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Report of Morris Pratt Institute Association.

The Morris Pratt Institute Association, Officers, Directors and Members:

It is with much diffidence and even trepidation that I undertake to make to you this, my first report of the work I have done as your secretary, and to place before you a statement of the financial affairs of the Association.

I had little thought, when I accepted the office of secretary, that I was undertaking an arduous task—more difficult than you can realize. However I have done the best I could, and I submit my report to you, feeling that for whatever it may lack in clearness or completeness, you will have patience and fraternal consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE.

In the first place I would say that much correspondence has been done with the view of interesting as many people as possible in the school, not alone that we might receive donations from them but that students may be induced to enter the school. What we need more than anything else is a sufficient number of students, and we should work mainly along this line hereafter. In my opinion, twenty paying students would make the school self-sustaining.

ADVERTISING.

More judicious advertising should be done. A very little has been done this year. A write-up in the Wisconsin Industrial Review, and an ad. in the Clinton Camp Announcement at a cost of \$5.00 each, have been placed, with the approval of the Executive committee. We have small ads. in two or three of the Spiritualists papers, space for which is given us by the publishers.

We need a new catalogue which should be gotten out as soon as possible, and a neat little folder to be enclosed in letters is much needed. I would suggest that some definite plan of advertising be adopted and acted upon.

FINANCES.

The Spiritualists of the United States have been very generous with Morris Pratt Institute. During the past four years, thousands of dollars have been given by generous hands to sustain and further the good work of education that has been, and is being done here. During this time a great amount of indebtedness has been incurred, which has been a source of anxiety to the Board of Directors and all concerned. However, the financial condition of the association is much better than ever before. We are at less expense than formerly, and very substantial help has been received from various sources. Last fall at the convention in Minneapolis, the National Spiritualist Association donated one thousand dollars for the purpose of paying off the indebtedness of the school, for which we are very grateful. All of this donation except a small portion which was not paid into the treasury, was used conscientiously by your present secretary and treasurer, in paying debts as the N. S. A. desired.

Our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Rynerson of Seattle, Wash., have put into our treasury this year, about six hundred dollars, and in addition to this, Mr. Rynerson recently gave the school a fine piano, which is a great addition to the school furnishings. Mr. and Mrs. Rynerson have subscribed a thousand dollars to be paid into our treasury sometime during the summer or fall. These good friends are moved to be very generous with the school and intend doing still more in the future. Other friends have contributed generously, and many debts have been paid off.

During the past year indebted-

ness to the amount of \$1316.62 has been paid, and we still have a balance of old indebtedness outstanding of \$410.62. Of this amount \$410.09 is the balance due Tenney, Hall and Tenney, attorneys in the late litigation with the Pratt estate, and \$80.53 is still unpaid on a bill for furniture purchased in 1902.

Paying out so much on old accounts has left us a little behind on our expenses for the current year, but having done so much in one year, and with brightened prospects before us, we do not doubt that we shall soon be relieved of the last vestige of the burden of debt that has rested, and still rests, in a degree upon us.

FINANCIAL AGENTS.

Our financial agents, Moses and Mattie Hull, have sent in to your secretary during the year, \$494.81, of which sum \$326.65 is the result of their work since the first of November, 1905. They have written encouragingly of their work and the prospects of the school. Since November 1st, they have been working mainly for themselves, giving incidentally a meeting, or taking a collection for the school, and have paid their own expenses. We cannot be too grateful to them for their unselfish labors for the school.

During the first six months of the year, Mrs. Clara L. Stewart was a financial agent of the M. P. I. A., but at the end of that time she suspended her labors in that capacity, and later resigned all official connection with the school. Your present secretary was appointed by the executive committee to the office of secretary made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Stewart, and entered upon the duties of the office November 17th, 1905.

Notwithstanding the fact that a professional book-keeper was employed just before the annual meeting last year to balance the books, and notwithstanding the further fact that our good brother Vail did a great deal of work on them,—did it conscientiously and with great painstaking,—I have been obliged to spend many hours and days searching thru the various books of record and financial character in the office, in order to be able to make a correct statement of the financial affairs of the association. This statement I herewith submit to you.

