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N. Y. STATE ASSOCIATION.

The Ninth Annual Convention Held in Syracuse June 2, 3 and 4.

The 9th annual convention of the N. Y. State Association of Spiritualists was held in Empire Hall, Syracuse, N. Y., June 2d, 3d and 4th and proved an unbounded success, both financially and spiritually. The attendance was good and much enthusiasm manifested.

President Richardson was in the chair and called the convention to order at 10.30 a. m. and appointed the following committees.

CREDENTIALS

E. G. Reilly, Syracuse, Mrs. E. M. Travis, Hornellville, Miss Sarah Woodruff, Colden.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTS REPORT.

Mrs. G. Mudge, Syracuse, Mrs. E. E. Ewing, Potsdam, Mrs. L. A. Holt, West Potsdam, Mrs. Dr. Matteson, Buffalo, J. W. Stearns, Buffalo.

COMMITTEE ON SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT AND AUDITING.

Miss Sarah Woodruff, Colden, Mrs. N. F. Bowker, West Potsdam, Mrs. Mae Arnold, Syracuse, Mrs. Kate Saunders, Watertown.

Mrs. E. M. Travis of Hornellville was appointed assistant secretary, and A. R. Cooper of Syracuse was appointed sergeant at arms.

Dr. E. F. Butterfield of Syracuse delivered the address of welcome which was responded to by our president, after which a conference filled the rest of the morning session.

On calling the afternoon session to order the president appointed the following committees.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. H. M. Rathbun, Port Washington, Mrs. L. A. Holt, West Potsdam, Mrs. T. U. Reynolds, Troy.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS, MEANS AND FINANCE.

Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Westfield, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, Troy, Mrs. H. M. Rathbun, Port Washington.

AMENDMENT COMMITTEE

H. L. Whitney, Brooklyn, Mrs. J. H. R. Matteson, Buffalo, W. W. Kelsey, Cortland.

Secretary Whitney made a motion which was adopted that part of article IX of By-Laws be amended which reads "in case of failure or neglect of any auxiliary society to elect and report delegate to N. S. A. convention it shall be the duty of the executive committee to appoint a delegate for such delinquent society or societies," to read as follows "In case of failure or neglect of any auxiliary society to elect and report to N. S. A. Convention the executive committee may appoint a delegate for such delinquent society or societies if deemed desirable."

The amendment committee also recommended that the president call the attention to article V of By-laws on revenue and section 7, of Constitution on Membership—and that the convention pass a resolution that commencing at next convention no society shall vote any member at convention, unless the secretary of that society has sent the name and address of such member to the state secretary, as having paid per capita tax for that year as demanded by By-laws and Constitution. Recommendation adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES.

Carrie E. S. Twing, presented a report from Freeville Camp: Motion made and seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Rathbun of the First Association of Spiritualists of New York City, reported on that society, and it was unanimously adopted.

W. W. Kelsey as president of the Freeville Camp, reported the work of the past year,—it was unanimously adopted.

First Spiritual Church of Buffalo, by Mrs. J. H. R. Mattison.

Second E. G. Riley for First Spiritualist Society of Syracuse.

Third, Herbert L. Whitney for the Church of Divine Communion of Brooklyn.

Fourth Mrs. Gertrude Mudge for the First Spiritualist Church of Syracuse.

Fifth Miss Woodruff of Colden, for the East Aurora Society.

Sixth Charles Hulbert of Harmony Circle of Buffalo.

Mrs. Holt gave a report of the society at West Potsdam.

Mrs. Ewing reported for the Potsdam society.

The reports were accepted.

Next the matter in regard to the Spiritualists being represented at the State Fair was discussed by Mr. Richardson, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Twing and the matter was left to the discretion of the Board.

Report of Committee on resolutions as follows: Mrs. M. Rathbun, Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Holt. Motion made and seconded that the report be adopted as a whole. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Mrs. Twing. She stated Mr. Bach could not do the work as intended. Mr. Whitney recommended that the secretaries of the local societies send to Mr. Ring for his Lyceum Banner. Motion made and seconded that the report on the committee of literature be accepted.—Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Mrs. Twing, Mrs. Rathbun and Mrs. Reynolds. \$107.51 as collection this P. M., \$16.00 pledges. Report unanimously accepted. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the next convention be held at Buffalo. Motion made and seconded that the date of convention be the last three days of the first week in June. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended to the officers and Board of Trustees—for their efficient services in the past, and they may be spared for many more years to do the work. Carried.

The committee on president's report, presented their report, which was as follows:—

FIRST:—MISSIONARY WORK.

Your committee heartily concur with the president's estimate of our sister, Mrs. Reynolds in her missionary work and feel that we can not appreciate too much her self-denial and arduous work; and we also quite agree with him that missionary work should be extended as rapidly as our finances will warrant.

MASS MEETINGS:

We feel that every society should consider it their duty to do all that is possible to assist the committee on mass-meeting,—to make it possible for many more to be held in this state, as they are of much value disseminating the truths of our religion and also to use their influence in having state days at our camp.

CHILDRENS LYCEUMS:

We fully concur with our president in his report on Lyceum work, and also with Mrs. Reynolds's efforts that she has put forth to create a greater interest in the work.

LOCAL SOCIETIES:—

We fully agree with our president in the need of being awakened to

such a degree of enthusiasm that the pocket-books may be touched more readily and our religion not languish for financial support,—and also that the growth of our societies—may not be retarded because of friction and discord that tear down the work of years. The recommendation to devote one or two meetings per month, where the local workers and members take charge of the exercises and discuss topics of interest—is something in the way of growth which is sadly needed, and your committee fully agree with the recommendation.

Morning Session (Continued.)

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE:

The President's idea of making our religion so plain and full of old thoughts and new thoughts—that our members will not feel like being gathered into other folds, seem to be an imperative duty of all interested. The recommendation to remember that Spiritualism is a broad gauge religion, and that the phenomena are the stepping stones to the broader fields of spiritual unfoldment, should awaken the desire in our minds to live the real life of spirituality and in all ways.

SETTLED SPEAKERS

We concur with our president in regard to settled speakers where the finances of a society will admit. We agree with our president in his report and would like to impress upon the minds of the delegates of this convention,—that if we wish the support of The New York State Association of Spiritualists in the hour of need,—that we must try earnestly to work in harmony and do all in our power to further its interests.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. E. E. Ewing, Mrs. L. A. Holt, Mrs. J. H. R. Mattison, Mrs. Gertrude Mudge, Chairwoman. Motion made and seconded that the report be adopted and placed on file. Carried.

Report of Mrs. T. U. Reynolds regarding missionary work and Lyceum work during the past year:

LYCEUM WORK.

Regarding Lyceum work but little has been done that tells during the past year. The Lyceum Day at Lily Dale was last August under the auspices of the New York State Association, and it was a success although late in the camp season.

I was with the Buffalo Lyceum a part of January and all of March. The conductors and teachers were earnest, faithful and capable. The scholars interested.

The last Sunday in March I gave each scholar and teacher one of the Fox Homestead Buttons which pleased them very much.

Only one Lyceum was organized this year. I came to Syracuse and with the able and energetic help of Mrs. Gertrude Mudge a Lyceum was organized and is growing finely, and is and will be a great help to the church. No efforts too great can be made in that direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Tillie U. Reynolds,
State Superintendent of Lyceums.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK DURING THE YEAR.

I devoted fifteen weeks exclusively and much time incidentally to the work.

During June I spent three weeks with Rochester Society—receiving \$30.00. One lecture at East Aurora received \$5.00. July, I went to West Potsdam, held two meetings Sunday.

A Fourth of July oration for which no collection was taken, but great enthusiasm prevailed. July 5th, 6th, and 9th circles and services. Six meetings,—received \$12. Went to Potsdam, July 12th and 13th to 20th, including a picnic,—received \$11.31. Went from Potsdam to Prescott, Canada, and held two meetings. Receiving after all expenses were paid \$3.59 which helped pay expenses in New York State,—went from there to Hamilton and held two meetings July

24th and 25th, \$5.59 which helped pay expenses in New York State,—that ended the week of June and July.

