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SCIENTIFIC MURDER OF DISSOCIATED PERSONALITIES.

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The world just counts heads and calls the result its census. So many heads, so many million inhabitants, each with a head and a body all to himself.

The materialist and the believer in life after death have this in common, that it is form which they count as man. One says the form dies and that is the end of the man, the other says the form dies but that is not the end of the man.

In earth life form is all in all. It loves and marries and begets other forms. Every experience is that out or wrought out thru form. The joys and woes of life are only realized thru form, and the woe of death is mitigated by belief that form will greet and know form in the hereafter. A human form is counted as a person, the only difference being that when we think of a person, we include the form and something more. The mind goes with the hereafter. Men, women and children are each counted as a person, tho the Spiritualist believes that one person may sometimes creep in and out of the form belonging to another person and thus make one form exhibit the mind of another form for a very brief hour.

With such a statement of what we mean by personality as a human form with a mind in it, no one will find much fault. But we are startled and "rattled" when we are told by men of science that mind and form are not so completely one as we imagined. Of course the form is one, and, so far as we know, the most skillful surgeon does not pretend to make two of it. But the mind, we are told, only needs a certain amount of shock to break in two, or for that matter into a dozen personalities which must share the one body among them as best they may. These pieces of mind each severally and individually control the whole body, as they get the chance, and each, so far as we can see, thus becomes a real person.

A most careful study of this abnormal psychology, extending over many years, has been made by Professor Morton Prince, M. D., physician for diseases of the nervous system at the Boston City Hospital. In a volume just published by him entitled "The Dissociation of a Personality," his experience with a crowd of these personalities is of thrilling interest to every student of man the mortal. His careful analysis and wonderful patience with Miss Beauchamp—as No.s 1-2-3-4-5 and 6—will compel a change of that almost as outreaching as the researches in evolution by Darwin and Wallace. For if self-consciousness be the distinguishing mark between man and other animals, as claimed by scientists, what are we to understand by a number of such distinct self-consciousnesses all using the same one body, and each with faculties, emotions, tastes, and experiences of its own, and a memory limited to its own experiences like all the rest of us?

After studying this profound psychological work we can realize something of the surprise of Dr. Prince when he discovered that the Miss Beauchamp he had been professionally trying to cure for years, was not really Miss Beauchamp at all, but only a piece of her, using the form of Miss B. but with a set of memories of its own split off into experiences of horrible nervous sufferings, which were, for the most part, unshared by the others. When Miss Beauchamp first placed herself under the care of Dr. Prince he soon discovered that drugs and hygiene were of no value to her case so he tried hypnotism, and upon the wondrous power of suggestion is founded his treatment and measurable success in this perplexing case. The immediate result was the temporary suppression

of his patient, and the appearance of a very different personality without any nervousness or ill health, and with memories and experiences of her own unshared by Miss Beauchamp.

To make what follows a matter of careful record he was obliged to number the different personalities, and thus become a sort of godfather to each. So his patient is labeled B1, and the others B2, B3 etc., up to and including B6. Of these three are specially prominent and interesting, being produced thru the hypnotism of B1. The others came to life as the result of hypnotizing the personalities he had already evolved or created. No two are the least alike, or like his patient, whom he calls B1. So we have three of these personalities especially prominent and important for our study in this article. These three the doctor aptly describes and distinguishes as "saint, woman and devil." This last term I think rather harsh, and I believe the personality calling herself "Sally" and recorded as B3, would have been more suitably christened "The Imp" by her godfather and professor.

The doctor soon made up his mind that he was dealing with a case in which a mind was not merely "cracked" but broken into fragments. He afterwards discovered the cause, which was a shock sustained several years before. But as an unwanted and unloved child Miss Beauchamp had been born into earth life with a predisposition to "go to pieces" on very slight provocation. Dr. Prince came to the conclusion that if he was to effect a cure he must either blend or destroy some of these personalities, and his book, just published, contains an analysis of each separate character, and the difficulties in his way, which took him years to overcome.

The doctor is just a scientist, and a very clever one too, but for him killing is not murder if the victim happens to be caught posing as a "dissociated personality." But for the rest of the world, including the reader and writer, an acquaintance with the interesting characters which the doctor calls "dissociated" arouses the same deep interest as with any other person of our acquaintance.

Here, to begin with, is B1, called by him "the saint" but to whom he denies a full womanhood, and at last actually hypnotises her into consenting to have her individuality smothered. She is a great invalid, and her life is made still more burdensome by the conduct of the others who, using the same body, do and write many things which keep her depressed and remorseful, as she feels that, in some way, their acts are hers. She is very religious, and she prays for help and guidance with the agony of a soul-stricken sinner at a revival. She is quite talented, mastering languages and short hand easily and thoroughly, and is a great student. She is, however, always an invalid. She has much of the saint in her nature, being full of forgiveness for her enemies, and meekly enduring insult and injury.

If any soul have a natural claim to immortality the right of B1 must be admitted. But the cruel scientist declares that, in spite of her goodness, she is not a soul at all, but just a fractional part of a woman; and he plans her professional annihilation, or, if you please, her "scientific murder." B1 is very susceptible to suggestion, and therefore easily hypnotised, with the result that, for the time, she disappears, and a very different womanhood takes her place. But each remembers only her own experiences, with one remarkable exception called B3 or Sally. Sally Beauchamp was the name she gave herself, taken from some book she was reading, so the name Beauchamp is given by the doctor to the entire family to hide the real name of his patient. The personality evolved when B1 is hypnotised is

called B2. The chief value of that hypnotic self is that she tells tales "out of school" of occurrences which poor B1 deems her most sacred and private experiences. It is B5 and B4 who with the unhappy B1 constitute what the professor calls "Saint, woman, devil." B2 and the rest he considers just hypnotic selves, such as any of us might exhibit if hypnotised. But these three stand to him as actual fragments of the whole woman, so he calls them "dissociated personalities."

I find it impossible to accept Sally as a "dissociated personality" as all thru the history there is a oneness about her as clear and decided as that of any reader of this article. She comes to light in the first place thru hypnotism, but when she once gets her eyes open she exhibits a most marked character, and very different from the others. She is a little heathen, hating religion, yet knowing every jot that passes thru the mind of B1. She actually writes out a biography of herself. She seems to have always shared life with B1 and learned everything that B1, learned, if she wished. But she has left out the French and the shorthand, wherein she made a great mistake, for the doctor, by talking to B1 in French, could thus sometimes keep a secret from the sharp eared Sally. But it was only for a short time, for Sally could soon read the thots of B1. Sally was never a moment sick, and declared she never slept or needed sleep. Unlike the others she generally knew just what was going on.

The interesting and all important three were constantly writing letters to one another, and to Dr. Prince. And we can easily mark the personality of each by the letters thus written, and also by the several accomplishments they each gained. In these human fragments, and including Sally, we have every manifestation of souls such as Moody and Sankey would have labored to convert. Yet our good, clever doctor is certain that at least two out of the three have only one soul between them, and he goes on to include B5 and B6, which last two came to the front by hypnotising Sally and B4. We have read in our childhood of fairies, naiads, etc., hunting zealously for a little immortality. Well, here they are, discovered by our professor, but posing in human form.