From June 8, 1905 to May 15, 1906

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand June 8 '05	\$196.22
Subs., donations and collections	1,607.27
Membership fees and dues	401.00
Tuition	238.00
Board of students	307.74
Rooms of students	182.72
Miscellaneous	47.00
Loans	115.00
	\$3094.95
DISBURSEMENTS.	
General expense	\$835.08
Traveling	332.54
Salaries	491.40
Hull-Rynerson	30.46
Loan	25.00
Debts, (expense and salaries)	1316.62
On hand	193.85
	\$3094.95

In conclusion let me say that the prospects of the school are bright; the indebtedness will soon be paid off; an endowment is promised; we shall be able to secure the needed help in all departments and with the continued assistance of our spirit and earthly friends, and with good business management, good instruction, home-like surroundings and the spirit of good fellowship and helpfulness among us, Morris Pratt Institute is sure to become the power for good that Father Morris Pratt designed, and as we all wish it to be.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA J. OWEN,
Secretary.

STRANGE VISIONS OF DEAD.

Effect of Mystic Powder From India Described by Experimenter.

A remarkable experience with a mysterious Indian powder is related by a Bradford correspondent of London, England, papers.

A while ago he received from a friend in India a package of powder, which he was assured possessed the extraordinary virtue of putting a person who used it according to the conditions named, into direct communication with the "disembodied."

Highly skeptical, yet curious, the correspondent declares that he put the matter to a practical test, and that this is what happened:

"I was sitting in a room alone. Within a few minutes the walls of the room seemed to recede or vanish, and a beautiful panoramic view presented itself, a sort of exquisite flower garden carried out on a huge scale, and with well laid out pathways stretching away as far as the eye could reach."

"No buildings or habitations were anywhere visible, but of people there were crowds; thousands, I should think. These people were of both sexes, were clothed in ordinary attire, and moved in groups along and around the paths referred to."

Some of the groups came face to face with me, and among them I recognized relatives and friends, long since passed away, recognized them as I knew them in life.

I have since repeated the experiment with equally mysterious results. Furthermore, whenever I have made one of these tests and retired to rest, I have either found myself anticipating the contents or purport of letters in transit or paying mysterious visits to the homes of acquaintances and also of strangers, and have afterwards been able to inform them of what transpired at the time of my illicit visits."

The correspondent adds that he is not given to imaginative things and that he is not a Spiritualist.

A STRAY THOUGHT.

We may speculate as to the origin and destiny of the soul; we may argue as we will over the varied schemes of salvation; we may dispute by day and by night over the nature of the cosmos; we may theorize as to the true method by which men may be redeemed here and hereafter; we may rhapsodize over some splendid poem, or eloquently uttered oration; we may exalt men above their fellows in our that because of some real or fancied greatness; we may bow to people clothed with a little temporary power because of some official or social position; we may dream over the great things we are going to do in the future; we may search for happiness in a never-ending round of pleasures; we may view life, its duties, its joys, its sorrows, its inspirations, its success and its failures in any light we choose—at the last—sometimes even before our earth journeys are half finished—we turn, irresistibly, impulsively, mysteriously, sometimes slowly but withal surely, to the love of mother and father—to the associations of our infancy's years, to the tender memories that cluster around the "homestead on the hill," listening, with intensest longing, for the sound of mother's dear voice, of father's earnest call, for the happy laughter of brothers and sisters, of boy and girl associates, silent now on earth forever—and with bursting hearts, with weak, yet human cries, call for our own, and hearing not the response for which we yearn, raise our eyes, suffused with tears, above the scenes of earth, above all the trials, vicissitudes and vicarious of life—to the realm of the Eternal—to the land beyond the closed rift—to the spheres of the supernal—hoping against hope that

our aching sight will catch the gleam of an angel face—our deaf ears hear the sweet tones of the dear one's voice—our breaking hearts feel the presence of the vanished love—our souls realize the nearness of the immortal selfhood of that unseen one—and give us the consolation that only a message—a presence—an inspiration from the soul-world—can give—in fine—a word from mother, from father, from wife, from husband, from child, all dwellers in the realm of the invisible, is more to man's real self, is sweeter to his inner self, is greater solace to his better self, than all the disquisitions of philosophy, the demonstrations of material science, the abstractions of theology, the meaningless platitude relating to untested, unexplained phenomenalism, and purblind sneers at the tender emotions of his heart that are so real to all who feel, which holy, pure uplifting consolation he finds only in the universal Spiritualism—its precious mediumship—its divine harmonies—its hallowed symphonies, that are within, around, above, below every son and daughter of the Infinite! Such a Spiritualism have the angels given unto you and me, Oh, Spiritualists of the world! Shall we cherish and protect it as a holy thing, or cast it away forever? The choice is ours! What answer shall we make to our souls?

VICTOR DANIELS.

A TRUE STORY.