I have not here mentioned expenses, as this is simply a general report. 27 meetings beside small home talks without pay. Began September 4th, at Niagara Falls to assist the meetings there, expenses alone were met. 3 meetings at East Aurora, 2 at Colden,—a small place, and thru the earnest efforts of Mrs. Woodruff the meetings were held—received there \$3.96. Paid \$3.84 in railroad fares, still consider the meetings a success. September 13th, at Holland, another at Akron and again at Niagara Falls,—where Mrs. A. G. Atchinson is bravely working under difficulties, but gaining all the while.

October was called to Elmira to re-organize a society which was done. A Lady's Aid was organized and everything seemingly is in good working order,—received there \$30. Came to Syracuse,—held a meeting at Larned Hall,—received \$4.00. Went from there to Watertown, arranged for a meeting, to follow a Mass Meeting, to be held in Potsdam, October 28th, 29, and 30th. In points of interest, it was a marked success, altho but a small sum remained over after expenses were met.

Watertown had to pay Mr. Thompson \$10.00 and we run behind although we had good meetings. January 18th, went to Niagara Falls and held 3 services. Went to an all day meeting at Akron, and several other meetings. A mass meeting was held in Buffalo—which was a success. I went to Rochester, May 26th, and re-organized and got the society started again, presumably on a good basis.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. T. U. Reynolds.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

To the convention in assembly greeting! good will, peace born of contentment and happiness resulting from useful activity. Be it resolved, that as Spiritualists it is our duty to openly advocate the truths of Spiritualism and so regulate our daily lives that all just criticism shall be of the type commanding the respect and admiration of the world at large, that our words shall but reiterate our lives, never proving a travesty on our acts.

Claiming Spiritualism as a religion.

Resolved, that we would strongly recommend every society to distribute among their members and followers, the declaration of principles adopted by the New York State Association, also that the declaration shall be read from the rostrums at one meeting each month of the yearly session.

Resolved that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Harrison D. Barrett president of the National Spiritualists Association and to his talented wife in their double bereavement, praying that every consolation may be afforded them; knowing that the spirit world will be their comforting stay,—we can only unite with the unseen by our prayers, our tender affection and our deep sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that we extend sympathy to all in our ranks who have been bereft of the earthly presence of their beloved. In loving gratitude, we acknowledge the presence, guidance and aid of our arisen co-laborers, and hold them in hallowed memory.

As the results manifested in some of the students of the Morris Pratt Institute, show the marvelous effect of education.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we emphasize the need of education—both rudimentary and along the lines of psychic and advanced thought principles. The crying sin of child labor as practiced all thru

ASTROLOGICAL.

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Influence of the Planets on Human Destiny and Nations.

The following is a sketch of the individuality, or source of power, of all persons born between the 23rd of July and the 23rd of Aug. any year.

SUN IN LEO.

The Sun acts as a storehouse or reservoir for the essence of all things in the solar system. Its power is focused on the earth each month through one of the signs of the zodiac, bathing it in that specific quality of the Sun represented by the sign, the earth sending back from its material storehouse a returning wave to feed the Sun. People born when the Sun is in the sign Leo become a condensing center between the Sun and earth for the Leo energy.

At the time of your birth the Sun was in the fixed and fiery sign Leo.

The Sun, the lord of day, being the ruler of this sign, all the emotions and feelings of the heart will be active and ever seeking expression. This position of the Sun denotes a spirit generous and magnanimous, and a desire to do things on a broad and comprehensive scale. You are likely to act from the impulse of the heart, disregarding the guidance of the intellectual faculties. Your ready sympathy and wealth of affection can be easily called into manifestation, but in your desire to do for others, do not forget to show them the beauty of self-reliance teaching them to awaken their own slumbering divinity and depend on its power rather than your generosity and support. Love that is not clothed and protected by wisdom is dangerous and destructive. You must unite the two, when all your actions will bear an abundance of good fruit. This is the marriage of the twin souls, which must take place in each individual before he can accumulate the dynamic force necessary to render any lasting service to humanity. Love must associate and co-operate with its counterpart, wisdom, otherwise each is barren of results.

Abnormal pride will manifest in some direction. You must be on the alert to resist the temptation to submerge your purpose for the sake of pleasing others. This position of the Sun gives a large development of the faculty of appropriateness which brings too much sensitiveness to criticism. You are a natural friend to children. Your individuality belongs to the center of the fiery triplicity of signs. When you desire increased enthusiasm, you should mingle with Aries and Sagittarius people. You have a stimulating influence on people who have the Sun in Gemini, Libra and Aquarius.

From the time of your conception until your birth, the Sun passed through nine signs of the zodiac. You have indrawn the essence and qualities of these signs, but lack the remaining three, which are Virgo, Libra and Scorpio. Your life work will be complete when you have evolved or given expression to the life involved in these nine signs latent within you, and when you have embodied the qualities of the three signs which are lacking in your composition. Your birth month and the three succeeding months are good for interior development and for completing unfinished work.

CATHERINE O'CONNELL LANPHERE,
Chicago Institute of Astrology, 70 Dearborn street.

Very low rate excursion to the Atlantic sea coast, July 20, over the D. A. V. & P. R. R. Tickets good twelve days. Apply to agents for particulars or see another column in this paper.

LILY DALE NEWS.

The City of Light Assembly opens Friday, July 14th, and closes Sunday, Sept. 3d, 1905.

Among the arrivals of the week are Mrs. Dedrick of North Tonawanda, N. Y., who bought the Kirtledge cottage on Third street; Mrs. B. Pressing of Avalon, Pa., who is occupying her cottage on Buffalo street; Mr. and Mrs. French and Thomas Litchfield, who are occupying the Litchfield cottage on Second street, and making quite a number of improvements in it; Madame Mayer, who has rooms in the Pond cottage on Melrose Park; George P. Moore, who is preparing to open the Lake View cottage for the accommodation of summer guests; Mrs. Bush, who is occupying her cottage on First street; Tom L. Wilson, who has arrived bag and baggage for a summer outing; Mrs. Dorn, who has rented rooms at 3 First street, in Mrs. Covill's cottage and will do dressmaking; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll of Buffalo, who are visiting here for a few days, rooming at L. C. Hutchinson's; Mrs. McNeill, Wm. Steck and friends from Buffalo, are enjoying their auto and incidentally making a number of improvements in the Waldow cottage on Third street, including a new veranda; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn, son and daughter, who have also beautified their home on North street; Dr. and Mrs. Waterhouse and family and a party of friends spent the Fourth here, and will soon come for the summer; Mrs. Liddicoat is in her cottage on Fourth street; Madame Vignier has returned to her summer home, Shady Side.

Among the visitors of a day were Elias Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Richards, Lila Allen, Prof. and Mrs. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Babcock, C. A. Terry.

A very decided improvement has been made at the gate and post-office. The open front has been widened and the postoffice has been enlarged so that there will be less difficulty in attending to the mails this season than there has been in the past on account of crowded space. There also will be two entrances from the inside of the grounds instead of one as formerly.

The steamer Winnifred has begun its trips on Sundays and holidays, and will run regularly during the season.

Dayton & Hall are building a veranda on their store.

Mrs. C. D. Grenamyre has been to Detroit and Toledo on a visit.

Mrs. Todd, who has been quite sick, but is slowly improving.

The Pagoda is open for business and will have its usual stock of fine candies, cigars, souvenirs and literature.

The Misses Edith and Edna Ross of Brockport, N. Y., are visiting their grandfather, Edwin Ross.

Dr. and Mrs. Sleppy, Mrs. Horrocks, Mrs. Moss and Harold Lowe, all of Pittsburg, Pa., are stopping at the Green Cottage on Cleveland Avenue.

Clayton Mix of the Hi Henry Minstrels is spending his vacation here. He celebrated his arrival by catching an 81-2 pound muskallonge.

The Bath House is open with Mrs. A. Winchester in charge.

The meat market opened July 10th with C. A. Waite in charge.

The glorious Fourth was celebrated in a very quiet manner here. Two ball games and a dance at Shady Side Pavilion constituted the public demonstration. Many of our people visited near-by resorts for the day.

Mrs. Pettengill has had a pretty little garden laid out fronting the Post Office.

Mary Tyler Moulton writes that she expects to be at Lily Dale about the 20th of July and sends greeting to all friends.

