Sunday.

Our Society, as a rule, only holds one meeting each Sunday, and that in the afternoon. This has been for many years, if not, indeed from the inception of the Society.

Quite a proportion of the membership living some distance out of town made the afternoon the most favorable time of the day to accommodate all the members.

We are looking forward to Anniversary time for a season of special interest, and are hoping to be able to have Mrs. Ada Foye with us at that time.

ELLA WILSON MARCHANT.

TO THE SPIRITUALISTS OF STATE OF INDIANA.

The State Convention of Spiritualists of Indiana, has been called to meet in the Madison avenue Spiritualists' Temple, at Anderson, Indiana, February 26, 27 and 28, 1904.

The purpose of this Convention is to organize a State Spiritualist Association.

Every local society in the state is earnestly requested to send delegates to this Convention. Where it is impossible to send delegates, societies should send instructions to the Credential Committee, or to the undersigned, to have proxies appointed to represent them in this most important Convention.

Each society will be entitled to one delegate to represent its charter, and one for every ten of its members.

A society of ten members will be entitled to two delegates; one of twenty members three delegates; one thirty members four delegates, etc.

There will be three sessions daily, as follows:

Friday, February 26th, 10 a. m., 2 and 7:30 p. m.

Saturday, February 27th, 10 a. m., 2 and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, February 28th, 10 a. m., 2 and 7:30 p. m.

The morning and afternoon sessions of Friday and Saturday will be devoted to the business of the Convention. The evening sessions of Friday and Saturday, and the three Sunday meetings will be devoted to lectures, music, recitations spirit messages, tests, etc.

The best of talent has been engaged as the following list of speakers and platform test mediums will show: Prof. H. D. Barrett of Boston, Mass., president of the National Spiritualists Association; Rev. E. W. Sprague, Jamestown, N. Y., Mrs. C. A. Sprague, Jamestown, N. Y., missionaries of the N. S. A. Thomas W. Smith, Andersen, Ind., Rev. Gardner Haines, Anderson, Ind., Dr. Ida A. Griffin, Terre Haute, Ind. Others are expected.

Mrs. Flora Russell, of Alliane, Ohio, whose sweet voice has gladdened the hearts of thousands of

people at the N. S. A. Conventions, and at the Spiritualist Camp Meetings, will be present during the entire time of the Convention.

Prof. J. A. Wirtz will have charge of the music, and a rare treat is in store for the lovers of good music.

The Anderson friends will entertain the delegates in their homes, so far as they are able to do so. There are plenty of good hotels, and restaurants in Anderson where board may be obtained at reasonable rates.

This will be one of the most important meetings ever held in this state, and with the talent secured must be one of the best ones. Let every Spiritualist of the state, who can do so, whether a delegate or not, arrange to be present, thus helping to make the meetings a grand success.

E. W. SPRAGUE & WIFE,
N. S. A. Missionaries,
Address, Rochester, Ind.

AN APPRECIATIVE LETTER.

Another letter from Mrs. Mary T. Longley, secretary of the N. S. A. appears in this issue and should be carefully read by all Spiritualists for many reasons.

Mrs. Longley has shown herself to be in the right place, keeping herself posted on all important matters germane to the growth and interest of our cause, and possessing lucidity of thought and style in all her appeals for aid, financially and otherwise for the carrying on of the different work undertaken by the N. S. A.

Editor JOURNAL

We thank you for all your cooperation, and good words extended to the N. S. A., and especially so for your help in the mission of the N. S. A. Mediums Relief fund; we are sure that much is owing to you for your courtesy and helpfulness which we never fail to receive.

In my last letter I stated that a good soul in Arizona sends a dollar each month for the mediums fund; I should also have stated that Mrs. Mayer in Connecticut, sends a dollar for the same fund each month that her business receipts will warrant her in doing so, she has only missed one month since she began to report to us. Such faithful souls are worthy of all honor.