As measured by years he had traveled a long way and now the border-land was almost in sight. In dreamy retrospect he saw the moving pictures of the past and heard the prattle of little voices and felt the thrill of ambitious labor and the parental pleasure of providing for the daily needs of the restless brood that came demanding care and love.

His had been a life of unremitting toil but he had labored not for great accumulation but for the nobler ends of use, to make the lives about him happy. His good right hand that earned was also extended freely in deserving charities.

He was called an irreligious man, blunt and at times even severe in speech, but his words were the flash of intense and sympathetic nature. He had his doubts as to another life.

Death seemed a wall beyond which no conscious life exists, and yet as the earthly torch burned low there came a ray of hope that somewhere, sometime he yet should meet and greet her who for so many years had shared his joys and sorrows, his labors and his love and disappeared "within the veil" and left a lonely fireside where now he sat in meditation.

He had slept! and awakening said in feeble but earnest voice to her who watched the steady ebb of life: "Has mother come yet?" "No, father, she is not here, you know she died some years ago. Were you dreaming?" "No, no," he quickly said "I saw her and talked with her and she'll come for she said she would."

"Yes, father you will meet mother without doubt. You know she has been 'over there' these many lonely years and she'll meet you and conduct you to the home she has fitted up and adorned for your coming—a house not made with hands—and there you'll find your treasures and an abiding rest."

The day was far spent and the twilight of mortal life grew deep and dense and the dews of death were gathering. He had seen the after glow flame up and over a clearing sky and a more glorious dawn was near.

A. G. SMITH.

When we know more of self than of our neighbors the balance is in favor of spirit.

GHOST IN PHOTOGRAPH.

Spirit of Dead Fireman Butts in When His Company Stands Before Camera.

Ghosts, not one, but two or three of them, insist on hanging around the quarters of engine 3 on the Tenellytown road.

One of the ghosts, according to the firemen, bears a striking resemblance to a driver who was killed by being thrown beneath the wheels of his engine. The latest appearance of the dead driver was the other day, when the members of the company had a group picture taken. When the plate was developed by the photographer there appeared a face at one of the windows of the men's sleeping apartments. This face bears a remarkable resemblance to the dead driver.

The firemen say that every man of the company is accounted for in the picture and that it is impossible for a stranger to have been looking out of the window while the picture was being taken. The dead driver, the men say, occupied the cot next the window from which the face peers. There is also the face of a small child peering from one of the panes of the same window.

Peace or War.

"One hundred years ago Jefferson was President. Remember the policies of peace and international fraternity to which he called the new republic. Help us in his republic to be true to his truth."—Hon. Edwin D. Mead, in an address at the 13th Peace Congress.

It is stated by a certain politician that the want of a large navy brought humiliation on this republic in the war of 1812. A far greater stigma is the act of the war—adjustment of disputes by arbitration or as Great Jefferson managed, the dispute with Great Britain—non-intercourse, instead of official slaughter. That indicates that civilized methods and not savagery are evidences of sane statesmanship. In the war of 1812, the "small navy" of only 17 war vessels and not even a two decker was pitted against more than 2000 British war ships, 200 of which were line of battle ships of two and three decks, but the victories of the Constitution and other war ships on the ocean and the defeat of the British fleets on lake Erie and Champlain and the capture of more than 2500 British vessels by other privateers caused the commercial class of Britain to demand peace.

On land our troops withstood the assaults of the veterans of Wellington at Lundy's Lane and at New Orleans—the best soldiers of Europe.

It is creditable to Great Britain that a resolution was recently introduced in Parliament for disarmament and the great influence of this republic, if vigorously illustrated in furthering the resolution adopted by Congress several years ago for the adjustment of all disputes between nations by arbitration, there would be small need of a "big navy." If, in the contest of 1812, our navy sufficiently coped with the vast fleets of Britain—her 100 guns to this nation one,—it is childish to be howling for a "great navy" and apeing the "Armed-Camp-of-Europe."

It is a great humiliation for this republic to follow the example of Europe. Her 16 nations squander on militarism \$4,000,000,000 annually and more than 5,000,000 of picked, stalwart soldiers waste their lives in the barbarous work of "government by butcher knife," as Mark Twain says, and which he and all sane humanitarians deplore. A distinguished European official voices Gen. Grant's declaration that Great Britain and the United States could unitedly preserve the peace of the world.

QUAKER.

If a man refuses to set the example he is foolish if he expects the world to have a good opinion of him.

LILY DALE NEWS.

Buffalo Notes

N. H. EDDY, Correspondent.

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 service 7:45. Children's League Sunday 12 m. HARMONY CIRCLE meets at Keystone Hall, 351 Main street, every Sunday evening at 7:45. Chas. S. Hulbert, Pastor.