(To be continued.)

Japanese Spiritualism.

The original religion of the Japanese was Shintoism, from "Shin" deity, and "to," the way, meaning "the path of the gods." O Kakura-Yoshisaburo writes thus in his new work: "The Japanese Spirit: It is not easy to imagine the spirit of the deceased to be something different from our actual living self. The departed altho invisible, are thot to be leading their ethereal life in the same world in much the same state as that to which they have been accustomed to while on earth. * * *

We have ancestral shrines where we speak with our departed over the altar. * * * True, we say and think we believe in death, but all the while this thot-to-be death is nothing else than a new life in this present-world of ours, led in a super-natural way. The essential self of the departed is ever present, tho not always visible." This is straightforward spiritism, and, in confirmation of the same. Vice-Admiral Togo, when addressing the soldiers in Tokio, turned his eyes heavenward and addressed the dead—so-called dead—soldiers thanking them for their loyalty to their country's flag. His address to these ascended Japanese spirits was beautiful and thrilling inspiring.—Message of Life, New Zealand.

Be a man before you attempt to be a god.

LOCATES BODIES OF TWO YOUNG MEN

Dr. S. Clay Markley, Locates the Bodies of the Young men at North Lake.

The mystic power, or whatever it may be called, possessed by Dr. S. Clay Markley, of Boonville, N. Y., which was so extraordinarily manifested in the recovery of the bodies of Albert Fuller, of Utica, and his guide, Charles Curtail, of Boonville, at North Lake, recently, has interested the doctor with an interest which is unique. He ascribes to this occult instinct the title of clairvoyance. It is needless to say that in this enlightened age clairvoyance is ill-estimated and that its advocates and disciples receive scant courtesy from scholars and scientific investigators. Nevertheless, in the cities, there are numbers of them who are patronized in secret by men and women who would be loath to confess their faith in clairvoyance. In this category are numbered several business men of good standing in Utica, who will tell in strict confidence of experiences which are inexplicable upon any basis of rational analysis.

FINDING THE BODIES.

The circumstances of the North lake tragedy are well remembered. Mr. Fuller, with his guide, went out in a rowboat on the afternoon of November 6, and did not return. The boat was found, as were the caps and guns of the men, making it almost conclusive that the bodies were in the lake. Searching parties were at work for three weeks but had no success. Prominent persons in Boonville who were acquainted with the occult vision of Dr. Markley suggested to him that he take part in the search and Mr. Fuller, father of the young man who was drowned, was communicated with to obtain his consent. Having no faith in the occult, Mr. Fuller declined to engage Dr. Markley. Meanwhile, upon a map drawn by a man who was familiar with North Lake, the doctor, at Boonville, on November 17, indicated the points where the bodies lay. A few days later he was induced to go to North Lake and eventually, with the consent of Mr. Fuller, he directed the searchers to points upon the ice. They cut and found the bodies lying about 40 feet apart, as Dr. Markley had prophesied.

The faithless ascribe the finding of the bodies and the doctor's prophecy to coincidence, without any association therewith of the supernatural. But the doctor asserts that this is but one of a

SERIES OF OCCURRENCES

of a similar nature in his career, and that they cannot be explained upon the theory of concurrent happening. In an interview with a Globe writer he made some interesting statements. He said:

"Few people are natural-born clairvoyants and where one true, honest clairvoyant is found there are a hundred fakers. Furthermore but few persons are worthy of such a gift and would make good use of it I am a born seer and clairvoyant. Here is the key to mediumship: If a person is gifted from birth and has powers which lie undeveloped, that person can, by sitting at dusk in his or her own home, acquire the use of those powers. He must be alone and quiet an hour at a time on some regular evening, although it can also be done in the daytime, if a regular time is observed. Thus the naturally-gifted person can become clairvoyant. But unless it is the intention to make good use of the gift, it would be better never to develop the latent talent. Evil influences might predominate. The planet which one is born under has a strong controlling influence. One born with a veil over the face is a natural born seer and all Leo men

and women are magnetic, ruled by the sun.

"Messrs Enerl and Merrill will make affidavit, if necessary, that I have located several drowned persons and others who were lost. I have also located gold mines in the west for the New York and Colorado Mining Company. Three years ago I went in search of the lost Virginia gold mine in Western Virginia. After going six miles into the mountains I found a small hole in the mountainside, where the white rats come out. We were soon standing in a mine which had been lost 80 years.

DESCRIBED M'KINLEY ASSASSINATION.

"There are persons in Oneida who will tell you that a year before it happened I described the assassination of McKinley and even the funeral procession. Another incident occurring in Oneida was this: Three years ago on a Sunday afternoon I was in the drug store of William Parkell. At the same time there were present William Snow, Deputy Postmaster Charles Stone, and several others. They asked me to give them a prophesy. I was soon under clairvoyant control. I said: There is a big steamer disabled, floating about the ocean with three or four smokestacks, showing her size. The first letter on the first word on that steamer is K. The next word begins with a W. Mr. Stone said: 'Wilhelm,' I replied, 'Yes, Kaiser Wilhelm,' and continued: 'I now see her going around a point of land into a harbor for repairs.' Next I saw her coming toward New York with full steam, and said: She will be sighted Thursday, late, and will be in port Friday morning.' Friday Mr. Stone came into the drug store with a New York paper in which the Kaiser Wilhelm was pictured as I had described her and coming in several days overdue.

FINDING A LOST LINE.

"Four years ago a man at Sylvan Beach had a night line set three miles out in the lake. Some one took up the line and dragged it a mile or more out of its position. They dragged the lake for three weeks and gave it up as a lost line. It was 600 feet long and had 200 hooks. They sent for me and I went with them. I sat in the stern of a row-boat and directed the men where to go, and following my course, without a turn or crook, we pulled up the line in 40 feet of water. Seymour Murphy, of Grand Gorge, N. Y., will tell you that I have been at his place in the Catskills and have located wild animals three and five miles away for hunters to go and shoot. John Hennessey, of Boonville, will tell you that I have located foxes for him, and he always found them where I told him. From dirt, leaves, tree bark or stones I will describe the very spot where it was found and will locate any metal near by."

—Utica Saturday Globe.

A Phenomenon.

In the course of his sermon one Sunday, the Rev. Moseby Smithers used the word "phenomenon." After the close of service, most of the brothers and sisters waited to ask the preacher what a "phenomenon" was. He explained as follows: "Ef' yo' see a sow, bredde'n and siste's, dat am not a phenomenon. An' ef' yo' see a co'nstalk, dat am not a phenomenon. Lakwise, ef' yo' see a cana'y bid' dat sings, hit ain't no phenomenon. But," he continued, triumphantly, "Ef' yo' should see a cow a sittin' on a co'nstalk and a singin' lak a cana'y bi'd, dat would be a phenomenon!"

