

LILY DALE NEWS.

Spring is here. The sun is shining warmer, and the trees are beginning to bud, the plants are coming up, and a week or ten days of this kind of weather will fill the woods with flowers. Work on the grounds has commenced and some of the old trees that have not been able to stand the ravages of time and the wind have been cut down and made into wood to start the pump as soon as the danger of the frost is entirely over.

Housecleaning is going on and the sounds of beating carpets and shingling roofs in anticipation of the spring rains, mingle. The Keck cottage on Marion street is receiving a coat of paint in addition to a new roof which has recently been put on by N. C. Lutgen, the Scheu cottage on Cleveland avenue received a new roof. T. B. Waite is painting his cottage on Fourth street. We understand that there is a prospect of two of the cottages on Cleveland avenue receiving improvements, one being a new and larger porch, the other an addition to the building itself. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White are putting the Smith cottage on Third street into good repair, trimming the trees and doing other necessary work about the place.

Earl Turner spent a day in Dunkirk. S. J. Richardson has moved back into the Evans cottage on North street.

Bessie Akin, a former employe of the SUNFLOWER office, spent a few days on the grounds. A letter received from Mrs. Alger at Lake Helen, informs us that Mr. Alger has not been well for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Devereaux are enjoying a visit from their granddaughter and niece, who are spending their Easter vacation with them.

Edith Hudson, who has been quite sick, is able to be around again. Laurel Stone has had an attack of pneumonia at his home in Fredonia, but is doing nicely. Riley Johnson is having his turn with the gripe.

Mrs. Avis Reed has returned from Dunkirk where she has been on account of an operation on her niece. The operation was a success and she is now home from the hospital.

Messrs. Parker and Walker of Dewittville, N. Y., spent a couple of days on the grounds, having come here to consult Dr. Hyde. The doctor has many out-of-town patients who come here for treatment. Mr. Harper, who has been here some time receiving treatment for a cancer, returned home last week, the cancer having been removed and the wound healing nicely.

A dance was held at the South Park House Thursday evening in honor of Earl Turner, Guy Richardson, and Henry Bernard, who are to leave Tuesday of this week for Texas, where they have secured positions in a lumber camp. There was a good attendance, and a fine evening was spent. Music was furnished by West's Orchestra, and supper was served in the dining room.

The usual dance was held in Library Hall Saturday evening with a good attendance, and an enjoyable time. These parties have been very successful this winter, and have attracted people from quite a distance. They will soon have to be given up now, as with spring work coming on we will be too busy to take much interest in dances until the quiet times of next winter.

Those who come here during the summer and enjoy from a few days to the entire season have little idea of the amount of work and planning someone has to do to get into shape for their entertainment. It is a job of months duration, hundreds of letters are written, and many dollars of expense and labor go to make it up. From the time the weather warms so as to make outdoor work possible, up to the time people begin to pass thru the gates for the open season, there is not a moment's let-up. Think of this when you visit us next July and August.

Miss May Huntington spent several days at Mayville last week where she was a witness in a land case.

People who wish to buy, or sell or rent cottages should address our real estate agents, Mrs. Nellie Warren, and Miss May Huntington, always enclosing stamp for reply. Just remember that if the information is

not worth the postage stamp for you to receive, it certainly is not worth the stamps for anyone to give it to you.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Lutgen spent Sunday in Dunkirk.

Leo Scheu took a business trip to Dunkirk last week.

Chester Swanson is acting as agent at the station while our regular agent, George Ramsdell, is substituting at Cassadaga.

Mart Champin, Roy Turner and Dr. Todd spent Sunday at home.

CONFERENCE.

An exceedingly interesting meeting was held at Miss Olmstead's Sunday evening. There was also a very good attendance. We convene next time at Miss May Huntington's. Subject, "Is suffering necessary, to spiritual progression?"

Miss Marie C. Brehm, state president of the Illinois W. C. T. U., associate superintendent of Franchise Department of the National W. C. T. U. and state vice president of the Illinois Peace society, will lecture at Lily Dale Woman's Day, August 15 also the 16th, 18th and 19th. August 18 will be Temperance Day and the 19th Peace Day, and no one is better fitted to discuss the subjects on these, the greatest special days of the Assembly.