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

Lyman C. Howe will serve the First Spiritual Church during June, with Mrs. Staley as message medium.

Harmony Circle will hold a meeting at their hall, Sunday afternoon, June 17th.

The program for the ladies entertainment, May 25th, under the management of Margaret Hendron, was very ably rendered and much appreciated by the large audience that was present.

W. J. Ziegele resides at 500 Franklin street, and his father, who is upwards of 80 years of age, has just arrived from California, where he spent the winter, and is visiting at his son's. He states that the devastation and scenes of the San Francisco disaster are beyond description—being something terrible.

Sunday, May 27th, services were conducted at the Temple by the guides of Mrs. Ripley. Excellent discourses were delivered both morning and evening, and good audiences were present. Messages were given after the evening lecture. Miss Dean and Mrs. Phelps rendered excellent music. Mrs. Ripley and her guides have served the society during May and have given very satisfactory service. At the close of the engagement, Mr. Hoyt, the president of the society, presented Mrs. Ripley with a beautiful basket of flowers as a token of appreciation and good will.

Wednesday evening, May 30th at the Temple, Mrs. Ripley and Mrs. Staley were the mediums officiating. Each did their part in the giving of spirit messages. This closed Mrs. Ripley's engagement with the society, she and her guides have worked earnestly and faithfully for the interest of the cause.

Harmony Circle held a musical and literary, Tuesday evening, May 29th, a good attendance and an enjoyable evening to all.

Liberal Thot Exchange society held a social and hop in Stirling Hall, Wednesday Eve, May 30th.

Those in charge sought to make it interesting to all, and the festivities were participated in by old and young, with activity and interest. A pleasant evening to all.

ADDITIONAL BUFFALO.

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted Harmony Circle at Keystone Hall on Sunday evening, May 27th. Our brilliant member, Mrs. Eva M. Travis, returned to us from Brooklyn, N. Y., in much better health than when she left. Her work for the cause in that section was of a high order and she was received warmly by Spiritualists and skeptics alike. Her lecture here with us showed marvelous power and grand development, very fluent and all points in the argument were taken. The subjects were taken from the audience, viz: "Why are we here?" and "What place will Spiritualism hold with the religions of the future?"

From her guide's standpoint the outlook for the cause is indeed all that we could ask for. But he showed us that we had to work for it on this plane and not wait until we reached the shining shore. Mrs. Travis was followed by Gray-light, thru Mr. Hulbert with some very remarkable messages, giving full names to strangers and proving the Continuity of Life and the personality of spirit with unquestionable proof. Mrs. Travis also gave a few messages.

We will discontinue our afternoon meetings for the present, except for Sunday, June 17th, when we will hold another Medium's Day afternoon and evening, when we again expect to have a feast of spiritual food. We hope that all readers of this item (who are not subscribers) will subscribe for the SUNFLOWER as it was never so filled with good cheer as now, to our knowledge.

Sec'y.

Fully nine-tenths of the so-called tough luck in this world is due to a combination of poor judgment and laziness.

Elbert Hubbard's Creed.

Elbert Hubbard's creed is published this week by request of a reader. It is as follows:

"I believe that God is here, and that we are as near Him now as we ever shall be. I do not believe He started this world agoing and went away and left it to run itself.

"I believe in the sacredness of the human body, this transient dwelling place of a living soul, and so I deem it the duty of every man and every woman to keep this or her body beautiful through right thinking and right living.

"I believe that the love of man for woman, and the love of woman for man is holy; and that this love in all of its promptings is as much an emanation of the Divine Spirit, as man's love for God, or the most daring hazards of the human mind.

"I believe in salvation through economic, social and spiritual freedom."

"I believe John Ruskin, William Morris, Henry Thoreau, Walt Whitman and Leo Tolstoy to be Prophets of God and they should rank in mental reach and spiritual insight with Elijah, Hosea, Ezekiel and Isaiah.

"I believe we are now living in Eternity as much as we ever shall.

"I believe that the best way to prepare for Future Life is to live one day at a time, and do the work you can do the best, doing it as well as you can.

"I believe there is no devil but fear.

"I believe that no one can harm you but yourself.

"I believe that we are all sons of God and it doth not yet appear what we shall be.

"I believe in freedom, social, economic, domestic, political, mental, spiritual.

"I believe is every man minding his own business.

"I believe that men are inspired today as much as they ever were.

"I believe in sunshine, fresh air, friendship, calm sleep, beautiful thoughts.