Literary.

"Did you ever read Gray's Elegy in a Country Church Yard?"

The fair young girl looked puzzled, but only for a moment.

"Yes, indeed," she answered. "I have read it in a country church yard and lots of other places."
—Washington Star.



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THE MIND.

The mind is a queer thing. It acts in mysterious ways. When it happens to act properly, or in accordance with popular opinion we say it is well balanced. When it acts in a manner contrary to popular opinion we say it is off or deranged. Some parts of it appear to be perfectly proper and at the same time other parts of it appear to be unreliable. Many people who are perfectly sane on many topics, in fact, all but one, are gone daft on that one. Perfectly sane people otherwise, have been filled with the idea that some one was trying to poison them. They have gone so far as to imagine that if anyone with whom they came in contact could possibly do so they would poison them.

Every public cataclysm evolves many such things. Mr. Lenck of Los Angeles states that during the earthquake excitement of San Francisco, he saw a man come out of one of the leading hotels, with one leg in his trousers, while the other leg of his trousers was carried carefully in his hand. He was perfectly composed, not excited in the least, but examined things with a critical eye, and for half an hour he went about carrying one leg of his trousers in his hand while the other was properly employed as trousers are supposed to be. Finally his attention was called to it, and he finished dressing.

Many people have a mind that will encompass almost everything.

We have sent out a great many bills the past week, and we hope the mind of those who receive them will comprehend that while each is small, they aggregate quite a sum, and we would appreciate receiving the amount immediately.

PERVERSION OF FACTS.

Probably in no system is there a greater perversion of fact than in that of religion. Every system of religion has its own special characteristics, and each set in a religion carries out its own ideas and develops something from the incongruous connecting of disjointed sections of its scriptures, to uphold the line it is advocating.

Did it ever occur to them that a preconceived idea, and a perversion of facts, and misapplication of parts of texts that every religious book can be made to advocate anything and everything?

It is a fact that the Christian has never attempted to uphold the observance of Sunday from the Bible. That is about all it has not tried to uphold or condemn from it. The Baptist from a perversion of portions of the book prove that immersion is the only method of baptism that is acceptable to Yahweh. But the Methodist, with equal justice, or injustice, proves that sprinkling is equally, if not more efficacious.

The Adventist, by using a number of parts of selections from Ecclesiastes, Job, the Song of Solomon, and other passages unknown to other denominations, proves that there is no such thing as immortality. That "Man hath no preeminence above the beast." "As the one dieth, so dieth the other." "For all is vanity." From these,

and a number of others, he decides that man goes into the grave and that is the end of him. At the Judgment, God raises up a new being to take his place, with all the attributes of this "dead" individual. The resurrection is not of the old body, but a new being created to take his place.

Now let us apply some of these perversions of texts to some of the ordinary affairs of life and see what the resulting teaching will be.

"Every woman shall borrow of her neighbor * * jewels of gold * * and ye shall spoil Egyptians." "Go thou and do likewise."

"And the sons shall eat the fathers and the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee." "Go thou and do likewise."

"Hosea i. 2-3 and iii. i-2. "Go thou and do likewise," and you will go to jail.

David "Did all that was right in the eyes of the lord." If you want to get mobbed, "Go thou and do likewise."

"Now therefore put every man his sword by his side, go in and out from gate to gate, kill every man his friend, every man his neighbor, and every man his companion."

"Go thou and do likewise."

"I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother." "Go thou and do likewise."

We might say to some of these people who are spending so much time to perpetuate old dogmas by perversion of texts, "Judas then went and hanged himself." "Go thou and do likewise."

By such a system you can prove anything. Why, in quoting against Spiritualism, do they, in many cases stop right in the middle of a sentence? Because if they quoted the full sentence it would turn on themselves. Ingersoll turned the tables in a very appropriate manner when he changed the saying, "An honest man is the noblest work of God," to "An honest God is the noblest work of man."

"PRECONCEPTION DOMINATES ACTUALITY."

The late Ignatius Donnelly began a magazine article with the above remark. How true, in every sense of the word.

How many of us ever consider that the real facts of the case are not considered one-half as much by the average human being as the ideas they have formed of it. They set up a straw man, then strive by every possible means to make it stand alone. Actuality is secondary to their preconceptions.

It is natural for us to premise. Upon that premise we base our argument. But what about the premise?

If it is wrong, every argument we base upon it is wrong, and we wonder why we can not make both ends meet. We cannot, for the simple reason that they are diametrically opposed to each other.

Spiritualism is gauged by the preconceptions of it, by the majority of "investigators." Every known argument is applied to negate it, yet in spite of all, argument, fraud, imagination, deception, it comes to the front, and in the end the actuality is bound to triumph over the preconceptions of its "investigators."

Probably no greater example of this could be given than that of the late Sir Richard Hodgson. In a letter to him written fifteen years or so ago, my father said that if they spent one-half as much energy trying to prove, as they did to disprove it, they would have accomplished something. As it was they had simply succeeded in securing a lot of negative evidence which was absolutely worthless. "A man was arrested for stealing a watch. His attorney said he did not see how they could get out of it as there were two witnesses who would testify positively that they saw him take it. 'Why,' was the reply, 'I will bring one hundred witnesses who will swear they did not see me take it.'" But that negative evidence was worthless.

When you are passing thru this world, let us try to avoid allowing our preconceptions to dominate the actuality that presents itself to us. By that we do not mean that true investigation should not be indulged in, but that we should investigate everything with a view only of learning the facts in the matter, and accepting facts regardless of what cherished idea they may crush. "Hew straight to the line; let the chips fly where they will."

Cardinal Gibbons on divine Right.

"It is in accordance with the economy of Divine providence that in this world there should be—there has been in the past—disparity and inequality of rank and station and wealth in every department of human activity. The good order, nay, the very existence of society requires that some are destined to command and others to obey."

"The most mischievous and dangerous individual to be met with in the community is the demagogue, who is habitually sowing broadcast the seeds of discontent among the people. He is disseminating the baneful doctrines of Socialism, which would bring all men down to a dead level, would paralyze industry and destroy all healthy competition. The demagogue is blaming fortune and society, blaming the rich for the condition of the poor and laboring classes. He has not capacity to discern, after all due allowances are made for human energy, that these varied conditions of society must result from a law of life established by overruling providences."

"Obey cheerfully those whom providence has placed over you. Remember that all legitimate, authority comes from God."

[This may do for the people Cardinal Gibbons preaches to, but what a hornet's nest there would be if such a lecture was presented from a Freethought, Spiritualist or any progressive lecture platform.]

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On The Ocean Blue.

"When that storm was blowing yesterday," said the vivacious girl, "I just threw up my hands in despair."

"Well," returned her escort grimly, "something got the matter with me, too, but I didn't—er—er—I didn't throw up my hands."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Letter From Will J. Erwood.