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The Egret Plume.

Written For The SUNFLOWER. Lady take off the egret plume; The fashion is passé; The milliner who vends them now - Must do so at half pay.

Those who have heard the cruel tale, Those dainty things reveal, Wear them no more. They now remain For those whose hearts are steel.

Only at brooding time those plumes Grow on the mother bird, And by her murder, ere her young Can fly, this style absurd Is foisted on the uninformed, Whose hearts are not unkind, But aid the shocking cruelty By paying for it, blind.

Oh ladies who, with purse in hand, Select these fairy things Which only can be worn, by death, And dear shot-shattered wings, The milliners could never hire Them thus to advertise Their heartlessness and vanity, For people to despise.

Lady, take off the egret plume; Replace it by a flower; Declare yourself against this wrong With all a woman's power! It does not make you beautiful, As is your heart's desire, But tells such shocking tragedies As 'waken holy ire.

Oh, give us beauty in your eyes, Those windows of the soul; And sweet lips, shaped by tenderness, And royal self control. Attraction radiates from within, Not from a dead bird's wing, Love matured on ignoble things Will fly elsewhere to sing. Emma Rood Tuttle.

The Consoling Truth.

Can someone tell me where to find the all-consoling truth, That which consoles the aged, and concerns the ones of youth? And then will someone tell me the course I must pursue, To hear but one faint whisper from departed friends so true?

Yes, search with honest purpose, and persevering mind, For the greatest and the dearest truth that you could wish to find; As sure as the reappearing of the brilliant morning sun, Your loved, the dear departed, will reappear--will come.

GEO. R. SINNING.

There is a gift that is almost a blow, and there is a kind word that is munificence; so much is there in the way of doing things--Woman's Life.

Buffalo Notes

N. H. EDDY, Correspondent.

THE FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH of Buffalo needs the Temple, corner Jersey street and Prospect avenue, Sunday night 8 m. and 7.45 p. m. Wednesday evening 7.45. Children's Service Sunday 10.30. HARMONY CIRCLE meets at Keystone Hall, 351 Main street every Sunday evening at 7.45. Chas. S. Holbert, Pastor. LIBERTY THEATRE EXCHANGE meets at Keystone Hall, 351 Connecticut street, Sunday at 7.45 p. m.

At the First Spiritual Church, Sunday April 8th, Mrs. Allyn took her subject for lecture and poem from the audience. There was several subjects presented for her consideration and her ever-ready inspiration, wit, humor and intellectual manner of expressing her ideas, made it very interesting.

There were about 300 people present, they giving her their marked attention. Mrs. Allyn has a way of addressing her hearers that pleases them.

We were favored with a fine vocal solo, by Miss Dean, and at the close of the lecture, Mrs. C. Lewis Chase, of 241 E. Eagle street gave some excellent spirit messages. Your correspondent heard a stranger to the medium say to another individual "When Mrs. Chase got thru giving messages: 'There's a genuine medium.'"

The meetings both Sunday and Wednesday evenings are attended by large audiences.

The Wednesday evening services, April 4th, were conducted by Mrs. Fannie Allyn. She gave a short talk explanation of psychometry, and afterwards psychic readings from articles laid on the table by those in the audience. Most of the readings were acknowledged correct. Near the close of the services subjects from the audience were given their own readings.

Thursday evening April 5th, thru the courtesy of Mrs. C. L. Johnson, 477 7th street, a few invited friends gathered at her home to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Staley and Mrs. Phelps. Tokens of kindly remembrance, fitting for the occasion, were presented to both. The evening was spent in a very enjoyable manner. There were spiritual readings, friendly chats, song and dance. Excellent music was furnished by a quartet that was present, a bountiful supply of provisions was served, to which ample justice was done, and it was an evening long to be remembered.

The Wednesday evening service at the Temple, April 11th was very interesting. Mrs. Allyn's discourse upon the subject of "Spirit Communication" was very instructive. She was followed by Mrs. Staley, who gave a number of spirit messages, which were mostly recognized by the audience, even strangers remarking upon their clearness.

