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IMPELLING POWER OF SPIRITUAL TRUTH

Discourse delivered through the Lips of
Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond at Lily
Dale, Sunday September
2nd, 1906.

Continued from last week.

But the impelling force of the message today is the fact of the present attitude of science, literature and religion toward the subject of the future life and the possible communion therewith, and the different attitude in the world concerning all mental and spiritual positions.

Science has laid a great deal of stress upon "facts," so have Spiritualists. But facts without intelligent observation will amount to no more than they have in all the history of the world. You need not be told that the law of gravitation was not created especially for Newton to perceive the falling apple, but when the falling apple and the consciousness were added, and the observation was made simultaneously with the fact, came the discovery of the law. So it is with those people who come to the knowledge of the truth at a late hour. They think the truth has just been revealed to them, think that there has been a new revelation, and never will be another. Mary Baker Eddy, think she will never be anything like any other thought, think there will be nothing else, perhaps, like her. But whatever be the reason for the opacity of the glass through which they see the truth, it is in the world that they see it, most of them "see through a glass darkly," some of them very dimly, some with open vision, some of them "face to face."

Being true do you suppose this impelling power of spiritual truth will be retarded by any little eccentricity, through any lack of perfection, through anything that has the semblance of Christ but is full of human deception, of servility to the senses? Do you not suppose that every human being—and we maintain that every human being is—better off because of the presence of this truth in the world? Just as every human being is better off for the improved sanitary methods, for the discoveries of science that give better light, for the appliances of steam and electricity? Every human being would feel a great loss if the spiritual light could by any possibility be suddenly turned off. You do not know how you would feel if you were where you were fifty or seventy years ago in the knowledge of this subject. You do not know how it would seem. When giving a funeral address in a little country town some years ago a pious church woman came to us and asked: "Why can we not have such words of consolation as those that you have just spoken at our funerals?" We answered: "So you can; this message is for all, you only have to accept it, the light of this truth can penetrate your windows just as well as this dwelling, it is only because you have not had your windows opened." The light of Spiritualism is a comfort to the mother even if she listened to it behind church doors. Do not make the mistake of supposing that all its comfort has come to you who sit here gladly and joyously in these front seats today and upon this platform. Do not make the mistake of supposing that all its consolation and enlightenment is to those who have openly avowed it and conscientiously pressed forward in their lives with the movement; those who come with fear and trembling, those who feel that they need it whether they acknowledge it or not, they will and do receive the light; those who go in the shadows of the night for it (Nicodemus like) receive the message and are aware, and are made

glad, and it offers a line of hope for them. Just as the discovery of America did for those daring mariners who came afterward: just as Freedom, first enkindled here, formed the hope of the world, for those suffering in Italy, in France, in Russia, in Great Britain. Think what it was to them; the light that Lafayette saw when he came to help its establishment here, the Light kindled in Mazzini the spirit of Freedom, and set the sword of Garibaldi free; the Light that goes on in Russia today had its herald in the thought of freedom from America, the Light that will one day encircle the world with the Goddess of Liberty bearing the standard of peace. Do you suppose that this Spiritual truth has reached them there? The clergy, the laymen, the judges, the lawyers, the merchants the people all know and the hand that toils is strengthened in its work and controlled day by day with the great hope in the heart that one day this enlightenment, that all souls are equal in the sight of God will apply to the man who toils, to all people upon the earth.

Let us remember, that in sowing seed for a republic of humanity we are, also, proclaiming a republic of souls. Let us remember, that if we have political freedom religious freedom must be its companion. Let us remember, that the great light of Spiritual Truth percolates through the human consciousness or there could be no George Washingtons, there could be no Abraham Lincolns, there could be no Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Loretta Mott and others have the other half of the truth which the world has neglected for so long and which Spiritualism too emphasizes. More than all, let us remember, that this thought is gaining ground in the world, the literature is pervaded by it, the magazines are full of stories showing the wonderful powers of intuition, and you will see in the daily press accounts of strange occult or spiritual experiences, impelled by the demand to give those experiences to the world for what they are worth.