Mr. F. Hamilton of the Tuna Iron Works, Bradford, Pa., paid THE SUNFLOWER office a visit last week. Will return when the session opens.

Our librarian, Mrs. Tillinghast, with the assistance of her daughter, Mrs. Johnson, has placed the library in apple-pie order, while the count gives it over 1500 books.

Mr. and Mrs. Brookins arrived Sunday.

Miss Edith Green spent a day on the grounds last week.

C. H. Paine and wife have arrived and the work of preparing the electric plant is in full swing.

Mrs. Barr, Julia Anderson and Henry Hanson have arrived and are occupying the Campbell cottage.

Geo. W. Burnham, Mrs. Pettengill's brother, of San Diego, Cal., Mrs. M. E. Clark, president of the Willing Workers, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Alger and Mr. and Mrs. Gransbury are among the latest arrivals.

Chester, Bessie and Lida Grenamyre visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Grenamyre Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Foote visited at THE SUNFLOWER Cottage.

As we go to press, Judge Ransom M. Payne, prominently connected with Spiritualism in this section for many years lies at the point of death at his home at Cassadaga.

Rev. Dr. J. F. Geddes of Jersey City is here for the season and stopping at the Pierce cottage. Dr. Geddes is well known in N. Y. City as a lecturer for the various spiritual societies; and besides being an inspirational speaker he is a magnetic healer. He is also a highly cultured gentleman.

Pioneer Day, which falls on Sunday, the 16th of July, will be made a special day for our pioneers; and they are accordingly invited to attend. Room will be made on the rostrum for them, and they have but to announce their presence or step up and take a seat as long as there are vacancies to be found.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Following are the entertainments at the City of Light Assembly for the season:

July 15 Dance, 17 Card Party, 19 Dance, 20, Bazaar, 21 Lyceum, 22, Dance, 24 Card Party, 26 Dance, 27 Bazaar, 28 Moving Pictures, 29 Dance, 30 Moving Pictures, 31, Card Party.

August—2 Dance, 3 Bazaar, 5 Dance, 7 Card Party, 8 Mrs. R. S. Lillie's entertainment, 9 Dance, 10 Bazaar, 12 Dance, 14 Card Party, 16 Dance, 17 Bazaar, 18 Readings—Wilson Fritch, 19 Dance, 21 Card Party, 23 Dance, 24 Bazaar, 25 Lyceum, 26 Dance, 28 Card Party, 30 Dance, 31 Bazaar, Sept—2 Dance.

CONFERENCE.

The conference meetings, after an interesting debate on "Inharmony—its Cause and Cure," adjourned till second Sunday in September, to meet at Forest Temple at 3 p. m., and to be understood that if it rains the conference will be held at Library hall at 8 p. m.

Buffalo Notes

N. H. EDDY, Correspondent.

The members of Y. P. S. T. of Buffalo, held a card party and social at the home of Mrs. Ryder, 15 Pearl Place. A goodly number were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Refreshments were served.

Sunday evening July 2nd, a series of meetings were instituted at Stirling Hall, 374 Conn. st., to be held during July and August, Sunday evening. Mrs. DeWolf one evening and the following Sunday evening Mrs. Staley of 36 South Cedar st., will occupy the rostrum. These two favorite mediums will be assisted from time to time by other local mediums, and Sunday evening July 2nd, Mrs. Croft and Mrs. Miller took part in the exercises. A very good audience was present, and I trust that each Sunday will find a good attendance to encourage the workers who seek to make known the truth of spirit return.

The 4th of July always has its victims, upon whom the unfavorable impress is left in some way, and upon those who handle the explosive materials used in the celebration of that eventful day, and this year one of the little Miller boys, a member of the Lyceum, connected with the First Spiritual Church—Fred Miller, 13 years old—met with an injury thru the accidental explosion of powder, which burnt his face very badly, and somewhat injured the eyes. It was a narrow escape from the entire loss of eyesight. He is being treated at the Homopathy Hospital, cor Maryland and Cottage st.

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METAPHYSICAL.

Conducted by EVIE P. BACH.

TWO SORROWS.

BY CHARLES HANSON TOWNE.

Before Love came my eyes were dim
with tears,
Because I had not known her
gentle face;
Softly I said: "But when across the
years
Her smiles illumine the darkness
of my place,
All grief from my poor heart she
will efface."
Now Love is mine—she walks with
me for aye
Down paths of primrose and blue
violet;
But on my heart at every close of
day
A grief more keen than my old
grief is set—
I weep for those who have not
found Love yet!
—From Ainslee's Magazine.

IN THE SILENCE.

I hear from afar
A sweet cadence ringing,
It sounds like a love-song
That someone is singing.
It touches my soul
Like a voice from the spheres—
I enjoy a delight
That moves me to tears.
It cheers me to thanking
Some power above
For the mercy of sensing
The sweetness of love,
Arthur Milton.

PERVERTED GENIUS.— A SKETCH.

"Well! Well!" soliloquized Tom Lee, "if Hal would turn his attention to writing fiction, I believe he would become a literary celebrity—for he will embellish and present a very interesting account of some occurrence that though it shows skill in word picturing doesn't prove his veracity as a delineator. I wonder if persons who have the tendency so strong to exaggerate are not those in some instances, if not always, who have the mental organization for novel writing, but have been impelled by circumstances into something else—that if they were prepared by education, and free to devote their time to it, as a vocation, if they wouldn't be more exact in relating their experiences to their associates—though Hal is careful not to detract from the merit of others. "I like him and see that in some respects he is a genius. I will see if I can start him in that pursuit by way of experiment, and if a success, there will be one more consideration respecting human states for the intelligent to study, and it may influence some to use more charity in respect to the peculiarities of individuals, that may be the effect of misplaced genius."

"Hall have you ever thought of fiction writing as a vocation you would like to follow?"
"Yes, Tom! but relentless circumstances drove me into mercantile business which I abhor, I rarely indulge in such reading because of what follows as dissatisfaction."

"Well! suppose you turn your attention to it while I am here, and trust me to superintend your business. I believe you have a talent for that line of work. If the mental powers are used in other than the natural way—one peculiar to the person, they may manifest in unsatisfactory ways—but will you do it, Hal?"

"Nothing would afford me more satisfaction, if I can feel free to devote my time to it, and know if my work isn't appreciated by the public, that I needn't worry, because my finances haven't been increased, but can enjoy the pleasure I get from the writing."

"You can do so, for my time is my own, and my bank account justifies me in taking as long a vacation as I please, and I will be glad to spend it in this way."

"But, Tom! if I succeed indifferently well, the old business life will be intolerable. If I fail, I will be in the dumps until I can work back to the old state again, as I have heretofore."

"We never know what we can do until we try, so make a recluse of yourself and we will keep it a secret between ourselves for the time."

"But Maggie will be jealous unless I devote a certain portion of my time to her, and her demands are often in excess of what I have on hand. If she had been in sympathy with my ambitions, my time could have been divided before this, and neither neglected her nor my business, but I don't blame her, for thinking that a husband should dance attendance on his wife,—its due in part to home influence—early education."

"We will arrange in her connection, old fellow!"

"Well my plan is succeeding better than I expected, for Hal doesn't seem like the same person, in respect to those conversational peculiarities, and the story so far surpasses my expectations.—But how surprised I am to see Maggie so unreasonably exacting. She is one extreme that I never met before, and if Hal had made a confidant of me before this, I am sure I would have considered it one of his exaggerations."

"Hal's book is one of the best things out, and a surprise not only to his friends, but to himself, also—and now he weaves those mind figments in his stories, and gives his friends the facts from the incidents of life,—and I have concluded from my experiment with him, and observation since, that many a so called fabricator is an embryo novelist forced into an uncongenial occupation."

LISLE.

BE ORDERLY.

Everyone should strive to keep his own apartments or home in order. A home always in disorder is evidence of a disorderly spirit, for the material surroundings that we create are reflections of our spiritual state; and there can be no resting place of happiness for one who ignores the first law—order. The humblest surroundings can be made beautiful if order reigns in the spirit—for order is harmony.

Troubles cannot come to the orderly spirit. To be orderly is to be self-centered, is to make only harmonious transformations and combinations.