Since the recent convention of the Wisconsin State Association, mention of which was made in my former letter, the writer has been busy afield, giving out, as far as his ability will allow, the truths of the Spiritual philosophy. Several towns have been visited, and fair results recorded. After the close of the convention a couple of days rest were enjoyed in Milwaukee, while waiting a call south. Circumstances intervening which prevented the trip south at that time I made my way to Oakfield, Wis., at which place two small meetings were held. In Oakfield there was an earnest band of workers who are always ready to aid in the good work.

From this point the journey to Clintonville was begun; finding that a number of hours would be wasted at a junction point, the writer decided to stop at Oshkosh and visit friends there. While resting here for a few hours the cause of the State Association was broached to several of the good people of that place which resulted in a few names being added to the official roster as new members of the State Association.

At Clintonville two fairly attended meetings were held, and some interest awakened in the work. From here to Marion is but a short distance, so the wanderer decided to stop there. Two quite well-attended meetings were held at this point, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. At both of the above towns there are a few very earnest people, anxious to see the good work carried to a successful issue.

From Marion I went to Almond; here is another faithful band of workers, and tho the notice had been insufficient to allow of adequate advertising—as was the case in each of the other towns visited—we had several very interesting services.

The next stopping point was Neillsville. At this point there has been considerable excitement over Spiritualism, but notwithstanding this a new society has been organized, and the writer has had the pleasure of sending in, what I believe is the first, application for a charter, that the new Board has had to consider.

The little society here, tho but young, is making good progress,

and has adopted a plan which all new organizations should follow. They make a rule of holding home circles every Sunday night when there is no regular worker with them. These meetings are usually held at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Root. Several among their number, including Mrs. Root, have well-unfolded spiritual gifts, hence many good things are giving out to the seekers after truth.

Right here I would like to again emphasize my previously expressed hope that all Spiritualists thruout the State will rally to the support of the new Board, and Bro. Brooks, the President. They are undertaking a great work under disadvantage, which, tho not quite as heavy as those under which the Association labored a few years ago, are heavy enough to dishearten less enthusiastic and earnest workers. This burden is in the shape of indebtedness of something over a thousand dollars, and is the result of the Association's disastrous venture in the Campmeeting business a few years ago.

This burden, the writer is free to admit, became very irksome to him during the last year or so, and because he knows what the feeling is, he feels to call upon the Spiritualists to aid President Brooks in his able efforts for the cause. As stated before, it is the writer's opinion that there is wisdom in the selection of Mr. Brooks as the chief executive. He has enthusiasm, one of the most essential qualities in a worker in such a position; then his years of experience are many, and he has the advantage of years, all of which make him preeminently fitted for the place. In Miss Loebel, the secretary, he will find an able second, I am sure.

From Neillsville the writer journeyed home to spend a few days with wife and babies, and then takes up the work in Indiana about the 20th inst. All points in that State wishing to have him pay a visit during his trip had better write at once.

WILL J. ERWOOD.

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Cheerfully be a star
Right there where you are;
For there will come a day
All this shall pass away.

Cheerfully wait and see
An invitation come for thee;
In a mansion there you'll be,
To spend a long eternity
With friends thru every day
Nothing more to pass away.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THOT CONTROL.

The word Integrity is derived from the Latin and means literally "whole case," "intactness." It means the keeping of one's self in hand or together and is directly opposite in meaning to "dissipation," from "dissipare," to scatter. The man of integrity is one who wisely conserves his energies and forces until the time comes rightly to use them. All energies, all faculties are good in themselves and are glorified by proper use; misuse alone is bad.

The Bible says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Yes, and they are the only ones who do see God, that is, perceive spiritual truth. Impurity of thot and action forever bar the path to spiritual attainment; indeed, any intemperance in thot or action separates one from God to the degree of its intensity. Since action is merely crystallized thot, thot control is the first step toward spiritual mastery. We must, we simply must make our thots as we would have them be. We must control our thinking, or it will control us, forcing us thru gloomy, selfish or impure channels of thot to do things which we afterwards bitterly regret and which caused us to forfeit the love and respect of our relatives and friends.

How can this thot control be attained? By simply asserting the sovereignty of the spiritual nature over the mind, reiterating our God-given power to think thots of goodness, joy, beauty and purity. A good mental drill, when thots are of undesirable character, is to force the mind to dwell upon the counterbalancing and neutralizing ideal thots. Gloom must be overcome by mental pictures of joy and happiness, impurity by purity, selfishness by generosity and love.

This is hard at first, but consistent and never-ceasing hammering away accomplishes wonders. The secret lies in never giving up, in never letting yourself be discouraged, seeing that character building is the real object of life, and that every right thot replacing a wrong one it a stone in our thot-temple to God.

It is found that the best way to expel an undesirable thot is to deny possessing its corresponding character-element, and then affirm the opposite and ideal attribute. For instance, if thots of poverty or lack oppress us, we should say, "I am not poor, I am rich, I have all things now." And this last is literally true, because the spirit is never poor; we are the sons of Omnipotent God made in his image and likeness and can have all power and plenty if we will but open ourselves to Him.

But there is another or higher way yet to be used when mental

methods fail. It is that of direct communication with God in the silence—in setting aside a time each day to get STILL, to let God's voice speak to us. We will come out of the silence unutterably refreshed in spirit, mind and body, all wrong habits of thot or action will fall away like dead leaves, and new shoots of goodness, joy and love will appear.

Let us look at the other side of the shield. Suppose we should indulge ourselves in, and positively revel in vicious or shameful thots. The results are equally sure. Loss of friends, loss of health, ambition, love and most important of all, spiritual blindness inevitably result.

Everyone in entering life has the choice of trying to think, and hence live right in conscience with God's law, or of subordinating everything to self gratification and hence openly disobey God's laws.

Selfishness, sensuality, avarice, grief, despair, all warp the body and shrivel up the blood and secretions, in fact, produce premature age.

Joy, calmness, love, those are the greatest beautifiers, the only true elixir of life since they proceed from the fountain-head of life itself.

Either class is open to you. Choose ye which master ye will serve.—E. M. Dawson, Jr., in The New York Magazine.

LEARN TO LAUGH.

It is a well known fact that every one fares better for having a good, hearty laugh. Laughter is a great health producer, an explosion of laughter being extremely beneficial in driving away those oppressive clouds of care which sometimes darken the mental horizon.

While we advocate laughter, we beg you be careful how you laugh. Keep the face as much in repose as possible so as not to cultivate wrinkles. If you laugh with the side of your face, the skin will work loose in time, and wrinkles will form in exact accordance with the kind of laugh you have. A person who is accustomed to suppressing his feelings generally has a deep line running from each side of his nose to the upper corner of his mouth shaped like a half moon. The scholar's wrinkles form in his brow, while a schemer's wrinkles come around his eyes. The woman who always wears a smirk will have a series of semicircular wrinkles covering her cheeks.

Learn to laugh properly. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn to tell a story. A well-told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sickroom.

Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows. Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in the world keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your pains and aches under a pleasant smile. No one cares to hear whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism.