When Horace Greeley and Judge Edmunds of New York were members of the same circle that made Judge Edmunds a Spiritualist, and impelled him to take the motto of "truth against the world," the Judge was at a meeting of some literary club composed of the editors of New York when someone said to him: "Judge Edmunds, I have always wondered why a jurist of your clearness of mind should have become a Spiritualist?" Horace Greeley, who was present, said, slyly, "yes, I have wondered too." Judge Edmunds said, "well Mr. Greeley if you will give me a column in the Tribune I will tell you why." Such an arrangement was made and Judge Edmunds gave his reasons in the New York Tribune. Afterwards the people asked him to resign his seat as Judge of the Superior Court of New York. Some years after public opinion was reversed and the people said to him, "we want you to be judge again." The answer was: "Oh, no, I have something better than a judgeship, even then I could not accept it, I am just as 'imbecile,' just as 'feeble minded' as I was ten years ago, only more so, I do not want the gift of anything that comes simply as a tardy recognition of that which I then held and now hold as most sacred." He did not again accept a judgeship. But the world venerated the man for his courage of his conviction, for which made him stand face to face with his peers who did not have the courage to give expression to what they knew as well as he did. Now when all the world has come to a recognition of the common facts that he accepted, the spiritual light that floods the world makes us one with each other.

We are glad that we can grasp hands with those who have come to perceive this truth thru other methods. Believe us, we do not care

IN DEFENSE OF MEDIUMS.

J. R. BURTON TELLS OF SPIRITUALISM,
DEFENDING THE TERM AND ITS MANY
FORMS AND FORTUNE TELLING.

The following article, dealing with Spiritualism is from the pen of Mr. J. R. Burton. It is the first of a series of articles dealing with the subject which will appear in the Sunday News, Seattle, Wash.

"In these days of police regulation of mediums and the denial of the right to give evidence of the possession of occult power and even of the attempted deportation of phenological demonstrators, it may well be asked, 'What is Spiritualism, and what are its powers?' Another question that may well be asked is, whether for the public good that police officers should presume to declare who shall be teachers and who shall be the doctrine taught.

Spiritualism in some form or other is as old as man. Modern Spiritualism is commonly dated from the Hydesville rappings in 1848, the similar disturbances noted by John Wesley and others long before."

SPIRITUALISM DEFINED

"Spiritualism is simply communion with spirits, and, as most people understand the word, with those who have lived on this earth and have died—that is, as far as physical bodies are concerned, who still live in the essential consciousness and ability to visit and interact in active life, not only as spirits, but also as regards their friends still in the body.

Representation of Spiritualism is responsible for much of the odium with which it is regarded by many. Unfortunately, Spiritualists are not made perfect by their expression of belief, neither are Christians or any other sectarians that I am aware of, and, strange to say, the very people who are most in need of being bettered, morally and spiritually, are the ones who complain that some Spiritualists are no better than they ought to be. Who is?

Now, Spiritualists, being just ordinary men and women who have received some evidence that their friends whose bodies have been buried are still living, and able to communicate with them being unacquainted with the history or philosophy which underlies all spiritual phenomena, are too often inclined to enlarge upon their convictions and make extravagant claims for their new religion, or science, or whatever their mental bias may look on it as being.

SPIRITUALISM AND RELIGION.

Spiritualism, too, having many cases come from some religious sect whose teachings satisfy them, yet whose teachings have not been entirely discarded, often are as intolerant and bigoted as when they were in their former church, hence it is not strange that many peculiar statements are put forward as proceeding from spirits, the mediums, who in many cases are unable to distinguish between spirits contacts and are consequently ready to swallow the most extravagant statements or to credit spirits with powers that are supernatural.

I am not aware that there is class of Spiritualists will denounce those who do not agree with their own, but I am writing this information on Spiritualism according to my experience and observation. I do not see the advantage of going to the best advantage of the subject, as it is necessary to deal with the subject under several heads, as

DIFFERENT FORMS OF SPIRITUALISM.