Wednesday afternoon the children of the Lyceum were given a little party in the parlors of the Temple at which they had a royal good time. They were served with refreshments which were much to their liking, and enjoyed the afternoon in a way that will long be remembered. Mrs. Dillon, the leader, deserves much credit for her efforts in interesting the children and making it pleasant for them. Mrs. Allyn is also a Lyceum worker and did much to add to the enjoyment of the occasion.

A young merchant recently presented to his better half an elaborate piano lamp. He was very flattered when she told him she intended to give it his name until he asked her reason for so peculiar a proceeding. "Well," said she, "you know, dear, it's a good deal of brass about it. It is handsome to look at, requires a good deal of attention, is remarkably brilliant, is sometimes unsteady on its legs, liable to explode when only half full, flares up occasionally, it is always out at bedtime and is bound to smoke."

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FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

How Death Affected a Church Member.

(Continued from last week.)

As the weary days went by, agony and despair filled our hearts until the uncertainty almost drove us to madness. Never had we realized what it meant to lose by death those dear to us and in consequence of this ignorance no real understanding or particularly deep thought on the subject of life after death had troubled our serene repose in the belief that if we be Christians, so called, we should at death go to meet that all-suffering Savior who had given his life that we might have salvation.

All our lives we had been constant attendants at church and observed its forms and ceremonies most religiously, and endeavored to so train our child that he see the necessity of becoming a church adherent, but as he grew to manhood, and his education went forward, he began to look into these things with questioning eyes and still later as he entered college in final preparation for his chosen profession, doubt in the truth of this belief seemed to take deep root in his mind, and the deeper he delved into science the more uncertain became his mind on these vital questions. Hence our fear and anxiety for his welfare now that death had claimed him for its own.

The question may present itself to readers of this most imperfect sketch. How could any mother entertain such thoughts of her child? Will such questioners tell me how we can reconcile orthodox faith with a life, no matter how perfect morally, or how high a standard of living that person maintained, but which did not indorse the one prime principle of that religion, namely, the belief that Christ died an ignominious death that mankind thru that atonement might have eternal life. Oh! the agony of that doubt. As time went on no respite came to a heart bowed with grief, no light to illumine that lonely resting place where lay buried all we held most dear. Hope and interest in life and its duties died and we cried out in anguish that we too might go to the great unknown that death might free us of the most unhappy existence. Of what avail now all our hope and trust in a wise and just God whence was to be found the balm to heal this most sore wound. In this morbid and unhappy state of mind death alone seemed the only release for "Dying has grown dear Now you are dead who turned all things to grace."

No that that this most cruel dispensation could in any manner be of future benefit to us ever entered our calculations. All the better and higher energies of our lives were suppressed, peace had taken to itself wings and flown away, and we were stranded on a rock of doubt, uncertainty, fear and dismay.

But as there gleams from afar a faint light to illumine the coming day so there came to us one fair morning a tiny spark of hope, the very faintest ray of light, as we in a listless way had taken up a little book and glancing over its pages there came to us these words:

"The curtain between the two worlds is being rent asunder, the day is near at hand when death will no longer be feared as an event separating us from those we love, but rather a means of bringing us into closer and sweeter communion with our dear departed ones. Wondrous words! could such a thing be? Is it possible that by any means we might learn of their destiny, until we too had passed beyond the vale? A great unrest seized us, a burning desire to test the truth of those words.

"The curtain between the two worlds is being rent asunder." But how? who shall be able to unveil the mystery of death? who tell us of the life beyond the grave which is to us so vague and unreal a thing.

In the stillness of the night there seemed to come to us the whispering of some unseen force. "Consult a psychic and you will hear strange things."

There is a gift that is almost a blow, and there is a kind word that is munificence; so much is there in the way of doing things.—Woman's Life.

Is Spiritualism as a Movement Gaining Ground? If Not, Why Not?

I think it is. The camp meetings are not multiplying as they were twenty years ago, for the territory is mostly taken, and it now remains to develop and use those already organized.

There are probably four times as many organized societies as there were twenty years ago. But they are not all well sustained, and the platform talent does not average as well as it did thirty years ago. The demand has deteriorated.