Don't cry. Tears do well enough in novels, but they are out of place in real life. Learn to meet your friends with a smile. The good-humored man or woman is always welcome, but the gloomy person is not wanted anywhere and is a nuisance as well.—Exchange.

RECEIPT FOR A HAPPY LIFE.

Three ounces are necessary first of patience.

Then of repose, and peace of conscience a pound is needful.

Of pastimes of all sorts, too, should be gathered as much as the hand can hold.

Of pleasant memory, and of hope three good drachms.

There must be at least; but they should be moistened by

With a liquor made from true pleasures which rejoice the heart.

Then of love's magic drops a few, But use them sparingly, for they may bring a flame

Which ought but tears can drown.

Grind the whole, and mix there-with of merriment an ounce

To live; yet all this may not bring happiness except in your persons you lift your voice to Him who holds the gift of health.

—Medical Talk.

SYMBOLS.

Symbols of sign and symbols of sound,
Are nature's method the world all round
By which she tells what is taking place
In her inner life of matchless grace.
Symbols of sign the cold winter brings,
In symbols of sound the spring bird sings.
By symbols of sign the human mind
Learns nature's truths, as we ever find.

In symbols of sound—'twas in forty eight,
The spirit world rapped at a psychic gate,
Bringing the tidings from celestial spheres,
Of continuous life in a scroll of years.

Unnumbered by man on the dial of time,
Progressive, earnest, uplifting, sublime,
Which nature gives to her children, all;
A lasting bequest for great an small.

Love's deepest enchantment, holy and true,
Friendship's attractions, so dear to you,
What blessings so great? what can we mind,
More dear to life than symbols of sign?

These symbols of nature your life surround,
Symbols of sign and symbols of sound.
May your soul drink deep, these subtle lines
Recorded in friendships mental signs.

DR. W. M. LOCKWOOD.

Magnets and Magnetism.

The modern theory of magnetism, known as Weber's, added greatly by the work of Professor Ewing, maintains that even the smallest physical quantity, the molecule, present in a bar magnet is itself a minute magnet.

Hence the power of the magnet depends entirely, in the first place, upon molecular arrangement.

This can be easily seen by filling a glass tube with steel filings, loosely packed. At first these are all in disorder, but if a magnet is drawn over the tube they begin to turn themselves into one direction till perfect alignment takes place, when the tube acquires the properties of a magnet.

The breaking of bar magnet into pieces, each piece in turn becoming a magnet, confirms this theory. So does saturation, as it is called, when the molecules are arranged and no further effect takes place. The theory of magnetic keepers closing the lines of force, thus preserving and not dissipating the power, is also in accordance with this. The primary source of magnetic power is still unknown.

SHORT STORIES.

There are 8,840,789 negroes in the United States, but only 2,577 of African birth.

The total number of men in the United States liable to military service is 11,128,750.

Only 1 per cent of the telegrams sent overseas are concerned with family or private matters. The rest are of a purely commercial, journalistic or official nature.

William Dutcher, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies, has received a check for \$100,000 from a well known man of the financial world, the money to be used in furthering the objects of the organization.

A Shelburne Falls (Mass.) merchant ran a contest based on the length of time that a big candle in his window would burn. It burned ninety-eight hours, fifty-six minutes and forty-six seconds. The nearest guess was ninety-nine hours.

A brown African goose in North Attleboro, Mass., lately amazed its owner by producing an egg of extraordinary size. Around its longest circumference it measured eleven and seven-eighths inches and ten inches around its shortest. The goose weighs nineteen pounds.

An Honored Woman Who Thinks.

Miss Florence Nightingale, the pioneer of army nurses, is still living at Hyde Park, London, and lately received many congratulations on the fiftieth anniversary of her sailing for the Crimea. Miss Nightingale has all her life been a believer in equal rights for women. She once wrote: "You ask my reasons for believing in woman's suffrage. It seems to me almost self-evident, an axiom, that every taxpayer should have a vote on the expenditure of the money we pay, including, as this does, interests the most vital to a human being."

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Dearest Doctors: I feel fine now and don't think I will take any more medicine after my month is up. My dear, good doctors, your medicine has done me more good than any medicine I have ever taken, and I shall always praise it as much. My advice to anyone that is sick is to take your treatment. This is all at present except my very best love from me and also to the land.

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What the earth world needs most now is to know how to perpetuate a race that will not be obliged to learn thru so much physical and mental torture how to become strong; but to be born strong, mentally and physically is to outride all the storms of earth life, preparatory to a higher life beyond. To be mentally strong is to be governed by the higher impulses, even tho the body fall.

In olden times diseases were considered devils. "There was brought unto him one possessed with a devil; blind and dumb, and he healed him, inasmuch as the blind and dumb both spake and saw." So there are the spiritually blind and dumb, and these are the denizens of the first sphere in spirit life.

The second sphere comprises those who have grown weary of life in the first sphere and have reached out for something better. This enables them to pass into the next higher degree of unfoldment, where they in turn can assist those below them to rise to their level. There are different phases of development in this sphere. I will not dwell long on a history of the second condition, as it is only a step in advance until the highest attainment in this sphere is reached, which is the moving out or passing into the third condition, or grade of spirit life.

Here we find wisdom the controlling agency, wisdom from dire experience. Here is a marked degree of progress manifest, a moving on more rapidly, desirous of reaching the goal of happiness and peace. This third sphere is really the first position of wisdom, because thru bitter experiences, haunted memories, and numberless afflictions acquired by a misunderstanding of laws of life on the earth plane, and a misapplication of virtue, they have learned thru those severe lessons how to aspire to grander and more beautiful fields of soul culture and refinement.

Some are so happy over the change wrought upon their character of the past that they are content to dwell in this sphere for a considerable time. The highest grades of society in this sphere are those who have done the most to lift the weary, struggling ones, from the misery of the lower spheres.

From this platform in spirit life the world grows more beautiful, more sublime. The love for humanity increases, the desire to misrepresent or think evil ceases, and an ambition to visit the loved ones still living on the earth plane, seizes them, an eagerness to give the true story of their own experience makes them very zealous in the cause when once they find an avenue open for them. Anxious to make their pathway clear in earth life, and learn them the true way by guiding them to righteous practice, that they may not be obliged to pass thru these lower conditions, but be able to take up the same thread of life with them, for as the soul grows in wisdom and purity, the more resolute is it in the work of doing good to others.

I also come back with only a wise and progressive purpose in view. My tenacity of life on earth was very great, and my love of home exceedingly dear, and for the sake of my family I am enthusiastic in the work of handing down to them the facts relative to life in the spirit world as fast as I can gather them, to enable them to keep as near as they can in the pathway of progress (if they will) and not only them but humanity in general, wherever I can.

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Several years ago, Mrs. Miller, who is an old friend and schoolmate of Mrs. Long, discovered that she could put her friend into a hypnotic state. The matter was considered a joke by the two families, the members of which sometimes amused themselves by the experiments.