Since my last letter, we have received ten dollars for the mediums relief, which must have been called out from your aid in this good work. Words cannot express the good we are doing with the mediums fund—would that it contained thousands of dollars that the work might be greatly extended. The beneficiaries are more than grateful each month, in acknowledging the receipt of their money, they send heartfelt thanks and words of appreciation. Mrs. G. F. Perkins, Emeline, the veteran and now helpless medium has been placed on the list. In receipting for the first monthly payment of this money designed for the benefit of his companion Brother Perkins writes of the great relief this aid will be, that he is beginning to think, Spiritualists are the most generous people in the world—some of us should blush at such unmerited praise—and he concludes his letter by asking what he can do for the N. S. A. to earn the money we are to pay to his companion.

The N. S. A. also sometimes gives temporary aid to mediums who are not wholly unable to work, but who need a little assistance to tide them

over a sickness or some financial strait. One such, a well known veteran medium, who has herself often assisted some needy person, has been incapacitated from work for a time owing to an accident. The Executive Board knowing it to be a worthy case, appropriated twenty dollars to her needs—here is her response to our letter and the money.

January 16, 1904

Received from the National Spiritualist Association \$20 for which receive my heartfelt thanks—from my spiritual guides. Ditto; may God bless you all. I am encouraged to live and use my mediumship for good. I am so surprised at the large sum, I cannot herein express my feelings to you, I pray that I may be an instrument in God's hands to do much good in the future. I shall use this money for rent this winter, I did not know how I could live as I have suffered so much, now I see; angels will help you.

If any one who is at all spiritual and who can spare a few dimes or dollars for the mediums fund—who has not already done all possible in that direction—can read such a letter of gratitude as the foregoing, and not at once send an offering of money to this work, we believe

such a one must be lacking in the true instincts of human brotherhood.

By the way, a word as to Lyceum work—Brother John W. Ring of Galveston, Texas is general super-tendant of Lyceums under the auspices of the N. S. A. His Lyceum paper should be in every spiritual school, and he should be encouraged by every true Spiritualist. I perceive that of late some of our workers are disposed—through the papers—to criticize the N. S. A. that it has done so little for lyceums. Let me remind these friends, that a National Lyceum Union existed a few years ago, that it was officered by unselfish and competent lyceum workers; that they did their best to enthrone the Spiritualistic public, that they received so little encouragement from the public, they became disheartened; that the N. S. A. did its best from this office to help on the work, all to no avail. If we cannot get Spiritualists to take an interest in the lyceum and to send their children to such a spiritual school, or to aid in organizing such in their locality, the fault is with the public at large and not with any institution.

Sincerely yours,

MARY T. LONGLEY,
Sec'y N. S. A.,

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Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium.

Sarah Wilson—It has been but a short time since going away from earth-life but O, how much I have found to learn even in this short time.

The meeting and greeting of old friends, the rest and comfort of it all, no tongue can tell.

I did not suffer just as I made the change, but felt dizzy for awhile, and strange, but soon all this was changed, and I found youth and strength once more.

Give my love to the friends of San Jose, and to Mrs. Cowell, and all who knew me.

Nellie Baxter—A slender girl comes now, with long fair hair, and blue eyes, and a wonderful sweet voice.

She is singing a song now, and I can hear this “Mid the green hills of New Hampshire” and then she hands to me a tiny card on which I see written Lovell, and says they will know and be glad to hear from her.

The sleeve of one of the dress is fastened with a tiny moonstone pin and this was to be the signal that her friend would know it was indeed Nellie.

The message is only the song, but it will mean much to the one who is waiting.

Edna—This is all I hear: I want to send word to Edgar and Aliee.

Tell them this is a little new to me, as I never tried to send word this way.

Tell them I will and do help them, not only in the circle, but at home as well.

The dear ones are all with me we send love to all.

Henry Hastings—It has been a long time since I left the body, but have only just woke to a care as to whether I send word or not.

It is so different from all I had expected. I had thought of sleep till the trumpet should blow, and here I am awake and it looks life living. I cant understand it yet.