The more we can help ourselves the nearer we are to controlling our spirit and the God Power within. Dependence upon others for that which we can do ourselves is the childish spiritual state that is akin to the child who is able to dress itself, but lazily depends upon its mother to perform that office.—Universal Republic.

Nervous Irritability before Storms.

Some time it will come to be realized that many of the pains and aches that immediately precede and accompany damp weather are not due to rheumatism, nor to the rheumatic diathesis, but are just plain, every-day irritability consequent upon some change in nervous conditions which are caused by a drop in the barometer perhaps, or perhaps the hydroscopic variation in tissues which follows a change in the atmospheric humidity. Old people become walking barometers in their power to portend storms, because the lessened elasticity of their arterial and vascular system prevents or at least hampers those changes in the peripheral circulation which would compensate for variations in barometric pressure. Whenever an injury has taken place around a joint this same state of affairs proclaims itself even in comparatively young subjects. All signs, however, fail in dry time, so that the human barometer, like most other weather prophets, proves unreliable when it is most needed. It is probable, however, that a careful study of human feelings would enable the would-be weather prophet to prognosticate weather conditions with more assurance than any empirical study of the moon and cloud conditions.—The Medical News.

Choose rather to punish your appetites than to be punished through them.—Epictetus.

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Not Conventional.

A late well-known divine in the north of Scotland was remarkable for his contempt of conventionalities. One day towards the end of a discourse he caught sight of an old man sleeping peacefully in an adjacent pew. The minister asking him to awaken up was of no avail, so, as patience gave out, the good man raised the Bible, and flung it with all his force upon the sleeper, with the words, 'You old sinner, if ye winna hear the word of God, ye'll feel it.' On another occasion the same preacher directed his sarcasm upon his own wife. The lady had been unable to prevail upon her husband to buy her a new bonnet. She accordingly sold an old chest of drawers from the home to procure the desired article. The following Sunday found her proudly wearing the acquisition. Imagine her horror when, upon entering the church her husband loudly proclaimed from the pulpit and before the whole congregation, "Here comes Mrs. K. with the chest of drawers on her head!"—Agnostic Journal.

Some people's Spiritualism embraces only that which appeals to the senses. They have no intuitive conception of it whatever. They are Materialists and nothing more; thus can not understand the philosophical or real meaning of Spiritualism—its aim and purposes to mankind. Such would reduce it to a science, pure and simple, and let the moral die for want of support or acceptance, and thereby convert men and women into mental monstrosities, devoid of love or sympathy for each other.

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our land,—but more especially in the southern states—calls for more determined effort to crush out the monster evil. Resolved that it is the duty of Spiritualists to work more earnestly and judiciously in the lines of legislation to bring about the desired reform in this broad field of duty.

The day has dawned when the standard of moral purity for man should be as severe as that exacted of woman. Resolved that we recommend strenuous effort to make the degree of requirement the same in both sexes. We deplore the elevation of man steeped in drugs or immorality—while woman is shunned and condemned for the same conditions. Let us face the facts and do all in our power to make the standard of judgment impartial and just.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Equal rights for men and women is a subject of vital importance too often treated flippantly—rarely accorded fair consideration.

Resolved that it is the duty of Spiritualists to inform themselves definitely upon this question, that they may act intelligently and speed the time when the ballot shall be given to all regardless of sex. Resolved that it is the sense of this convention that woman is not only entitled to a voice in making the laws which she must obey, but that she is qualified to stand side by side with man in every avenue of life. To bear her share of labor, distinction or ignomy as the case may be.

TEMPERANCE.

Resolved that as an intelligent body of representative Spiritualists we note with anxiety the increasing tide of intemperance affecting almost every degree of like habit. We should earnestly endeavor to awaken those addicted to forms of intemperance,—whether pertaining to beverage, food speech or undue indulgences of any kind whatsoever; to the danger in their pathway and by every available judicious measure strive to win to reform all thus endangered.

Resolved that we place on record our continued sentiment against war and in favor of arbitration. It is the duty of every true Spiritualist to use his or her influence to bring about peace in all lands and in the hearts of all individuals—beginning at home.

Resolved that we commend the bravery of Admiral Togo and other high officials in the army and navy of Japan for openly advocating their sacred belief in the direct aid of their spirit ancestors; avowing that their success is due to the protection of spirits, all this in the face of the fact that their words are to be read by the entire world of civilization, and knowing that the masses will thoughtlessly jest or ignorantly criticize.

We deplore the manner of the many who having become convinced of the truths of immortality, who know that their loved ones released from mortal life still live, become selfishly satisfied and hold themselves aloof from the cause, so far as acting goes. Therefore, be it resolved, that we strongly emphasize the need of all who know the truth to encourage the beginners in holding aloft the Banner of Truth, that the outside world may learn that of the benefits accruing of such knowledge—all Spiritualists should give the right hand of fellowship to honest means as well as their financial support. Also show interest in our society not only by attendance but in material aid to the extent of their ability.

Resolved that we will unite in efforts to repeal the tyrannical laws of our state enacted in the interest of the medical profession. Also with alert vigilance we will so far as possible, prevent the further enactment of such laws. Furthermore, we pledge our loyalty, protection and support to all genuine mediums who may fall victims to the unjust laws now upon our statute books, or hereinafter to be thus recorded.

Building for the future thru Lyceum work, it is among the most important factors for the consideration of this convention.

Therefore, be it resolved, that as much depends upon the attitude of prominent workers towards the establishment and maintenance of Lyceums thruout our state, that it shall be the bounden duty of all

public advocates of our grand cause to bring before their followers the importance of the correct guidance of the young, while their minds are plastic, during the period when impressions are made so strong that many of them last forever. It is well said by the Catholic Church—"Give me the child the first seven years, and you may have the rest of his life."

Resolved that by this act we gratefully acknowledge the courtesy and fairness of the Press both spiritual and secular—giving us so much space in their popularly crowded columns.

Resolved that the thanks of this convention are due and are hereby tendered to the officers and trustees of the New York State Association of Spiritualists for their earnest efforts towards the success of the Association. Also to all who have so kindly assisted in making this convention a success and a red letter day in memory. We also tender our thanks to Miss Victoria C. Moore, for her efficient service in making our convention so attractive and entertaining. For comfortable accommodations, efficient service and genial courtesy,—we thank Messrs. Hickok & Smith of the Empire House. To Professor Marsh, we tender our grateful acknowledgement for the delightful music—carefully selected and artistically rendered.

For the advancement made during the year, for the unanimity of thoughtful desire in caring forward the good work, for all our blessings some of them in disguise, we are truly thankful, and be it resolved, that we will carry from this convocation, only good will, earnest purpose and unprejudiced judgment.

Tillie U. Reynolds, Laura A. Holt, Harriet M. Rathbun, Chairwoman.

The reports were unanimously adopted.

A motion was made and seconded that the chair appoint the nominating committee to nominate the officers for the ensuing year.

E. G. Riley, Carrie Twing, Mrs. Rathbun, President Richardson and H. L. Whitney discussed the motion. It was carried.

Afternoon session June 3rd, 1905, opened with President Richardson in the chair. Singing of a hymn. Remarks by president. Unfinished business.

Nominating committee reported by the president as follows:—

Mrs. Woodruff, Chairwoman, Mr. Chas Hulbert, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Bowker, Mrs. Grant.

Committee on delegates reported:—

Mrs. Duhl, Chairwoman. They suggested that we pay a little more attention to the timization of reports. They also stated they found a very good condition existing thruout the state in general. They reported Elmira society as very prosperous. A motion made and seconded that the report on delegates reports, be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Committee reported that after due deliberation it was decided to nominate Harvey W. Richardson of East Aurora, President, Carrie E. S. Twing, first Vice, of Westfield; Mrs. T. U. Reynolds, second Vice, Troy; Herbert L. Whitney, of Brooklyn, Secretary; Mrs. Milton Rathbun, Fort Washington, Treasurer, and that the Board of Trustees be nominated from the floor.

Motion made and seconded that the report of the committee be accepted. Carried.

The name of Mrs. M. E. Clark was suggested as Trustee in the place of one from Buffalo.