"I believe in the purifying process of sorrow; and I believe that death is a manifestation of Life.

"I believe the universe is planned for good.

"I believe it possible, that I will make other creeds, and change this one, or add to it, from time to time as new light may come to me."

Sunday Excursions.

Beginning Sunday May 27 and each Sunday thereafter until further notice the D. A. V. & P. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to Dunkirk and return at 42 cents. Tickets will be good going on train, leaving Lily Dale at 9:55 A. M., and returning on train leaving Dunkirk at 5:00 P. M. Corresponding low rates to intermediate stations. June 4.

LILY DALE ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

Mrs. Greenan's cottage, 7 Buffalo street, 10 rooms, well furnished. Will be sold cheap. Address Mrs. Gazzavara, Lily Dale, N. Y. 2691f.

Campbell Bros. Cottage for Rent.

The Finest Cottage on the Camp Grounds at the entrance of the grounds, next to the channel. Furnished complete. For particulars address CAMPBELL, Care Sunflower Office, Lily Dale, N. Y.

COTTAGES AND ROOMS FOR RENT.

If you want to rent a room, or buy or sell a cottage at Lily Dale, address with stamp for reply: Mrs. Nellie Warren, Lily Dale, N. Y.

TWO COTTAGES FOR SALE

5 Buffalo street and 11 North street. Low price. For particulars address S. E. Latta, Friendship, N. Y.

NICE HOME FOR SALE,

near the camp grounds, on the bank of the middle Cassadaga Lake. All lathed and plastered, nice rooms, boat house, fruit trees and nice shade. Will be sold furnished or unfurnished. Owners going south. For particulars address, Box 141, Lily Dale, N. Y.

Store For Sale at Lily Dale.

Owing to the state of my health, I will sell my store located on the Camp Grounds at Lily Dale. It is near the postoffice, next door to the meat market and one hundred feet from the Sunflower office. I carry a hardware, Bakery attached, paints and store, no old or dead stock. For details, if you mean business, address, New Light 2604f FRANK FULLER, Lily Dale, N. Y.

Concessions at Lily Dale.

Persons desiring concessions at Lily Dale will please make applications to Laura G. Fitch, General Manager, 1047 Carmen Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Excursions to Boston.

From May 31st to June 9th inclusive the D. A. V. & P. R. R. will sell tickets to Boston, Mass., and return at practically half rates. Tickets will be good returning until July 15th. Full particulars from agents or write to A. J. Smith, P. A., Cleveland, O. 19 26

I have derived more benefit from positive, persistent affirmation of harmonious relations with my surroundings than from all other methods and practices combined.—W. J. Calville.

When vanity apologizes, intelligence takes wings.

THE LEOLYN.



A fine summer home on the bank of one of the Cassadaga Lakes. The lake on the west side, the primitive forests on the east, and beautiful parks on the north and south. Good boating, fishing and magnificent drives. Delicious home cooking. Table supplied with the best of everything. Fresh fruit, vegetables and berries furnished by the farmers every morning. Imperial mineral water free to guests. Write for illustrated booklet. Rates \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day. Special rates by the week.

F. E. EUSTAPHIEVE, Manager, Lily Dale, N. Y.

THE MAPLEWOOD.



The Association Hotel has been leased by S. J. Richardson, and will be conducted on a liberal plan at \$1.25 to \$2.00 per day, with special rates by the week. The best of service will be maintained, and it will be the aim of the management to cater to the comfort and convenience of the guests. Special attention will be given to serving delicious home cooking. Table supplied with fresh fruits and vegetables by the farmers, daily. For rates, reservation of rooms, and other information, address, S. J. RICHARDSON, Prop. Box 85, Lily Dale, N. Y.

YOU MAKE NO MISTAKE if you go to the Jackson Cottage FOR YOUR MEALS.

Licensed by the Assembly. No blanks. A square meal every time for 25 cents. Try us and be satisfied. Thankful for past favors, we are ready to again give everybody a cordial welcome. Send stamp for program and particulars.

The White Restaurant and Bakery.

DAYTON & HALL, Props.

WILL SERVE

Regular Meals at Reasonable Rates. Lunches at all Hours.

All kinds of Baked Goods from our own ovens, fresh every day. Ice Cream, Ice Cream Soda, Grape Juice, Summer Drinks, Candy and Cigars.

Good Meals, Cool Dining Room, Prompt Service.

The South Park House

J. H. CHAMPLIN, Prop. Near the Auditorium.

American and European Plan.