What constitutes Spiritualism? What are mediums and what are their functions?

Evidence of spirit power under two general heads—intellectual and physical.

Intellectual—Trance speaking, inspirational speaking, inspirational improvisation, clairvoyance and clairaudience, healing and telepathy, writing, drawing and painting, tests of various kinds.

Physical—Table tipping and rapping, movement of articles, independent music—trumpet voices, materialization of faces, hands, as well as of complete form.

Further than this there is psychometry, or soul measurement, which is a power inherent in the individual and does not depend on outside spirit assistance. This is the power which reads ores, and other articles and depends more upon self-development than some of the other phases.

In treating some of the above subjects I shall refer to writers and mediums of various kinds to illustrate the points at issue, as well as my own experience wherever possible.

FORTUNE TELLING.

The gift of prophecy or foretelling the future ('fortune telling') will also be treated as it may be made of great importance to those who are willing to understand the laws governing such communications. They are simple to those who are willing to understand them.

I will close with a quotation from T. J. Hudson, author of "The Law of Psychic Phenomena." He who denies the phenomena of Spiritualism is simply ignorant. Ignorance of any subject, particularly when knowledge may be so easily obtained from the books and papers published, is hardly to be commended as a basis for judgment, yet those who are most ignorant assume to judge and condemn Spiritualism."

J. R. BURTON.

ARE YOU SUPERSTITIOUS?

Are you superstitious about Friday? It so, here are a few facts concerning that day
Lee surrendered on Friday
Moscow was burned on Friday.
Washington was born on Friday.
Shakespeare was born on Friday.
The Mayflower landed on Friday.
America was discovered on Friday.

Richmond was evacuated on Friday.

The Bastille was destroyed on Friday.

King Charles was beheaded on Friday.

Queen Victoria was married on Friday.

Fort Sumter was bombarded on Friday.

Napoleon Bonaparte was born on Friday.

Julius Caesar was assassinated on Friday.

Friday:

Is There Any Future Life For Animals?

We answer, John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, thought there was. So did those eminent Christian bishops, Jeremy Taylor and Bishop Butler. Coleridge advocated it in England, Lammartine in France, and Agassiz in America. Agassiz the greatest scientist we ever had on this continent, and a man of profound religious convictions was a firm believer in some future life for the lower animals. A professor of Harvard University has compiled a list of one hundred and eighty-five European authors who have written on the subject.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

If you would make your flowers grow and blossom, remove them from the shadow and put them in the sunlight. A shadow over the heart can be removed by the sunlight of love and confidence.

DR. UR DEX.

SPIRITUALISM A WORLD-FORCE

G. W. Kates and Wife at Baltimore.

At the First Spiritual Church on Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md., October 7, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Kates discussed the power of Spiritualism as a useful force in the world and utilised by many people of all nations.

Mr. Kates took the following as his text: "And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke ii. 10.

The speaker said he was glad the angels said that; for, if they could then bring glad tidings, they can do so now. And they are bringing such tidings to all people. The facts of spirit ministry and manifestation have been demonstrated to people of every clime and nation. It is not an isolated phenomena we have witnessed, but a world wide manifestation. It is not only one class of spirit people who manifest, but all kinds as revealed by John the seer of ancient time, who said he beheld a mighty host of "Angels of all nations, kindreds, and peoples and tongues." If that was true, then they were angels of once mortal people that John saw. They could not be of all nations if they were created in heaven; but must have had an earth life. The teaching that angels were created perfect, is, thereby destroyed. What are angels? Evidently they are the spirits of once mortals; our loved, and the good and true of earth. Paul said: "Are they not all ministering spirits?" This seems to be very inclusive. All are ministering spirits. There is no debarring of power from any to manifest and minister unto us; but the law must be understood and applied. Mortals accomplish nothing unless they apply the law of nature to obtain desired results. Why expect that spirits shall have all power without understanding the law?