Two women from Ashland, O., visited Mrs. Miller. They were entirely unknown to Mrs. Long. One evening Mrs. Long came in to call, and the conversation turned on experiments in hypnotism. Mrs. Miller laughingly remarked that she often put Mrs. Long in a trance and had her find grandmother's spectacles.

"Can she locate lost articles?" asked the two sister in one breath. "Sometimes we find that she can, and other times the experiment is a failure," was the answer.

The sisters then told the story of the missing brother, Isaac Humrickhower. He had joined the Regular Army, gone to some post out West and had not been heard from for over a year. The last news they had from him he was ill from a wound received in a fight with the Indians.

Somewhat against her will, and entirely skeptical as to the result, Mrs. Long allowed herself to be placed in a trance for the purpose of locating the lost brother.

"Can you see Isaac Humrickhower?" Mrs. Miller asked her.

"Yes," was the answer immediately.

"How do you know it is he? You have never seen him."

"I can't tell you that, but I know some way that this man's name is Isaac Humrickhower. He is so medium size, fair, light-haired and has a long scar on the right side of his face."

"Where is he?" "He is in a town and he stays about a big building, I think. But he does not live there. I can't make out the name of the town. I never saw it before."

"Oh, try, now, Mary," pleaded Mrs. Miller. "Look up there high on the wall toward the ceiling. The name is on a signboard up there."

The subject bent forward and strained her eyes toward the spot indicated. "No," she said, shaking her head and settling back in her chair, "I can't read the name."

"Look again," commanded Mrs. Miller, sharply this time. "I know you can make out those letters if you try."

Again Mrs. Long peered forward, seeming to strain her eyes to the utmost. Then she spelled out slowly, "Kankakee, Ill."

The sisters caught at the clue as at a last straw. Search had been made in many places without result, but they resolved to make one more effort. They went at once to Kankakee and found the brother, Isaac Humrickhower. He had been wounded, and never recovered.

His memory had failed him and he was suffering from partial and temporary insanity, as a result of the wound. By the advice of the army surgeons he had resigned from the army and had gone to Kankakee for treatment. He was not confined to the asylum, but stayed about the place for treatment by the experts there. He was found without difficulty and has since recovered.

The two sisters live in Ashland, O., and they have another brother, a very wealthy man, who lives in Indiana.

Seasonable Religion.

Ma Twaddles—My dear, I think Tommy has turned over a new leaf and resolved to be a good boy.

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Each Tuesday evening as the leaguers and their friends enter the assembly rooms, a delicious, pungent, odor prevails. This is caused by the burning over charcoal of an aromatic incense brought from the Holy Land and presented to the league by Mrs. Margaret B. Peeke. We intended last week to describe the rare receptacle in which it is burnt since it is one of the most beautiful belongings of the ideal room which the League inhabits. It is of Benares brass, hammered, in ages past, by some master of his art. Its weight of two and a half pounds, shows that it is genuine.

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Last Tuesday evening a full house greeted Prof. and Mrs. Lockwood, who were our guests of honor. The doctor says that he likes our league name and its motto "Forward" and complimented us sincerely upon our work of organization in the past and our plans for the future.

The following paper which is from the pen of our gifted auditor Frank M. Wilson, was read at a recent regular League meeting and was provocative of much clever discussion. In order that the world may share it with us, we are giving it in full today thru the kind courtesy of the author.

THE MOTHER IS AN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER.

As a prelude to the brief article herewith submitted, is it any wonder that the people of the Twentieth Century feel it a necessity for the well being of the race, to look for the cause of imbecility?

The Commission in Lunacy, of New York State, in the 17th annual report for the year 1905, is startling and sad.

On the first day of June, 1905, the population of the state was 8,66,672, and the insane under treatment in the different institutions amounted to 27,309, a ratio of the insane, to the general population of 1 to 299.

A similar condition is reported by the Commissioners on Lunacy of Great Britain. The commission estimated that fully 6,000 more are maintained in their own homes, making the total over 33,000 in this state. The commission reports a gradual extension of the system of paroling insane patients to their friends for a more or less protracted period, the sole requirement being that the patients shall personally submit themselves to the hospital from time to time for examination as to their mental condition.

It is safe, I believe, to agree fully with this form of treatment but do you not think it more secure to the mental poise of the patient to breathe in confidence of cheer and hope, rather than doubt?

Each case of the above would come under the head of "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." In the instance of either, environment would in a large measure cause the result. This would lead, I think, to the source of mortal life in considering the mother as the architect and builder.

To help the unborn appears to me as one of the greatest of all subjects to be considered.

The structural making of a human body, and its uses, seems to be not plainly understood, even by many of the progressive thot people. The recent development in the field of science (science, by the way, is not a science unless it has been proven a fact) tells us that that goes in waves; that it generates and controls vibrations.

The scientist states that 94 per cent of our body is liquid, and 6 per cent. solid, and the atoms that constitute the body are quivering at such a rate of speed that they seem, as it were, stationary. This being granted as true, should not the mother beautify her thots to select in building this temporal body, which will last for but a few years, as the home for the spirit who has been seeking to find a better, and more complete dwelling than the one left when that soul graduated out of the former house that served the purpose of the earthly school, when with those on earth plane as a mortal.

Every new birth means a higher class entered for development of good. Each and every thot aids in the building line long before conception has been thot of, for the building of God's greatest temple, christened first babe, and later man.

I have spoken above in regard to thot being able to govern vibrations. You can plainly see why good healthy, intelligent mental conditions on the part of the mother principally, will give the opportunity of a more fully developed soul taking possession of that home, which you began to build even before you had spoken to your assistant. You had drawn up the architectural plans by means of having faithful, healthy and fearless thots in first selecting the material.

"THOUGHTS ARE THINGS."

Yes, they are the most powerful things in the universe, when used for good purposes, such as making love larger, enabling love to bring all good into a greater good, which we will name development.

Each babe that joins the ranks of humanity is good, but of a different degree; not quality, but quantity.

The thot of fear keeps the good in the background, and gives to the world imbecilities, monstrosities and criminals. Fear does this; yea, it does more, it creates more of the kind it is of itself.

Love does likewise, and a thousand times a thousand more is love in strength, compared to fear, as love is omnipotent in good, and that alone means God.

Spirit is all love, and if we knock at the door, the Christ in us, will respond by opening the door to allow the adjustment of our individual discords to nature's way; in having peace, health, and completeness rule our body.

It would be well, I think, to call your attention as an example of an architect and builder, to Mary, who gave lovingly to produce a home that would be possessed by love in the extreme, so that suffering mortals might be cured from depravity thru him, the Christ which abideth in the home that the mother of Jesus (body) had planned and assisted in making for His coming.

Let us begin now, to plan by first having healthy love thots to build up strong, happy, fearless and perfect homes for the ones who are waiting to be born again.

A copy of the "SUNFLOWER" drifted into our reading room recently. It is not "a flower that blooms in the spring," but a newspaper edited at Lily Dale by W. H. Bach, and is an exponent of the spiritual, philosophy; its science and allied subjects.