Motion made and seconded that Secretary Whitney be instructed to cast the deciding vote for the President, first vice and second vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Carried.

Mrs. Travis appointed Teller. It was found that after the vote was cast that the aforementioned were elected.

Motion made and seconded that we eliminate the words First and Second Vice President—and there be only one Vice or both. The motion was withdrawn. President declared the officers so elected.

Election of Trustees.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES. From the floor and by ballot. The president appointed Chas. Hulbert, Herbert Whitney and Mrs.

Travis, Tellers. After the vote were counted, the tellers reported Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Duhl, Mrs. Mattison, and Mr. J. W. Stearns, elected trustees for the ensuing year.

The president declared them so elected.

A motion was made and seconded that a rising vote of thanks be accorded our retiring Trustee, Brother Riley, for his long and faithful service on our Trustee Board. Carried unanimously.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn. Carried.

The evening sessions and the entire day Sunday was devoted to musical and literary entertainment and the giving of spirit messages. The following speakers and mediums participated.

Harvey Richardson, Mrs. Twing, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Rathbun, Mrs. Holt, Miss Woodruff, Mrs. Mudge, Dr. Butterfield, Mrs. Matteson, Mrs. Cooper, W. Kelsey, E. Reilly, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Grant, Chas. Hulbert, Mrs. Duhl, Miss Faulkner, Mrs. Fargo, Mrs. Jennings, Mr. Underhill, and Herbert Whitney.

Our elocutionist Miss Victoria C. Moore, of Dryden, gave us the pleasure of a number of choice selections in her inimitable and charming manner, and Prof. A. L. Marsh and a number of his pupils furnished us with some fine music, adding greatly to our enjoyment.

One of the delightful surprises of the convention was the masterly, eloquent and scientific address of the guide of Mrs. E. M. Travis, of Hornellsville, and we predict for her a very successful future in the lecture field.

Our convention has been in every sense of the word a great success and a feeling of unity and harmony characterized its session, and while we gave the parting hand-clasp with saddened feelings, we felt greatly strengthened and encouraged in our work for having had this short season of communion with our brother and sister workers and we go forth for another year in spreading spiritual truths.

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GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.

Where we organized a society of nineteen members and chartered it with the N. S. A. Earnest Spiritualists are working hard in Grand Junction. Missionary work is much needed and we should have remained longer, but a hall was not available during the week.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLO.

We held two meetings in this little city on the very top of the Rocky Mountains. The Town Hall was filled each evening the only eight hours were given to advertising the first meeting. A good society may be organized in Glenwood Springs. It only needs the right kind of work.

LEADVILLE, COLO.

At Leadville we found everything in readiness for our coming. Mrs. L. Agnes Moulton and her good assistants had been holding socials, etc., from time to time during the winter thereby raising money to pay the expense of the meetings. We held five public meetings and one for Spiritualists only, and in this city above the clouds (Altitude 10,200 feet above the sea) has received a new impetus.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

We stopped at Colorado Springs and held a parlor meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sinton. Mrs. May Taylor Sinton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Taylor of Lawton, N. Y., and sister to Grant Taylor of Cupertino, Cal., whom we have previously mentioned. We enjoyed our two days stay in Colorado Springs.

There are many Spiritualists in Colorado Springs, but nothing is being done to advance the cause there.

We should have remained longer so as to have organized a society, for one could be organized there and much good work would be the result. How can anyone doubt the value of missionary work and organization.

DENVER, COLO.

We closed the month of April and began the month of May in Denver. Public halls were hard to get. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Roberts, Mr. W. C. Marshall and Mrs. B. Rubicam kindly gave us use of their parlors for four meetings. On Sunday Mr. Geo. M. Bacon and Mrs. Della Despers kindly contributed the use of their hall and turned their meetings over to us. There was a large attendance at these two meetings. Mr. Bacon was the president of the society in Denver that was chartered with the N. S. A. There were several societies holding articles of incorporation from the state of Colorado.

Some of these societies have granted credentials to mediums and we were told that the privilege had been abused to such an extent that the Common Council had refused to honor some of these credentials and were collecting the licence, which is \$50.00 per year, from some who held them.

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OMAHA, NEB.

We spent a couple of days at Omaha, but held no meetings there as it was not an opportune time to do so. Missionary work is needed there as elsewhere.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

At Oskaloosa we found a fine society, officered, working in harmony and doing much good. We held four meetings all of which were well attended. The Oskaloosa Society is loyal to our organization and its purposes.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS.

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employed foreign talent all winter and the interest warranted them in moving into a larger hall. This good work would not have been done with out the organization.

FARMER CITY, ILL.

We held two meetings in Farmer City in the pretty little Spiritualist church, and we thought what a blessing to a society to own its place of meeting. If every society could own such a nice little church or temple as this one, how much better our cause would prosper. The Farmer City society is all right, and Spiritualism is respected the more for having its own temple.

PERU, IND.

We held four meetings at Peru. Mr. A. E. Schram the president of the Indiana State Association is also president of the local society at Peru. No one could fill either place more successfully. This local society is an active one, it has had some of the best talent in the land upon its rostrum.

Our meetings were well attended and appreciated.

(Concluded)

A Social Event.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Bradford, Pa., entertained Friday afternoon and evening at the Bon Air hotel, Rock City, more than 250 guests being present to enjoy the reception, dinner and dancing.

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The speaker did not expressly state that the affections are manifestations of the soul's reaction upon complete intellectual appreciation of the truth, but there was nothing in his remarks inconsistent with that inference. The speaker, in the development of his theme, raised the marriage relations to a very high plane, and the lecture abounded in helpful thoughts and practical suggestions. It was admittedly a mere outline of a scientific system, but it made a profound impression upon the auditors. After the lecture a fine course dinner was served in the spacious dining-room, covers being laid for 208. Each guest was presented with a menu card and dance program and a floral favor.

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Mayor F. W. Winger presided. The ball room was then cleared and dancing and cards were indulged in until midnight, at which hour the guests departed for Bradford in special cars.

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PROGRAM

Of the City of Light Assembly at Lily Dale, N. Y. July 14 to Sept. 3, 1905.

JOHN T. LILLIE, Chairman.

- JULY.
- 14—Carrie E. S. Twing.
- 15—Margaret St. Omer Briggs.
- 16—PIONEER DAY—Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, Carrie E. S. Twing.
- 17—Conference.
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- 19—Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn.
- 20—Margaret St. Omer Briggs.
- 21—Cora L. V. Richmond.
- 22—Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn.
- 23—Mrs. Richmond, J. Clegg Wright.
- 24—Conference.
- 25—Mrs. Richmond.
- 26—J. Clegg Wright.
- 27—Susie C. Clark.
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- 29—Susie C. Clark.
- 30—Thomas McClary.
- 31—Conference.

AUGUST.

- 1—Thos. McClary.
- 2—M. B. Little.
- 3—Susie C. Clark.
- 4—Laura G. Fixen.
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- 6—Mrs. R. S. Lillie.
- 7—Conference.
- 8—
- 9—W. J. Colville.
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- 13—PEACE DAY—W. J. Colville.
- 14—Conference.
- 15—Wilson Fritch.
- 16—WOMAN'S DAY—Susan B. Anthony, Rev. Anna Shaw.
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- 18—Anna Shaw.
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- 20—Anna Shaw, Wilson Fritch.
- 21—Conference.
- 22—Mrs. R. S. Lillie, John W. Ring.
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- 24—NEW YORK STATE DAY—H. W. Richardson, Carrie E. S. Twing.
- 25—LYCEUM DAY—John W. Ring.
- 26—Geo. E. Littlefield.
- 27—Geo. E. Littlefield.
- 28—Conference.
- 29—Mrs. R. S. Lillie.
- 30—B. F. Austin.
- 31—Carrie E. S. Twing.

SEPTEMBER.

- 1—B. F. Austin.
- 2—Lotta P. Cheney.
- 3—B. F. Austin.

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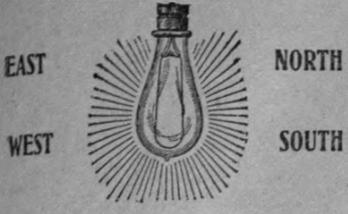
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Write reports with typewriter or plainly with pen and ink. Never use a pencil or write on both sides of the paper.