Tell brother Jacob and Uncle Henry they are on the wrong track and to get ready to work, not sleep.

Mary Chase—An elderly lady with gray hair and thin face, is now seen, she only desires to send her name to her husband, as he will be glad to know she still loves, and is with him.

She speaks of Lucinda and Martha as being with her, and now I see a little boy in dresses, about three years old, whom she calls Karl.

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A WORTHY APPEAL.

NEWSPAPERS AS EDUCATORS.

When we consider the great advantage of newspapers as educators, can't we get up a club for the purpose of raising money to be used in circulating Spiritualist papers in non-Spiritualist families for as it is the non-spiritualists whose eyes we wish to get open to the light.

There is no better or more economical way of doing it than to send the family a Spiritualist paper, for at least one quarter or 13 weeks, as in that time in most cases it would make an impression upon some if not all the members of the family.

And what could a person who has money to spare, do with it, in their advancement in the spirit-world or world to come, than to use it in promulgating spiritual knowledge among his fellow man, and getting their eyes open to the light and blessing of Spiritualism.

And will he not see the great benefit rendered by his money thus expended in his own advancement in all time to come.

I consider this a matter of great importance to those in the present life, and will some of our well developed mediums lend their assistance in this work, by giving a seance for this purpose, to obtain if possible, communication from the spirits of men of known veracity and intelligence during life.

Men who had the confidence of the people of their time, for example, as Paine, Jefferson, Morris, Franklin, Gerrard, Webster, Janey, Lincoln, Vanderbilt, Gould and others, and obtain their opinion from the spirit side of life.

First, is Spiritualism as now taught by Spiritualists true, and would it be better for their advancement in the spiritual world, for those who have money to spare, to spend it while in this life, in the enlightenment and advancement of their fellow man in this world in spiritual knowledge.

Or use it for the benefit of the christian churches, or leave it, to be spent by their heirs and leg-ees, after their death.

Which is best for their advancement in the spirit world. Let us have their opinion in this important matter, in which we are all interested.

And when the opinion of such spirits is obtained upon this subject, will the medium obtaining it please forward it to the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, for publication that we may all have the benefit of their knowledge and experience.

And when the great work of spiritualizing the people can be accomplished and we have a majority of Spiritualists at the poles, then a knowledge of Spiritualism and mediumship will be taught in our public schools.

A true knowledge of communicating with the spirits of our fellow man gone before will be known to everyone, and a true knowledge of the life beyond death will be known throughout the world.

A condition of things which all true and honest persons would like to see.

Such knowledge would be worth more to our fellow man here on earth than all the money in the world.

Then why should not every person with money put their shoulders to the wheel and use their money in the accomplishment of this grand work and duty to our fellow-man.

J. I. HOLLINGWORTH,
Winchester, Va.

A SOCIAL EVENING WITH THE PEOPLES' CHURCH.

The Sunflower hall, 305 Larkin street, was filled on Monday night the 1st inst with a cheerful and happy people.

The hostess Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Prah furnished a fine entertainment, including refreshments, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Manchester being present, it became known they were to leave the city on the morrow to take up their abode at Angels Camp.

A portion of the evening was devoted to short talks from Mr. E. W. Briggs, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, Madame Florence Montague, Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie and others, each paying a well merited commendation for their untiring services for the benefit of the different associations in this city. All joined in wishing them "God Speed."

The amusing portion of the evening consisted in passing to each person, a slip of paper, upon which they were required to write five lines of poetry (?) each line to rhyme with the one preceeding it. Prizes were offered to the winners.

The contest was begun, and with great earnestness, all were delving down deep into the recesses of (to them) unexplored field of knowledge.

When time was called, each one was called upon to read their own; which in turn caused much merriment. For there was great profundity of thought and emotion.

And it may be safe to say, that such effusion of imaginative thought probably, never was before displayed among the same number of people.

To give all their due, we might add that Mr. E. W. Briggs told a story in a pleasing manner and Mrs. A. E. Wood distinguished herself as a soloist.

PEACE.