Meals and Lunches at all hours in a new, large and cool dining room.

RATES:—\$1.00 to \$1.50; 21 Meal Tickets, \$5; 7 Dinner Tickets, \$2; Single Meals 25 to 35c.



The curtains are going around the Auditorium in preparation for a series of dances to be given Saturday evenings up to the opening of the season, under auspices of West's Orchestra. The dock is being put into position and by another week will be well advanced towards completion. Work of preparation is going on in every direction, and paint, paper and other improvements are in the air everywhere.

Mrs. Dambach has had new steps made leading up on to her terrace. Geo. VanSlyke is painting the Josslyn cottage on South street. Linn Nutting has nearly completed the painting of the Campbell cottage. Nickersons are in the general line, painting, paper-hanging, and such like.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Foote and children are spending a few days at the Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton of Fredonia spent a day looking over the Ramsdell cottage on North street and will improve and rent one side of it for the season.

The Winchester cottage on Marion street has been rented to Mrs. Knothe of Newark, N. J., who will arrive within a week or ten days for the season.

A letter from Mr. Merritt informs us that he has rented his cottage to a party of ladies from Conneaut, O., for the season, and that he will also arrive for the season in a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gamp of Great Valley have rented the new cottage on Fourth street, for the season, and are occupying it.

Mrs. Waterhouse has had a cement walk and landing made at her cottage on Melrose Park. Decoration day she entertained a company of young folks from Fredonia, who evidently enjoyed the day immensely.

The Leolyn House will open July 1, with F. E. Eustaphieve as manager. It is expected that a large proportion of the help of former years will be engaged, and the service will be of the best.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Gerry, N. Y., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. Pierce.

Mrs. Dederick, Laurel Stone, and Mrs. Robinson have been among the recent visitors on the grounds.

Mrs. McNeil, and son Wm. Steck, and a friend, Mr. Daniel Rehling, came down from Buffalo in an auto, and spent a few days at the Wallow cottage.

Glen Smith has returned from Angola, N. Y., where he has been working.

L. C. Hutchinson spent Decoration day with the old soldiers at Brocton.

A ball game between the Cassadagas and Fredonias on Decoration day resulted in a victory for Fredonia.

Miss Walton, and Mrs. Curtis and son, who were here under treatment from Dr. Hyde, have returned to their homes at Columbus, Pa.

Mrs. Tompkins and daughter, Mrs. Smith, of Buffalo, are visiting Mrs. Hardenburg.

E. L. Griswold is taking a change of scene from the post office, and is helping to build a cottage near Hartfield. Mrs. Griswold is in charge of the post office during his absence.

The Association men are putting a new roof on the Octagon, and repairing the cupola.

The tank has been fixed and filled and we have now a supply of water ready for any emergency.

Little self-denials, little honesties, little passing words of sympathy, little acts of kindness, little silent victories over favorite temptations—these are the little threads of gold which, when woven together, gleam out so brightly in the pattern of life that God approves.—F. W. Farrar.

There is as yet no culture, no method of progress known to men, that is so rich and complete as that which is ministered by a truly great friendship.—Phillips Brooks.

Control your ill-feeling and it neutralizes itself into a truth, which can be substituted for the intended anger.

LIGHT FROM EVERYWHERE



This department is conducted to enable Spiritualists and Public Workers to keep in touch with each other... Write reports on your meetings, entertainments, what speakers you have, your elections, reports of annual and other business meetings, in fact, everything you would like to know about other societies.

genial doctor off on a poetic tangent which is appended herewith. With every session a business session, We'll pave the way to higher progression; We'll lay aside all superstitious fear, Knowing that our guides are ever near. They are with us here at every session; To guide us safe from all transgression.

SPIRITUALISM IN BRADFORD, PA.

As, I know that the readers of the SUNFLOWER are interested in the unfolding of our beautiful Religion. I wish to tell them of the laborers in the vineyard, here. These co-workers and medium's work stand out in the shining light of truth as plainly as the derricks that dot our beautiful hills.

Of the many here who have consecrated themselves to the pure, loving labor for the upbuilding of Spiritualism are Mr. and Mrs. Snyder. Not less than three years ago Mrs. Snyder stepped out from the Catholic Church. She has developed into a fine test medium. In her own way she is working and aiding the cause. She has opened her own home and here she gathers those who are seeking to know that "if a man dies he shall live again."