Make items short and to the point. We will adjust them to suit the space we have to use. A weekly notice of your meetings written on a postal card would look well in this column.

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Suggestions for the improvement of the paper are invited.

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J. C. F. Grumbine will spend the summer at 718 Irving ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

Mrs. Lillie Myers, the well known trumpet medium of Cincinnati, was recently married, and may now be known as Mrs. E C Kersey of Edgewood, Tenn., where her husband is interested in an organized socialist colony and paper called "Riches."

Married at Jamestown, N. Y., Sture A Ljungberg and Miss Amanda C. Levine were married at 5.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. H. E. V. Porter, at his residence, 209 West Seventh street. Both the bride and groom are well-known residents of this city. Mr. Ljungberg is a substitute carrier at the postoffice and a popular member of the 13th Separate Company. His bride is an elocutionist of considerable ability and a favorite among the young people of her acquaintance. Mr. and Mrs. Ljungberg will receive the congratulations of their many friends.

Rosetta Gott and Mary Skogland of Wellington, Ohio, write, concerning the Baby Barrett Spread: Received in all \$19.40, and forwarded to the Morris Pratt Institute and the Mediums Relief Fund \$7.23 to each. Remainder left for expenses \$4.94. We had hoped to clear a small balance for our little society here, but the above will barely pay expenses of material—book and express charges. We feel however, more than repaid for our labor by the pleasure and profit received in reading the many beautiful letters received, and thank every one who had a hand in the work. May angels bless you all. Our personal thanks to the editor of THE SUNFLOWER for the many favors received. We will forward book and spread as soon as names are copied.

Mrs. R. Hobson, Lyceum Secretary, Toronto, Canada, writes: Mrs. L. A. Griffin, the English medium who for the past six months has been touring in Canada and the United States, is returning to the old country she left for England July 6th. It is with feeling of regret she finds herself compelled to leave without having visited the famous Lily Dale camp grounds and again meeting her kind Erie friends Mrs. Balwin and Mrs. Kaplinger. Mrs. Griffin desires to sincerely thank all friends who have so kindly assisted Mrs. Kaplinger. Mrs. Griffin also desires to sincerely thank those friends who have been so kindly instrumental in making her visit to America such a pleasure and success.

Lyman C. Howe writes from Fredonia, N. Y.: In my notes from Buffalo I see I omitted the name of Bro. Hulbert, who is at the head of Harmony Society and a trance speaker. Such omissions due to lapse of memory often cause a feeling of neglect, which is not intended. I have sometimes omitted names from reports, who were among the most conspicuous and important workers, whom I would not have neglected on any account, if they had not dodged me just at the time of writing. Bro. Hulbert seems to be doing a good work for the cause in Buffalo, and well regarded by his appreciative followers. I called at Bro. Bradley's and found him physically quite helpless, but mentally clear and full of confidence in the bright hereafter. Death to him has no terrors, but is anticipated with eager delight. I will answer calls for funeral services, or lectures; and am

free to engage with societies for September, October and December. I may not have the full glow of magnetic fire to carry my words to an audience, as I had 30 years ago; but for logical clearness and educational value, I can do as good work now as at any time in my life. Yours for Spiritualism and its application to the problems of life—L. C. H.

A correspondent from St. Louis, Mo., reports that, at the close of the regular service at the Temple of Spiritualism, 3015 Pine St., twelve new members were received into the society. In admitting them, the flower service was used. Will J. Erwood of LaCrosse, Wis., who is supplying the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, Thos. Grimshaw, is the author of the service. From a large bouquet in a vase in front of him he selected a red, a white and a yellow flower and a spray of green, and explained the significance of each flower. The red, he said, was significant of love, the white of purity, the green of life, growth and progress, and the yellow, he said, was accepted as typifying Spiritualism. Then to the candidates Rev. Erwood said that the Spiritualist society had a few principles in which its members were asked to believe, and candidates were allowed to become members if their ideas of progress did not conflict with these principles. These principles, he said, are: Belief in an infinite intelligence; a belief that all nature is an expression of this infinite intelligence; that a correct understanding of the laws of nature and conformation to them constitute true religion; belief in the existence of a personal identity after death; belief in the communication with the so-called dead and that the existence of spirit has been demonstrated by scientific tests, and that the highest morality is contained in the golden rule.

Concerning the spiritual services at the Temple in St. Louis, W. J. Erwood, speaker, the Chronicle of that city says:

"The time is coming when the public will not need to rely on mediums to see and talk with friends who have passed thru the transition called death.

"I predict that the day is not far distant when we will not only send wireless messages to the planets, as we do to distant points on earth, but we will also see the faces and hear the voices of the denizens of the other worlds.

"I see a time when men will not fear death, but welcome it, knowing it to mark the passage from this life to a fuller and better existence.

"Churches will disappear. Our religious life will be peopled with ministers and men, not with preachers and congregations, as now. And the ministers will minister to the wants of men.

"In the years ahead of us, the false modesty of sexes will disappear. We will speak aloud of the propagation of the race."

These were some of the predictions made by Rev. Will J. Erwood, Spiritualist, at the Temple of Spiritualism, 301 Pine street, Wednesday night. It was his farewell sermon.

A desire to hear him, coupled with a wish to witness the first public wedding ceremony ever held at the Temple, drew a crowd that filled the church.

After the sermon, Miss Grace Leonard Powell and George William Weinberger, both of Maplewood, were married by Rev. Erwood. What is known among the Spiritualists as the floral ceremony was used.

Program of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond's Summer Work.

Leaving their home in Rogers Park, July 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Richmond will be at Corry, Pa., July 3rd to July 14th. Cuba, N. Y., July 14th to 21st. Lily Dale, N. Y. July 21st to July 28th, Lake Brady, O., July 30th. Mantua, O., Aug 1st to Aug 6th (inclusive) Onset, Mass., Aug 7th to Aug 14th. Unity Camp (near Lynn, Mass.) Aug 20th to Aug 27th, (inclusive) New York City and the Catskills Sept 1st to (about) Sept 15th.

Services will be resumed at The Church of the Soul, in Chicago, Sunday, September 17th, 1905.

Very low rate excursion to the Atlantic sea coast, July 20, over the D. A. V. & P. R. R. Tickets good twelve days. Apply to agents for particulars or see another column in this paper.

Mineral Park Camp.

On June 25th, campmeeting opened at Mineral Park near Los Angeles, Cal., with large audiences present morning, afternoon and evening. The auditorium had been made as beautiful as the loving hands of the willing workers at the camp could make it and seemed a bower of beauty set in the charming valley in which the camp is held. Too much praise cannot be given to the business manager of this enterprise, Mrs. Nettie Howell, who has shouldered the whole responsibility of this stupendous undertaking and is pushing it forward to complete success. She is a woman who has never known the word fail in any of her business undertakings. Her credit is gilt edged everywhere and her standing among the financiers of the Pacific Coast is very high. She is the right woman in the right place.

After a beautiful song service, the exercises of the morning were opened by an address of welcome by the Hon. S. D. Dye President of the Truthseekers Society of Los Angeles, and trustee of the N. S. A. His address was full of good cheer and made everyone feel at home.

A vocal solo by Mrs. Adelaide K. Brooks followed which was well received. Chairman Lillie then introduced a symposium of speakers, consisting of H. D. Barrett, President of the N. S. A., Rev. John W. Ring, Nat'l. Sup't., of Lyceums, Mrs. Ada S. Horman, Rev. J. L. Dryden. All of these speakers were optimistic, hopeful, and cheerfully predicted great success for the camp.

A vocal solo by John T. Lillie and an original poem by J. L. Dryden concluded the services of the morning.

The afternoon address was given by Harrison D. Barrett who took for his text, "What came ye out into the wilderness to see?" His words were kindly received and he was recalled to bow his acknowledgments to a generous encore.

A most beautiful inspirational poem by Mrs. R. S. Lillie concluded the services of the afternoon.

The evening address was given by J. W. Ring of Texas, who is now facetiously called "The Arch-Bishop of Texas." This lecture was one of the best that has ever been given from the platform of any campmeeting or society in the United States. It should be heard to be appreciated.