For spirits to manifest unto us, it is necessary that they shall understand how, as it is for us to telegraph to each other. Let us be logically reasonable. They who expect the most are often the ones who give the least. It does no good to say we cannot; and it does not make it true when some say the spirits cannot. Give to everything its just conditions, and then results may be expected. Prof. Flammarion, the astronomer said: "Positive observation proves the existence of a physical sense." Alfred Russell Wallace, F. R. S., said: "My position, therefore, is that the phenomena of Spiritualism in their entirety do not require further confirmation. They are proved quite as well as any facts are proved in other sciences." The Spiritualists can, therefore, rest the case of proof until some one produces actual disproof, which has so far not been done.

Mrs. Kates made some interesting remarks in support of the facts of spirit communion, and claimed that thousands of mediums had given the consolation unto millions of people, and these had added unto faith and hope, a blessed knowledge and perhaps destroyed infidelity and materialism more than has any other revelations given to the world in past ages. She followed with some descriptions of spirits present, with some messages that were said to be correct by the persons who received them.

"I shall pass this way but once. I will therefore try to do as much good and as little harm as possible." A great man said, "He who causes two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before is a benefactor to humanity." How little it takes to become a benefactor.

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W. H. BACH, Managing Editor.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

The above question has been put to us in practically the same form by two of our prominent workers in the past week. "What shall we do?" Each of these workers has been in the public field for many years. They are not new, nor does either one of them lack a reputation as a worker. But they are not engaged to such an extent as to earn their living in their Spiritualistic work, and do not know which way to turn to make a living, with have families. Yes, What shall they do?

One of them said, "We are getting hold of just about enough to carry food with." The other was carrying because winter was coming on, heavy clothing was required, and winter necessities, but the larder and pocket-book both were practically empty.

The day was, and only a few years ago, when good engagements were at the call of everybody who had any reputation in the Spiritualistic field. Lecturers and test mediums were paid from \$15 to \$25 a Sunday engagement, and entertainment and car fare. Today, the lecturers who engage and pay regular speakers are few and far between, and many of the principal ones have no paid speakers, the meetings being run by individuals who open a hall, take what volunteer talent they can get and the tenants at the door pays the hall rent, advertising and sometimes leaves a little for the promoter. The mediums come, go on the platform for five to ten minutes, tell a little and hurry away to do the same thing at some other hall, the remuneration they receive being the statement when they close that this is Madam So-and-So who lives on sixteenth street and gives sittings daily.

Such talent and such programs can not interest the class of people who can support good meetings, and gradually we have gone down. Conductors of such meetings can not select their talent, as they can not afford to pay them, and they must take any who volunteer, regardless of personal desires. An attempt to discriminate will soon settle the meetings.

The writer sat next to a lady prominent in the State work of her state and also prominent in the N. S. A. work and listened to such a combination. Turning to me she said, "Isn't it fearful to have to sit here and endorse such stuff?" It certainly was, and as the meetings did not last much longer, others evidently thought the same and stopped going.

Spiritualists must raise the tone of their meetings if they wish them sustained. In the early days we had such lecturers as Denton, Edmunds, E. V. Wilson, and others too numerous to mention, and in Boston there were no halls large enough to hold the crowds who attended. We could have them today if we made a bid for the same degree of intelligence. Ingersoll filled the largest theatre at \$1 a head when common lecturers went begging for a hearing.

What has brought about this change?

We have no one to blame but ourselves! We have put sensation above intelligence, have bid for cheapness instead of intelligence, ability and medial development. Too many times if a person would come for a little or nothing, or for their expenses, or in some cases for what ever they were disposed to give in a collection, they would be taken in preference to someone of known ability at a stated sum. The result was disastrous.

Again there was a class who did not know that abuse did not constitute argument, and indulged in that. People soon tire of hearing anything abused, even though they agree with the line of abuse, and quit going to meetings. When the abuse of the church and Bible wore out, a certain class began on fraud and they have now about run that into the ground. The unfortunate part of it is that the fraud down the road has become so have brought the disgust of the people upon even their immaculate ones.