Thirty and forty years ago large audiences greeted the speakers and the best thot, highest ideals, clearest logic and most eloquent expression were sought after and appreciated by the great body of Spiritualists. Now a small minority crave the deepest thot and most finished oratory. Something sensational, some novelty, or platform phenomena, is required to "draw," and the catering to that demand, by societies has lowered the standard of platform work, and alienated thousands of the best minds, who seek the intellectual and spiritual supplies in the liberal churches, and independent societies; and many have gravitated to the speculative assumptions of Theosophy, Christian Science, Occultism, these cults being a sort of culture soil for certain minor branches of the spiritual tree.

But the following and support of spiritual meetings is not an index to the growth of Spiritualism. They are a vital part, but by no means the principal movement.

The Fakermis that has played a mischievous part in confounding investigations, and creating doubt in honest minds, is balanced, or more than balanced, by the increasing interest among scientific people, who know how to discriminate and who vouch for a class of facts in the strongest terms. Intelligent, cultured, people are coming to realize that any army of fakes playing the credulity of the "people and misleading many, in no way lessens the value of genuine mediumship and the scientific evidence of a future life. They are beginning to realize there are genuine mediums and reliable phenomena, and that one positive demonstration is more than a million counterfeits. That a million negations do not invalidate the evidence of one scientifically demonstrated fact.

The present is a sifting time. It is not pleasant; but the truth cannot suffer by any amount of airing and all genuine mediums will be the better for the sifting. I think reliable mediumship is by far better established to day, and more striking and conclusive than twenty years ago.

The N. S. A. is a pretty good index to the progress of the cause. Three times attempts were made to organize a national society and failed. The success of the present one is proof of a large advance in the conditions obtaining among Spiritualists, and the interest that is wide spread. Besides this, many state organizations have arisen and are doing much good work. The courts have given decisions in contested will cases, which could not have been twenty years ago. They have decided that belief in Spiritualism is no evidence of insanity, and that spiritual societies have the same rights under the law as other religious bodies.

The Western rail roads as far east as Buffalo and Salamanca, recognize our speakers as ministers of the Gospel; but east of those points the officials are still regulated by the calibre of Cotten Mather and probably regard themselves as so much nearer the resurrection that a spiritual immortality is too thin for their capacity. They want the bones to rattle and the marble slabs to crack and crumble at the great and terrible day. Hence our spiritual ministers do not command their recognition.

But Spiritualism as a movement is gaining ground. There are more good mediums, more societies, more spiritual libraries, more camp meetings, more state associations, more great scientists vouching for the facts, more favorable notices in the secular press, more accounts of strange phenomena published without a scowl, and more general knowledge of the claims of Spiritualists and the endorsement of scholars, magicians, men of science, and clergymen, than there were twenty years ago.

But there is yet room for improvement. There are many opportunities for all who would help on the evolution of the greatest movement ever inaugurated on earth. Those who have not the breadth and comprehension to adjust themselves to Spiritualism as a whole may do good work under different names, and fancy they have found a "New Thot," but they all come into the movement as a whole, and their contributions are accepted.

LYMAN C. HOWE.

Effect of Environment.

It has always been supposed that individual peculiarities of physiognomy were the results of heredity, but Mr. W. Pauconberg, in the London Strand, maintains that they are dependent principally upon environment—climate, and diet. The writer, of course, admits that heredity may at times transmit peculiarities, but declares that this is subordinated to the influence of habits of living. For example, he says: The children of dipsomaniacs or persons of intemperate habits whose features are of perfect shape, display most peculiar facial aberrations. In Dresden an intemperate couple who were distinguished on both sides of their respective families for their long chins, gave birth to six children, all of whom had absurdly short and retreating chins. But in no other respect was the vice or disease manifested. In another case, where strong hair and bushy eyebrows were the rule, sons and daughters grew up singularly deficient in hair and eyebrows. If nature's laws continued to be violated, the third generation would probably suffer very severely in face and physique. But on the whole, as might be expected, the burden of inebriety, so far as the features are concerned, falls chiefly on the nose. The gradual facial degeneration of a family has been observed by Dr. Foster, who shows how, by careful living, wholesome activity, and healthful environment a sickly stock finally succeeded in putting forth strong and vigorous offspring of great featural beauty. Change of habits and habitat followed, and deterioration began. It is noticed that the poise of the head, owing to the weakening of the neck and muscles, was one of the most striking signs of the second generation, together with the greater concavity of the oral region and a more acute angle of the forehead. In the third generation these traits increased in a manner almost impossible to believe. Yet the formative impulsion toward a purer type was probably only weakened, and with a renewal for a couple of generations of the old conditions of diet and habits it would revive in its full vigor.