The speaker for Monday, June 26th, was Rev. J. L. Dryden, who introduced a strain of socialism into his excellent address. Mrs. C. M. Johnston and Mrs. R. S. Cowell were the message bearers of the day.

The speakers for June 27th, were Mrs. R. S. Lillie and H. D. Barrett. Mrs. Bryan gave platform messages. Large audiences greeted both speakers.

On Wednesday, June 28th, Rev. J. W. Ring and Mrs. C. M. Johnston were the speakers. The address of Mr. Ring will long be remembered by those who heard him. It was instructive, thoughtful, logical and inspiring and was most eloquently delivered. No one need to fear for this gifted man when he is on the platform. Mrs. Johnston lacks in vital poise and seemed out of harmony with her better self on this day.

The speakers for Thursday, June 29th, were H. D. Barrett, W. T. Hutchins, and J. W. McClean. These gentlemen were all greeted with large audiences, and the address of Mr. Hutchins was of especial interest to all who heard him. Mr. McClean gave his hearers many excellent thoughts and helpful suggestions. His remarks pleased the vast majority of his hearers.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Ada S. Horman occupied the platform and gave one of the best addresses that it has even been the pleasure of writer to hear. She was followed by Mrs. Maude Lord Drake in one of her peculiar public seances, which was well received.

July 1st, at 2:30 p. m., a message seance was given in the auditorium by Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Vlasek and Mrs. Hutchinson. In the evening, Rev. J. W. Ring again addressed the assembly. His audience was one of the largest of the season, and it is needless to say that his effort was of exceptional interest.

Throughout the week Mrs. R. S. Cowell, of Oakland has held numerous public seances for the benefit of the association and has pleased all who have had the privilege of attending them. It has been said of her

repeatedly that her work was straight, "no stock tests there."

The conferences at the camp have been largely attended and the subjects have been of the most practical and helpful nature. The iniquitous license ordinance of Los Angeles has been handled without gloves and steps have been taken to secure the repeal of so much of it as applies to the honest workers in our ranks. We hope for practical results from the efforts of the committee having the matter in charge.

REPORTER.

Clinton, Iowa, Camp.

To enjoy that peace which surpasseth all understanding an occasional change of scene is essential, and there is not a spot more inviting than our own Mt. Pleasant Park.

The meeting of new people, listening to finely framed sermons, the gaining of new subjects for thought and conversation, getting nearer to nature's heart by listening to the "tongues in trees," has a tendency to recuperate wasted energy, and send us back to our little world with renewed hope, fresh vitality, and a desire to live a better life for ourselves and a greater help to our neighbor.

The spirit of prophecy is pointing to a successful camp and the management is putting forth every effort toward the fulfilling of the prophecy.

Our program is a strong one from beginning to end. Hon. William Jennings Bryan will deliver his popular lecture "The Prince of Peace" on "Opening Day" for the benefit of the Association. He comes as a humanitarian, and as he has been styled "the most persuasive orator of all history," a treat is anticipated.

Transportation rates is an important factor and we thank the Western Passenger Association that we can say to the people that a rate of fare and one-third has been granted on the certificate plan, from all points in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri. Tickets must show purchase of going on July 27—August 2—inclusive, and on each Tuesday and Friday thereafter during the meeting which begins July 30 and closes Aug. 27. Ask your agent for a certificate when purchasing ticket.

The Diamond Jo Line steamers plying the "Father of Waters" between St. Louis and St. Paul has granted one-half fare transportation for round trip from all way-landings. These facts reduce the expense of a summer vacation very considerable while each passing moment of the scene changes, and new charms break upon the enraptured gaze.

We are the recipient of many letters of inquiry concerning the mediums who are to be upon the grounds this season.

As before stated, the management does not engage, or make a practice of especially inviting any particular phase of mediumship, aside from test mediums that are named on the program.

A cordial invitation is extended to all alike to come and be one with us—come and stand upon your own merit. There is nothing in all the world so helpful to the soul's unfoldment as the freedom of the individual, the freedom to express our

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convictions for in giving, we receive the freedom to be ourselves, and not slaves to "dead men's opinions," or apes of living ones; the freedom to question everywhere and all times, concerning what we would know, and the freedom to live our own lives according to our highest ideals is the most glorious freedom of all.

Friends your way may not be another's,—in fact the highest light of another may be even darkness to you, yet there is an exquisite joy even then in the thought that all these differences go to make the grandest harmonies.

When reading the many criticisms concerning the phenomena of Spiritualism, I have thought with all its "Tyranny of Darkness" we need not despair.

Were there never another physical manifestation produced we have a philosophy, a religion superior to all other religions and in this are more blest than our neighbors, let us appreciate what we have at hand.

I have every reason to believe that there will be mediums at the Park this season who are ready and willing to give to hungry souls that bread of life which will nourish and sustain.

Mediums thru whose organism the friends from the celestial shore will come and in communion sweet live over as it were, many happy incidents relative to their earth experience, "No good thing is a failure, no evil thing a success."

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CAMP-MEETINGS.

- Verona Park, Rockland, Me., Aug 13 to 27.
City of Light Assembly, Lily Dale, N. Y., July 14 to September 3.
Chesterfield, Ind., July 15 to August 26.
M. V. S. A., Mt Pleasant Park, Clinton, Ia., July 30 to August 27.
Los Angeles, Cal., June 25 to July 25.
Forest Home, Snowflake, Mich., July 30 to Aug. 21.
Circle of Light, Williams Bay, Wis., May 15 to Oct. 31.
Onset, Mass., July 23 to Aug. 27.
Unity Camp, Lynn, Mass., June 4 to September 24.
Sunapee Lake, N. H.—July 30 to Aug. 27.
Vicksburg, Mich.—July 30 to Aug. 20.
Mineral Park Camp, Garvanza, Cal.—June 25; to July 25.
Central N. Y. Sp. Assc Camp, Freeville, July 23; to August 20.
Parkland Heights, Pa., July and August.
New Era, Portland, Ore., July 9, continuing 4 Sundays.
Edgewood, Washington, July 30 to Aug. 20.
Ashley, O., Aug 6 to 27.
Central Ohio, Columbus, June 4 to 25.
Camp Progress, Upper Swampscott, Mass., opens June 5.
Ocean Grove, Harwich, Mich., July 9 to 23.
Lake Brady, O., July 30 to Aug. 20.
Grand Lodge, Mich., July 21 to Aug. 21.
Winfield, Kan., July 15 to 25.
Madison Spiritual Association, Sept 1 to 10.
Woneoc, Wis., Aug. 5 to 27.
Escudillo, Cal., Aug 6 to 20.
Maple Dell Park, O., July 9 to Aug. 27.
Illinois State Camp, Belmora Park, July 1 to Sept 1.
Lake Pleasant, Mass., July 30 to Aug. 27.
Island Lake, Mich., July 25 to Aug. 28.
Niantic, Conn., June 12 to Sept 11.
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CROSSING OF THE NERVES.

D. W. HULL.

Under the above heading an article appeared in THE SUNFLOWER of June 10, a statement that is almost as amusing as Rev. Jasper's celebrated sermon in which he affirmed the "sun do move."

It commences by the following statement:

"That the crossing of the nerves of sight and hearing would cause thunder to give light, and lightning to be heard as sound was declared by DuBois-Raymond and has been confirmed by a recent strange experience."

The article then goes on to relate a case in which a large tumor was removed from the brain in which the optic and auditory nerves were severed, but in uniting them somehow the nerves became crossed, so that the severed ends of the optic nerves were united to the auditory nerves, and vice versa, on which account we are told that "the man sees all sights as sounds and hears all sounds as colors. The shining sun yields a deafening noise. (Selah!) A blue sky produces a loud and clear note, and a gray sky is heard as a gentle humming," etc., etc., ad nauseum. If this isn't scientific nonsense, it is an attempt to play upon the credulity of the unthinking public.

The probability is that DuBois Raymond never even thought out such an absurdity, but that some "learned" medical man, or some newspaper scribbler got it up to show off his smartness. And it is possible that the story may have grown out of the ability of some people to see the color or sounds, of which there are probably a few in existence.