Of Mr. and Mrs. Norris' work I could say much, but space forbids me. They are fine trumpet mediums and in their seances you will find all dominations and that horror in the orthodox mind to investigate the philosophy of Spiritualism Mr. and Mrs. Norris are able to dispel and to bring to the knowledge of ministers and physicians this great truth of Spiritualism. Their work is very far reaching. I wish to now tell you of a return worker. Mr. Homes, He has voiced the truth and through his efforts many have been convinced of the truth of Spiritualism and his work is an inspiration to us to put forth more effort in the cause of Spiritualism. Those Pioneer mediums and workers, Dr. Exter G. Woodward and wife are ever endeavoring to arouse the lethargy of the people to a knowledge of Spiritualism.

Of the workers here, our president and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown have given time and money to help us organize this society. There are many who aid us in every way, and ever ready to open their homes and purse for the good of the cause. Space forbids mentioning but few of them. Among the many are; Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson; Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy Mr. Beringer; Mrs. Erwin and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Buell; Mr. and Mrs. Lancey, and many others. All these workers have caused a strong undercurrent of Spiritualism, which is like a fire, smouldering under a heap of stubble and it will yet burst forth and illuminate the whole city.

Our soul-inspiring pastor, Mrs. R. W. Barton, is endeavoring to bind and cement these circles and workers together, into a working society. Mrs. Barton's work is proving that she is all and more than we expected of her as a medium. As a test medium she has few equals if she ever had a superior in this place it is not known here. And we have been visited by some of the best. Besides her eminent gifts she is a lady of culture and refinement, and has risen above that bane which follows undeveloped mediumship, jealousy and envy, and seems to dwell in an atmosphere of love.

MARY W. TITUS, Sec'y.

LETTER FROM MRS. COFFMAN.

This date finds me at home again after a two-weeks' recreation, one week each in Buffalo, N. Y. and Akron, Ohio. My return to Buffalo where the many I had learned to love while working with them on former occasions, was a most happy one thru their kind thought of me. The smiling faces that greeted me upon my arrival were faithful symbols of all I saw during my stay. For the first time since I have been in the world, I was free to enjoy the benefits of our philosophy as promulgated by some of our best workers. My Sunday afternoon

found me with our good brother Charles Hulbert who is doing such good work among the friends of his Harmony Circle. Mr. Hulbert has a treasure 'Uncle Ned' who so successfully aids to keep priceless the virtue from which the Circle takes its name. My Sunday evening I spent with the good people at the Temple where Mrs. Georgiana Ripley of Toronto was the speaker of the evening. In spite of the heavy rains that lasted all the afternoon and evening, the audience was a large one and the attention they gave their speaker expressed better than I can how valuable her discourse was to them in her explanation of what constituted Spiritual Growth, while their applause after she had finished showed their appreciation of her talent.

Among the first to greet me upon my entering the Temple was our friend Mr. R. A. Hoyt the President of the society and who, by the way, has been re-elected for the ensuing year as their foremost representative, a position he is fully capable of holding on account of his lasting interest in all things right and of benefit to our Cause. The same motive seemed to be inspiring all the members however, and this makes it almost needless to tell how successfully brother Eddy advocates the merits of the SUNFLOWER and shows such choice discrimination in his distribution of Spiritual literature.

I was entertained most of the time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George I. Allen where I was thoroughly happy and met all of our friends. It was a pleasure I shall never forget to have been made the recipient of so much good-will even to having one of my Guides honored with a birthday festivity and to whom so many brought beautiful remembrances of her.

The pleasantest memories were my boon companions enroute to Akron, Ohio, where a like pleasure awaited me, for who could visit the home and family of Mr. and Mrs. Kepler and not feel blest?

After all, what is life without friends? AMANDA L. COFFMAN.

WHERE SUCCESS PROVES A FAILURE.

ARTHUR F. MILTON.

The power that wealth gives is something unknown to the impecunious. The man reared in it possesses a feeling of freedom, characteristic to him alone. It lends him a grace not readily imitated—even in a stage play.

The man of intellect possesses a similar power—a natural sense of independence which the former does not understand—cannot understand because he believes himself knowing without intellect.

Which of the two is the superior, has ever been, and is still a declaration of war. But where the two are combined the war ceases—in the possessor—only that few possess it combinedly. Thus the war continues throughout the masses.

The French Revolution was the direct cause of such a division. The recent Life Insurance Revolution in American was another—only that tears in place of blood was shed—figuratively, if not in effect—both by the fallen stalwarts and their victims.

Wealth and intelligence are the two greatest opponents of civilization, when corruption sets in on either one of them.

Intellect is not free from corruption either. Its misuse is shown in politics—by scheming for wealth, in order to add that other power to itself.