The Work at Elmira, N. Y.

Elmira seems to have dropped out of sight and hearing for some time past but the Society, has not ceased to continue sowing the seeds of truth and giving comfort to sorrowing, seeking souls. Altho the church has been closed for the season, well attended and interesting meetings are being held at the residence of Brother and Sister Rhodes' every Sunday afternoon, where all are welcome and home talent prevails.

Inspirational and trance speaking by our developing mediums, the relating of "personal experiences as to "How and Why I became a Spiritualist," tests and messages from the loved who have arisen, interspersed with singing and two hours have passed all too quickly.

Last month, Mrs. Ira M. Smith, an earnest, ardent, faithful worker in our beloved cause, passed onward to join her loved ones; and tho her earthly presence is missed, she is often with us, and is one more to welcome those she loves, when they too, shall enter the Higher Life. Mrs. Mary C. VonKanzler, a much loved friend, officiated at the services, voicing the words of truth, comfort and strength that are found only in our beloved philosophy. Upon invitation of the president of the society, she also officiated at the following Sunday afternoon services, giving a feast for the soul in her usual able manner.

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A Spiritualist Temple at Rochester, N. Y.

For over fifty years this great and growing "City of fruits and flowers," the first city that received and sheltered the Fox Sisters when driven from their neighboring Hydesville home, the city where the Fox Sisters first publically demonstrated spirit return, the city indissolubly associated with the initial phenomena of Spiritualism by the phrase of world-wide meaning, "The Rochester Rappings," has been without a temple or building of any kind dedicated to Spiritualism.

Now, in the fullness of time, a grand opportunity has disclosed itself, and the First Spiritual Church of Rochester has, with great courage and faith, boldly seized it and with the cooperation of the loyal friends of truth in both worlds, hope to have a home and a temple worthy of the lofty gospel they are giving to men.

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The Trustees hope in six months time to secure half this amount, and carry the rest for a few years on a mortgage, as the rental of certain rooms in the church to societies will probably meet the interest on half the purchase price.

Publicly avowed Spiritualists in Rochester are few in number and not wealthy, but the members of the First Spiritual Church are a band of true-hearted workers, who believe that Spiritualism is worthy of the best church and the best speaker that can be obtained.

Rochester Spiritualists will make an earnest, united and heroic effort to raise every dollar possible among themselves and in the city. They believe they are working under spirit guidance and they are relying upon the cooperation of Spiritualists all over America to secure a fitting home for their society and a respectable temple to represent Spiritualism in Rochester, which in many ways is the real birthplace of our religion.

By direction of the Trustees I am writing this appeal to Spiritualists to come to our aid in this hour of need—this hour of our greater opportunity.

If we succeed, Rochester Spiritualists will have one of the best edifices in this city of fine churches; if we fail—but we will not.

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Henry Hoffman writes from Toledo, O. that they have had a very successful season, and have closed their meetings for the summer. They will open the first Sunday in September.

E. W. Sprague and wife, the N. S. A. Missionaries, will serve at the following named campmeetings the coming season: Hazlett Park, Mich., August 2nd to 7th. Clinton, Iowa, August 9th to 14th. Delphos, Kan., August 17th to 26th. Winfield, Kan., August 28th to September 3rd.

Scribe writes from New York: The Spiritual and Ethical society of New York has had a successful season and in addition to the work of its regular speaker, Mrs. Helen Temple Brigham, has been pleased and profited by listening to Mr. W. J. Colville, Mr. M. B. Little, Mrs. T. U. Reynolds, Dr. C. O. Sahlor and Mrs. K. R. Stiles. On Friday evening May 25th, we are to hold our annual strawberry festival at which will be presented a varied entertainment and a delightful time is anticipated. Our meetings close for the season on the last Sunday of May.

In renewing her subscription Mrs. E. L. Langworthy soloquizes herself and harangues the editor as follows:

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Not found in our Geography,
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D. Feast writes from Baltimore, Md.: Mrs. Georgie Gladys Cooley of Chicago, occupied the rostrum of the First Spiritual Church, Sunday, May 6th, at 8 p. m. Whilst the weather was rather unsettled the audience was large and in perfect harmony with the speaker. The service was opened with a poem by Longfellow entitled "Resignation" which was followed by the discourse. Her remarks were of an introductory character, and were instructive thruout. In part the speaker said that all religion is all life and all life is to do good. Rev. Ed Hale, chaplain of the senate, predicted that in the year 2000 no ecclesiastical religion would hold the people from free thinking on all matters of a religious nature. In that year more liberality would be shown to all, all would then recognize the fatherhood and motherhood of God. During the past 58 years Spiritualism has made rapid progress. Under its banner many men and women of note have enlisted and have caused the existing creeds to look a little into their fundamental doctrine. The people now want the wheat and not the chaff. Spiritualism has set them to thinking—that much it has done at least. Time will come when monuments will be erected to Confucius, Buddha and other reformers of other times—all due directly to the doctrine of Spiritualism. No longer is Spiritualism a bye-word. Men of master minds are giving it the attention it demands because it is educational,

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The Strange Coincidence of a Double call in a House Noted for its Strange Occurrences.

MRS. TOULMIN SMITH.

The following instance of coincidence did not happen to myself personally, but I can at least vouch for its absolute truth, having come to me from reliable sources. It occurred to my own near relations, and was told to me by the youngest of the two ladies. They were both elderly women at the time, and unmarried. They went to live in a cheerful house looking over a land-locked harbor in the southwest of Ireland. Shortly after their arrival, on a night in late autumn the occurrence which I am about to tell took place. The elder of the ladies was delicate, nervous, and highly strung. She was, in fact, always more or less an invalid. Her bedroom was on the drawingroom floor, where she slept alone. The younger sister slept on the floor above. She was, in character, a complete contrast to her sister, being very matter-of-fact and absolutely fearless.

On this particular night she was kneeling to say her prayers when she heard her sister's voice calling to her in a tone of great distress:

"Alice, Alice, come to me at once!"

She jumped up hastily, and taking her candle in hand, ran downstairs, fully expecting to find her sister very ill, or at least in some great trouble. To her astonishment, she met this sister coming half way up the stairs to meet her. "What do you want?" she exclaimed.

The other replied, "What do you want with me?"

"You called me," said Alice. "You said 'Alice, Alice, come at once!'"

"But indeed I did not," replied Julia. "It was you, on the contrary, who called me. You said in a tone of great distress, 'Julia, Julia, come at once!'"

There was no sequel to this remarkable occurrence. Nothing happened in consequence, nor could the sisters throw the least light on the mystery.

I have mentioned this story to one of the foremost members of the Psychological Research society, who said that a case of a double call like the above was a very rare occurrence and difficult to account for, particularly in the above case, when nothing whatever followed the calls.

I may add that I myself was called most distinctly by name in that house. The time was noon of a summer's day, the rest of the family were out, the door of my room was locked. The call was never repeated. I learned afterwards that almost everyone who visited that house was called once by name; but the case I have mentioned was the only one in which the call was to two individuals simultaneously.