Sound and vision are only the responses of the auditory and the optic nerves to vibratory motions. A certain rate of motion will give a dull sound. Increase the motion which had been only 16 1-2 vibrations to the second to 38,000 per second, and a shrill sound is heard, beyond that nothing is heard, because the nerve rods of the ear cannot respond to the vibrations. It is the same as when one sings into a piano.

Only those wires corresponding to the note, vibrate to the voice. If the seven nerve rods or any of them could respond to a higher note than the highest one mentioned we should be able to hear them, and if all vibrations could be responded to by the nerves attached to the auditory nerves we should be able to not only hear the music of the revolving worlds as they fly thru the ether, but we should be able to hear the music of the spirit world and enter into conversation with our friends on the other side.

Between these two extremes (16-1-2 to 38,000) there are eleven octaves, C of the G clef having 258-7-8 vibrations to the second and its octave 517 1-2. It is thus seen that it would be impossible to hear anything out of that range, and vision is far beyond it.

If a pendulum was swinging in a darkened room, nothing could be known of its swinging till it reached about 16 1-2 vibrations to the second, then a dull hum of a sound would be heard which would increase in intensity till it reached an ear splitting intensity, of 38,000 vibrations, after which silence would prevail till we reach 39,000,000,000 when the optic nerves become able to respond to the vibrations of the pendulum, and a dull red light appears, but as the pendulum swings faster other light appears till finally a violet almost too bright for the eyes is reached at 840,000,000,000. This is as far as the eye can go. If the optic nerve could respond to an unlimited number of vibrations we should be able to see the residents of the spirit world without the aid of clairvoyance. As it is, we no doubt hear with our spiritual ears, and see with our spiritual eyes, when we are in rapport with spirits and it is translated to our outward perceptions.

Thus it is seen to be impossible to see sounds or hear sights, for no ear will respond to the vibrations of thirty-nine trillions of vibrations, and no eye will respond to the low sounds that come to the ear.

Between what we hear and see is about 150,000,000 octaves of vibrations and no crossing of nerves could

ever make them perceptible to the opposite set of nerves.

Sir Oliver Lodge on Prayer.

That eminent British scientist, Sir Oliver Lodge, in a recent article in the "Contemporary Review" discussing miracles and prayer, reduces the problem to two questions:

Are we to believe in irrefragable law?

Are we to believe in spiritual guidance?

He goes on to say:

So far as I conceive my present mission it is to urge that the two beliefs are not inconsistent with each other, and that we may and should contemplate and gradually feel our way toward accepting both. (1) We must realize that the whole is a single undeviating law-saturated cosmos; (2) but we must also realize that the whole consists not of matter and motion alone, nor yet of spirit and will alone, but of both and all; and we must even yet further, and enormously, enlarge our conception of what the whole contains.

The temptation of religious men has also lain in the direction of too narrow an exclusiveness, for they have been so occupied with their own conception of the fullness of things that they have failed to grasp what is meant by the first of the above requirements; they have allowed the emotional content to overpower the intellectual, and have too often ignored, disliked and practically rejected an integral portion of the scheme—appearing to desire, what no one can really wish for, a world of uncertainty and caprice, where effects can be produced without adequate cause, and where the connection of antecedent and consequent can be arbitrarily dislocated.

But to those who are able to combine the acceptance of both the above faiths prayer is part of the orderly cosmos, and may be an efficient portion of the guiding and controlling will; somewhat as the inhabitants of a town for a civic improvement may be a part of the agency which ultimately brings it about, no matter whether the city be representatively or autocratically governed.

The two beliefs cannot be logically and effectively combined by those who think themselves as something detached from and outside the cosmos, operating on it externally and seeking to modify its manifestations by vain petitions addressed to a system of ordered force. To such persons the above propositions must seem contradictory or mutually exclusive. But if we can grasp the idea that we ourselves are an intimate part of the whole scheme, that our wishes and desires are a part of the controlling and guiding will—then our mental action cannot but be efficient, if we exercise it in accordance with the highest and truest laws of our being.

Miracles lie all around us, only they are not miraculous. Special providences envelop us, only they are not special. Prayer is a means of communication as natural and as simple as is speech.

Realize that you are a part of a great, orderly and mutually helpful cosmos; that you are not stranded or isolated in a foreign universe, but that you are a part of it and closely akin to it, and your sense of sympathy will be enlarged, your power of free communication will be opened, and the heartfelt aspiration and communion and petition that we call prayer will come as easily and as naturally as converse with those human friends and relations whose visible bodily presence gladdens and enriches your present life.

Uphold Dignity.

When obnoxious characters get into societies, the best element withdraws forthwith, followed by others as they sense the reasons of the former's retiring. Disintegration is the final result. Spiritualism as a cause has been troubled with obnoxious characters of late years, which has affected it detrimentally, with results as in the case of societies. Now it behooves our officials to act wisely and timely to prevent disruption. Spiritualism as a science can not be affected, but as a social organization it has a pulse which beats high or low according to the standing or reputation the body holds in the community. Anything that tends to contumely, fanaticism, or immortality should be trod under foot forthwith.

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Orthodoxy Fallen On Evil Times.

In his lecture at the First Spiritual Church, Franklin street, near Fremont avenue, last night Rev. Dr. B. F. Austin, the pastor, took for his subject "Orthodoxy." He said in part:

By orthodoxy we do not mean Christianity, but the current and generally accepted doctrinal systems that profess to represent Christianity in the world today. The distinction is necessary, for Christianity is a life and spirit as distinguished from a system of theology. Jesus formulated no creed, built no church, and is in no way author of most of the doctrinal teaching of orthodoxy today. It is not too much to say that the creeds assert what Jesus never taught and largely omit what he did teach. The main features of the Christian doctrinal system came from Paul, whose teachings on marriage, on the subjection of womanhood, on the end of the world, are now generally discarded by the churches. Let no one suppose, therefore, that in attacking orthodoxy we are attacking Christianity, or religion in general, or that in prophesying the overthrow of orthodoxy we anticipate any overthrow of the truths which Jesus enunciated and so beautifully exemplified.

But orthodoxy has fallen on evil times. Assaulted by history, by science, by reason, by the evolution theory and the higher criticism, and lastly, by the sons out of her own bosom, it presents to the world of thought today a spectacle like the broken and shattered Russian navy, which Togo met and defeated.

Even in Christian lands but a small minority subscribe to the creedal systems of doctrine. Vast numbers of those who do thus subscribe doubt and question such dogmas as the fall of man, hereditary sin, a vicarious atonement, a personal triune God, an arbitrary judgment, an eternal separation of the righteous and the wicked and eternal punishment. A cartoon in a New York paper sometime ago represented the religious situation as follows:

A medieval castle represented orthodoxy and in it are seen many zealous defenders, but all armed with medieval weapons of warfare, while without, and training upon it a gatling gun, stood Dr. Lyman Abbott, Felix Adler and other liberals. The storming party had a modern gun and ammunition named "facts," "science," "history," while the defenders had as only weapons of defense spears and bows and arrows and battleaxes. Over the castle floated a flag with the inscription "Believe or be damned," while over the liberal camp floated a banner with inscription, "Think or be damned."

Orthodoxy is dying stricken to the heart by the arrow of scientific truth. It rests on assumptions contrary to the teachings of nature, devoid of proof and incapable of being harmonized with reason. Among these we may reckon the story of man's origin; his fall from divine favor and consequent depravity; his miraculous change of nature in conversion; the assumption of one special and authoritative revelation for all times and peoples; man's need of an infallible authority through book or church in religion, and the false assumption that, granting the need of revelation, the revelation of anyone age could possibly furnish requisite demonstration and motive and comfort to all other ages.

We shall come in the future to recognize more fully the contrast between the pure Christianity of Jesus' simple ethical teaching and the cumbersome, complicated and contradictory creedal system that has grown up around the name of that great teacher. The future religion will recognize revelation and inspiration as world-wide and age-long and be built on scientific fact and the highest teachings of all the great world religions.

There is a power beyond our spirit friends which governs our destiny. It may be law, planetary influence, hereditary conditions, or spirit. But it is certain that there is something which neither we nor our spirit friends can control. Even spirits are often unaware of this superior influence until experience teaches them—through failure in carrying out promises, made to their mortal friends—that they often estimate their powers to highly.



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