The writer reports a German investigation relating to the use of tobacco, that out of 1,000 persons examined 760 were smokers and about 350, or half of these, were stated to have been the grandchildren of habitual smokers. Of this latter number, 300 were distinguished by an adjustment of the ear more or less at right angles from the head, a peculiarity observable in only seven per cent of the offspring of non-smokers, and in 29 per cent of the non-smokers. All this would seem to point to some action of nicotine upon the aural muscles, giving rise to the "smoker's ear."

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N. S. A. Missionaries' Quarterly Report.

We began the work of the year 1906 with the little society that we organized in Lancaster, Pa., four years ago, holding three meetings there. Large audiences greeted us even though the weather was very unfavorable. This society is one of which we are proud. Mr. Geo. A. Kiehl is the efficient president and is well supported in the work by the other officers and members of the society. A great work has been accomplished by them. When it was organized the people of Lancaster, outside a few who had investigated Spiritualism privately—were in a condition of the densest ignorance regarding the teachings or truth of our philosophy. The newspapers treated the Spiritualists shabbily, and published an article written by someone who was ignorant as he was vicious, advocating a coat of tar and feathers for the missionaries. After four years of work in which some of the best speakers, among whom I recall the names of Harrison D. Barrett, Dr. B. Austin and W. J. Colville, and such mediums as Mrs. Wreidt of Detroit and Mrs. Bartholomew of Florida, have visited this orthodox city under the auspices of this society, their labors, together with the good private work of its own mediums and the distribution of Spiritualist literature consisting of the N. S. A. leaflets, books, pamphlets and the splendid Spiritualist newspapers and magazines, all of which are great factors in dissemination of the new gospel, has transformed the condition of the aggressive opposition to one of toleration and with many, to the acceptance of the truths of Spiritualism. There are many investigators now and the society is loudly for the proposed N. S. A. Reading Course. We trust the committee appointed at the Minneapolis convention, is making progress and that this much needed Reading Course may be forthcoming soon. The work of the Lancaster society shows what may be done by even a few persons who will work earnestly and harmoniously together. WASHINGTON, D. C. We served the First Association of Spiritualist of Washington, D. C. during the month of January. Missionary work is needed in the capitol city as it is nearly everywhere else. Our work was successful. Large audiences were in attendance. The old workers seemed to imbibe new enthusiasm and constantly increasing interest was shown, clearly shown, and twenty five names were added to the membership roll. This society is presided over by

that veteran worker and true Spiritualist Mr. F. A. Wood, and Mrs. H. W. Morgan is its very efficient Secretary. It counts among its members a number of workers of national reputation. Among them three officers of the N. S. A. viz: Theodore J. Mayer, Treasurer, Mrs. Mary T. Longley, secretary, Mr. I. C. I. Evans, trustee, also Mr. C. Payson Longley, author of "Longley's Beautiful Songs," Mrs. M. J. Stevens, Mr. P. L. O. A. Keeler and other well known mediums and workers. We enjoyed the work with this society very much and it was with regret that we were obliged to leave it just as we had the work well in hand, but those good workers Oscar A. Ederly and Mrs. Mary T. Longley took up the labor where we left it, which insures the continuance of the spirit of enthusiasm that our labors created. PARKERSBURG, WEST VA.

We visited Parkersburg, West Va. where we held six meetings. These were the first public Spiritual meetings ever held in that city. Our audiences were fine and were composed of representative people, many of whom listened to a lecture on the subject of Spiritualism and witnessed the message work of a medium for the first time. We were royally entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rathbone. We organized a fine society here composed of thirty members. Dr. C. M. Boger an ardent Spiritualist and leading physician of the city is its president. The other officers are leading men and women of the place and with the splendid membership composed as it is of honest, earnest and enthusiastic Spiritualists and investigators we feel that the cause in Parkersburg is in good hands. We feel that the missionaries should have remained in this place six months at least. The time will come when Spiritualists like Unitarians and other denominations will be able to keep their missionaries with their new societies until they are fully established and their permanency assured.