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Reading.—Mrs. Mattie E. Hull.
Lecture.—Rev. Moses Hull.
Singing. 7:30 P. M.

Singing.
Reading.—Mrs. Alfa Hull Nivers.
Solo.
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Singing.
Messages.—G. H. Brooks.

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Singing.
Reading.
Lecture.—Mrs. Mattie E. Hull.
Singing.
Messages.—Mrs. C. McFarlin. 2:30 P. M.

Singing.
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Lecture.—Mrs. Catherine McFarlin.
Singing.

Messages.—Mrs. Mehrtens and others. 7:30 P. M.

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IF THERE EXISTS A SOUL

It Should be Found as the Cumulative Proof.

Dr. Edwin C. Abbot, in an address upon the subject of "Psychology" at the University of Toronto, opened the summer lecture session. Dr. Abbot stated emphatically that he did not deny the existence of the soul, nor urge that it was not within the province of psychology to deal with its phenomena. He did not, on the contrary, affirm, or even presuppose its existence. For years there was a bitter controversy between the materialists and the Spiritualists, which ended in the triumph of the latter. The lecturer contended that true, scientific psychology should be neither Spiritualistic nor materialistic; it should rather concern itself, with the patient investigation of the facts of life and experience. He argued for the "open mind," the mind free from that prejudice which has so long impeded the progress of psychology.

Sketching in a rapid review the facts concerning the early history of physics, chemistry, astronomy, etc., he showed how long and bitter was the fight against scholasticism and its doctrines. These sciences are and have long been emancipated from the philosophy which put dogmatic assertions above actual demonstration; not so with the science of psychology. As an exponent of the new psychology he admitted that the old methods were impracticable and of little use to pedagogy. Some have abandoned the study, "having seen the old is not adequate, and they do not know what the is."

The "new psychology" will be superior, in that its exponents do not attempt to formulate a deductive science upon this or that assumption. We begin rather with no assumption whatever; we try to patiently investigate the facts of experience, letting those facts lead to whatever conclusion that method make inevitable. "If we are to find a soul," he concluded, "let us find it as the cumulative proof, not as the primary assumption."

Cedar Point Opens June 2nd.

On June 2nd the very popular resort at Cedar Point on Sandusky Bay, near the City of Sandusky, will open for the summer season. This is one of the finest summer resorts in America. Its newest hotel, the Breakers, contains 700 rooms, more than a quarter of a million of dollars spent in improvements since last year. Reduced rates are on sale daily over the D. A. V. & P. R. R. via Sandusky and steamers June 1st to September 30th. 19-26

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Buffalo Notes

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THE FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH of Buffalo meets at the Temple, corner Jersey street and Prospect avenue, Sunday 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Wednesday evening seance 7:45. Children's Lyceum Sunday 12 m. Harmony Circle meets at Keystone Hall, 351 Main street every Sunday evening at 7:45. Chas. S. Hulbert, Pastor.

LITERAL THOUGHT EXCHANGE meets at Stirling Hall, 374 Connecticut street, Sunday at 7:45 p. m.

Don't forget the Ladies Aid Entertainment Friday evening May 25th.

Sunday morning and evening, May 6th, spiritual services were held at the Temple, conducted by Mrs. Georgiana Ripley who lectured on subjects handed up by the audience. The discourse was very well received and was ably and creditably delivered. A large audience was in attendance in the evening, to greet Mrs. Ripley. She is a sincere worker, and earnest advocate of Spiritualism.

Wednesday evening was devoted to messages and descriptive readings, Mrs. Ripley being the medium. She and her guides gave very good satisfaction along those lines. A fair audience was present.

Friday evening May 4th was the annual election of officers of the First Spiritual Church. Mr. J. H. Hoyt was unanimously elected president, Mr. George R. Cook, first vice, Mrs. Dr. Matteson second vice, L. C. Beesing, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Chas. Johnson, financial secretary, J. W. Stearns, treasurer, N. J. Howard and Mrs. M. E. Lane, trustees. Mr. Hoyt and Mrs. Lane were selected as delegates to the State Convention to be held at the Temple June 1, 2 and 3rd, 1906.

May 7th a few friends gathered at the home of Mrs. August Ey to celebrate her birthday anniversary, and it was a most enjoyable evening. A musical quartette was present and rendered excellent music, also Mr. Fisher rendered beautiful selections on the piano. Mrs. Ripley gave recitations which were highly appreciated. Music, song, literary, social converse made the time pass very pleasantly and a bountiful repast was served to which ample justice was one. The guests were right royally entertained and departed with many wishes for happy returns of the day to Mrs. Ey.

ADDITIONAL BUFFALO NOTES.

One of the largest audiences of the season greeted Harmony Circle, Sunday evening May 6th at Keystone Hall, 351 Main st. Every seat was filled and a number had to stand during the meeting. No services that are held in this city, command more attention, than our Sunday meetings. And no matter how flippant some of our visitors may feel (especially those that are strangers to a Spiritual gathering) on entering our hall there is an undefinable something, that commands respect and attention. Every one is made to feel that they are welcome. And strangers are greeted by our ushers and members. Our meetings are attracting an intelligent class of skeptics and investigators, who go away with at least one idea gained if not any more. And that is, we are honest and conscientious in our work and the cause we love. Each member seems to feel that

part of this work rests with them and vie with each other in making these meetings a success. The subject taken by the control of the evening thru Chas. Hulbert, our speaker, was "The Plea of a Soul." It was given as a poem and was filled with bright and glowing lessons of life, of a high Spiritual nature yet natural enough to be understood by our finite minds. And we carry the beauty and helpfulness of these thoughts with us yet.

Many messages and tests were given by control Graylight, who seems to have no trouble in reaching strangers as well as members, and her invitation to meet her after the meeting has closed, when she answers one or two questions, is accepted by so many that she fairly exhausts her medium. This is one of the bright phases of her work. And her conscientious plea that she is not infallible, so take my answer with your best judgment, give a high character to her clairvoyant forces.

Sunday, May 20th will be Medium's Day with us, afternoon and evening, 2:30 and 7:45 p. m. Lunch will be served. But to those that live here in the city, bring something along for yourselves and a little over. Coffee and cream free to all. This day last year was a decided success in every way. We invite mediums, friends and truth-seekers.

Our entertainment on Tuesday evening, May 29th, promises to be the banner one of the season. Tickets include drawing for prizes, entertainment, dance (with some of the old time dances on the program) a slight fee extra for a good supper. Come and have a royal good time. Last of the season. We expect to have a large proportion of our members present as delegates to the N. Y. S. S. A. convention in June. Sec'y.

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Our love for one another,
Is but a reflection fair,
Of that perfect love—God-given,
Which angels know and share.

God fills all life with music—
The music of divine love,
Tuning each heart thru the harmony,
Which comes from the world above.

And so thruout life's journey
We listen while the glad notes ring,
For the burden of their melody
Is love triumphant—king.
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I find earth not gray but rosy,
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