MRS. CLARA U. MYERS

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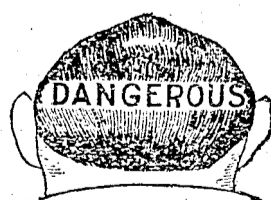
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The Board of Directors of the Peoples church have issued a card announcing the subjects of discourses to be given by Madame Florence Montague on Sunday evening, February 6, and by the pastor Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, the remaining Sundays of the month. The card may be had from the members.

Cal. S. S. Association.—The executive committee of the Board, will meet at headquarters, 305 Larkin street, on Saturday evening February 6, 1904.
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The Medium's Protective Association will give a Valentine Party at Sunflower hall, 305 Larkin street, on Saturday evening February 13, a good time is assured. Mrs. E. G. Howe is chairman of the committee.

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Au-revoir.—The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Manchester for Angels camp, where Mr. Manchester has a good position awaiting him, is a source of genuine regret to his many friends in the city. He will be much missed in the Peoples church, where he has sung since his return from the East, and has always entered heartily into all the work of the Church, and League. It is to be deeply regretted that his health is failing him and hope the mountain air will bring him renewed strength. He never was very strong and during the last few months he seemed to lose ground a little, but he is hopeful that he will soon be well. His mediumistic powers are steadily growing stronger, and it would surprise many to know the wonderful manifestation could come through one so frail. He and his fair young girl wife leave only friends when they depart to their new home. May they soon come back well and happy to us, and his mother Mrs. Gillespie, who is to be much complemented on having a family who cooperate with her, in all her work.

The Peoples' Church.—The pastor, Anna L. Gillespie, the officers and members of this society were exultant over their great success last Sunday evening, after the presentation of the "Illustrated Lecture," entitled "The Spirit of 1904" interspersed with illustrated songs and readings. The program was rendered as

follows:—Opening hymn "Joy to the World," invocation by Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, illustrated song "Always in the Way" by Mr. Fred Manchester; slides Peoples church; board of directors; social announcement; program February 7, 1904; illustrated reading, "The Journey of Life" by Miss Leah Ford; illustrated song "Holy City" by Mr. J. Shaw Gillespie; illustrated lecture, "Spirit of 1904" by the pastor Anna L. Gillespie; illustrated song, "Ben Bolt" by Mr. Fred C. Manchester; hymn "Only Remember" by the audience; benediction by the Pastor.

This closed one of the most interesting services in the history of the church. As the audience was leaving the hall there were many acclamations of approval heard. There is a feeling of good will, and an atmosphere of harmony pervading this society as evidenced by the deep interest taken in its welfare by its individual members. The success of this entertainment is greatly due to Mr. Fred C. Manchester, who furnished the illustrating machine and also the general supervision of producing the many beautiful views upon the canvas, also to his estimable wife who assisted him in the management of the slides. The financial success is due to all, whether members or friends for their kindness in disposing of tickets. The net receipts of the entertainment will reach \$40.

It has been decided to give a similar entertainment the last Sunday in March. Of which, due notice will be given.

Progressive Spiritualists.—A fine audience attended the meeting of the Progressive Spiritualists in Covenant hall, Odd Fellows building Sunday evening January 31. The subject of Mrs. Lillie, was of the Occult and Subtle Laws of Life. The nature and constitution of man, as soul spirit and body, and their interrelations, and was deeply interesting. The music by Miss Severance and the choir was excellent, consisting of a trio by Miss Severance and Messrs. Koch and Wadsworth, followed by a Zither solo by Mr. Koch. Among the strangers in the audience was Mr. David Craig a former president of a Boston society, over which Mrs. Lillie once presided. Mr. Craig being called upon and introduced by Mrs. Lillie, responded with a few felicitous remarks. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are enroute to the Southern part of California and to their old home in Boston. Their present home being Port Angeles, Washington. These meetings are free. All are welcome.

The Ladies First Spiritual Aid Society are arranging for an entertainment and supper on Wednesday, February 10.

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