We trust that the Parkersburg society may be carried on as successfully established as the society that we organized in Wheeling, W. Va. four years ago. It starts out under similar conditions. ASHLEY, OHIO. We stopped at Ashley, Ohio and held two meetings in the Opera House under the auspices of the society that we organized there about three years ago. The weather was against us, but we had fair sized audiences. There was a number of orthodox people present some of whom had previously opposed Spiritualism and had never before attended the meetings altho the camp meeting, almost within the village had been active for years. Verily "the world do move."

DETROIT, MICH. We next visited Detroit, Mich. where we took part in the three days mid-winter meeting of the Michigan State Spiritualists Association. A report of meeting having already been given to the public through the Spiritualist press we will only say that it was a success in every way and did much good for the cause in Michigan. We are certain that more mass meetings are needed in that state as well as in other parts of the country. They are great teachers of the public, and give encouragement to the workers, creating enthusiasm, generating activity and demonstrating to the Spiritualists the benefit of organized, united effort in the work for the advancement of our great cause. At this meeting we raised about seventy dollars to be used in defense of the Goff Will. This case is to be tried in the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan. Every Spiritualist in this State and in the United States should feel that this is his or her case and send at least a little money to help the cause of justice. This case has almost resolved itself into the question whether a person can be sane and believe in Spiritualism. Spiritualists of this country, are you going to sit idly by and let brother John F. Goff's will be set aside on the grounds of his being insane because he believed in Spiritualism? or will you stand up for your own rights and those of our arisen brother who can no more defend himself and his rights in our earthly courts. It will require several hundred dollars to carry this suit through the courts and get a decision. Let every Spiritualist who reads this sit

right down and send something, whether a small or large amount, to Miss Rena Chapman, Sec'y. Michigan State Spiritualists Association, Marcellus, Mich. and she will send you a receipt for your remittance. Don't delay. PONTIAC, MICH. We visited Pontiac, Mich. where we held two meetings. Zero weather and too short notice of the meetings caused the audiences to be small. Mr. R. Barlett, who arranged for our coming, said we must return when opportunity offered and he would advertise it thoroughly which would insure a large attendance. FENTON, MICH. We went from here to Fenton, Mich. where we organized a small society some four years ago. There has been a remarkable change in the attitude of the people of this place toward Spiritualism since this society was organized. At the first meetings we held there four years ago people preferred to stand in the back of the hall rather than be comfortably seated in the front seats. This time the hall was filled. Every available spot was utilized; the hallway entrance was packed and the stairs leading to the upper story was covered while many went away. The hall was not large though it was larger than the one we occupied four years ago. We should have had one that was at least twice as large. This little society has been ministered to by Mrs. Lou Abbey for the last two years or more, and though its membership is small, it has been able to have some of the best mediums and speakers from abroad who have been of great assistance in

the work of enlightening the people upon the all-important subject of Spiritualism. On Sunday morning Feb. 18th we attended the Methodist Church of Fenton, and listened to a sermon on the subject of "Modern Spiritualism and True Spirit Communion" by the Rev. J. B. Whitford the pastor which would have been a credit to any Spiritualist speaker. It was a fine, logical and spiritual sermon and was replete with the truths of the phenomena, philosophy and religion of Spiritualism. The Christian Church is slowly progressing, and right here the question may be asked is it going to absorb and monopolize Spiritualism? We will answer: The Church is absorbing it rapidly and teaching its truths more or less, but it can never monopolize it as long as Spiritualists hold together as an organized body, for when it comes to the last analysis, to the fundamental principles upon which the whole philosophy rests all must come to Spiritualism pure and simple, nothing more, nothing less. Everything rests upon the fact of Spirit Communion and none can come to it without coming to Spiritualism. All we need is to hold firmly to our organization together and the work of others, even those who seek to appropriate it to use in the patching up of a decaying theology, will help to build up the cause of true Spiritualism and our organization which alone stands for it. (To be continued.) Religion is simply the way home to the Father.—George MacDonald. THE SUNFLOWER \$1.00 a year.

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