Money is a sacchariferous article that has a great attraction for human bees; and the jingle of silver is to the present what the clatter of arms was to the past. All ambition is being directed for the gathering of power through wealth—to be respected for the contempt we can manifest towards our mortal brethren of small means or towards petit finances in general. It may be very natural since it has become the habit; but it seems rather unnatural for one who has enough to support him for a thousand years (were he to live that long in the same body) to wish for more.

We have just issued from the age of steel into that of electricity. But we have also added the age of steal to it. Its refined pseudonym is 'graft.' Even men of intellect have been stigmatized with it—men who had all they needed, combined with all else to make the most mis-

erable happy. But perhaps wealth-gathering is also a habit, that once has control of the divine ego, is as difficult to exorcise as an obsessing passion.

We may obtain light by the process of taking in, but happiness must eventually be earned by giving out. Power is a form of happiness. So is eating. But either over-done and generates pain or suffering, and power wanes comparatively—that is, personal power—that of the soul or spirit—not of the body or over other bodies.

True power is that gained over self—whether through the medium of wealth or intellectuality. But where it is exercised to attain power over others (except for unselfish good) it is sacrificed in accordance with success. In this respect success will always prove a failure.

The White Flower.

The spirit led me by the hand thru gardens more beautiful than I can describe, by paths scented with the sweetness of early spring flowers and pausing before one plot, set apart from the rest, attracted my gaze to a lone blossom of exceeding loveliness. Its petals have not yet opened to the kiss of the sun and warmth of its caressing rays, its purity was spotless.

I was commanded to pause and rest and nurture the blossom to maturity.

Day by day with patient care I watched its growth, yet it did not burst forth and I felt its beauty would never be seen by my eyes. I saw wonderful possibilities in its development.

There came a day when the sun was hid, the flower drooped and I, in my despair, knelt in abandonment of grief at its side, the agony was great and the soul longed to break its bonds and fly far away. I lay prone on my face before its sweetness and prayed that life might, open its mysterious meaning and disclose its secret. The garden faded, the flowers died, but the blossom remained cold silent—an angel raised me from my lowliness and placed a staff in my hand and spoke sweet words of cheer and courage. I looked up filled with the most divine power of self conquest and lo! the flower had opened and in its depths I was lost. IDA A. COOMBS.

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We learn that the N. S. A. committee on Temple Fund, will report at the Chicago convention, and propose to organize a Temple Fund Association, to comprise every possible Spiritualist in the United States and Canada, who will cheerfully assist in raising funds, for building, by the N. S. A. auxiliaries. The Temple Fund association will disburse all funds.

Dr. S. Clay Markley, writes from Beonville, N. Y.: I wish to acknowledge receipt of two SUNFLOWERS which have been read by myself and neighbors with much pleasure, and I will enclose my subscription, with best wishes for your success. There is no spiritual society here, but a good opening for one if we had a good lecturer to set the ball rolling. As a clairvoyant, test medium and physician I have set the ball rolling, shown them that Spiritualism is a truth, and that clairvoyants are the natural born doctors. Many people have come to my office and I have described their relatives and friends. We have two good mediums, a man named Fred Mair, and a lady who will hold their own with any medium in America.

Rev. G. C. Love is working with the Spiritualists of Tacoma, Wash. He will be connected with the New Ela Camp, and after June 25th, all correspondence should be addressed to him at New Ela, Oregon.

Chesterfield Camp opens June 26th and closes September 3rd this season. Prominent speakers and mediums will be present. "You will miss it if you miss it."

Mrs. M. Cassie McFarlin can be addressed for engagements at her home, Plasview, Minn.

Corr., writes from Montpelier, Vt.: We have been enjoying a series of meetings under the ministrations of J. A. Stacey, and Mrs. Holt. They are well attended, and are interesting a great many people. We hope to continue them regularly.

Dr. T. A. Bland announces a book biographical of himself, and asks for subscriptions for the same to aid in publishing it. The doctor has had an eventful life, and it would be of interest. The price will be \$1.25, but those who order before publication will be furnished it for \$1.00. Let him have a generous response to his call, and get the book out immediately. Address him at 231 Hoyne avenue, Chicago, Ill.

J. J. Dagget writes: Greensboro, N. C., has just two Spiritualists that profess the faith, these are Dr. R. T. Hendricks and the writer. However, we are extremely optimistic, and feel sure that we will have an organization here before many moons, in furtherance of this object the writer had adopted the slogan: "Every session is a business session," and I declare the same every time I visit the doctor, which, by the way, is quite frequent. This has led the

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