It has got to be quite a bad for the speakers to condemn the physical mediums. By what right? Are they immaculate? Do they never make a mistake or misstate a fact? What more evidence than they are genuine than that the ones they are condemning are so? How can you will you prove it? My dear friends, the medium, the writer of this article has as high an opinion of you as any one can have, but in all justice he wants you to either prove more or talk less about the alleged frauds in mediumship. Before you condemn your neighbor and accuse him of being a fraud, look to it that you have proved you are what you claim. Can you do it?

You claim that you are control to deliver a lecture under the control of Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, or any other celebrated person (we seldom boast of plain Bill Jones giving a lecture thru us) but where is your evidence that it is really you? Why put these individuals who are with you or that it is anything but yourself? Understand I am not saying I do not believe in spirits, but I am asking you to prove it the way you ask the physical mediums to prove their genuineness. Can you do it?

To these two good friends I ask, What shall we do? our advice is to go to work, if you wish to stay in the Spiritualistic field, educate yourself to a point where the intelligences can give the highest inspiration possible to you. Then stop talking, insinuating, charging fraud on everybody but yourselves. Spread the circles of the Spiritualist papers, for they are your greatest aids and advertisements. Make a bid for the highest intelligence in the land for your lectures and your tests of spirit return, and that is the only way that we can ever build up our Spiritualism on an independent basis.

Speaking personally I come in contact with many people in one branch of my business, who are not connected with Spiritualism. They all know I am a Spiritualist, I talked with five different ones last week and every one wanted evidence. They all wanted to see P. L. O. A. Keeler in Buffalo, when I talked with them about a series of lectures to be given by Dr. Lockwood, I could not interest them for a moment. "We have had enough theories," said one of them I know to be a member in good standing of the Presbyterian church, and they wanted a solute proof. One man who quizzed me for several years about Spiritualism every time I have met him, asked me if he could get a letter from Keeler while he was in Buffalo. I gave him the address and then by a little judicious picking I learned that his brother lives near Keeler in Washington, D. C.

Good brother and sister, there are two things that will follow you your engagements: the physical mediums. Condemn them as you will, the more you get off your chest of them the more you cut off your chances of getting engagements. The press advertises your lectures, the physical medium, interests people, then you are called on for lecture engagements. Much of the remedy for the conditions in the

ing our hands, mediums and speakers. Use them and you will have no cause for complaint. But we must interest the people by being up-to-date and thoroughly developed. Let us raise our standard and we will progress and our speakers and mediums will not be in a position where they can not support their families. The fact that they can not do so under present conditions has cost many of our most intelligent workers Spiritism was disastrous. The change will cost us more.

THE NEW SPELLING.

The new method of spelling, much as it may fail to appeal to some, is and quite going to meetings. The twelve words of the American Educational Association, and sending them so common as have brought the disgust of the people upon even their immaculate ones.

Will soon be well to use as much change of in-at leaving out ing to use as still used g "s" in e "poffe" as in "possession" as in old English print. In a modern of it, to of these old books, and it will be difficult for the great children of the present generation to read our print as we do that of the 18th and 19th century.

Why should not "tisi" be used there any? Why put and similar trouble of an "thru" enough" can be said now as we are in the process of being reformed. The steamboats slow sailing and they did it. The sweat you eat thy when the entered as it essed out of stress wants did not work to "send a and tide." steamboats slow sailing

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RENAMED and REDEEMED

The Summer Camp of Spiritualists, located in Chautauqua County, N. Y., known more recently as City of Light Assembly, was reorganized during the season of 1906 and unanimously rechristened

LILY DALE.

Each one of its trustees is a pronounced Spiritualist. Its management stands for genuine mediumship of every reputable phase, insisting there is no hostility between Philosophy and Phenomena; that either one is the complement of the other, while together the two form one perfect whole in the realm of Psychic Truth.

Final payment of \$3,750 on the \$10,000 necessary to meet the indebtedness held by Mrs. Abbie Louise Pettengill and to acquire and cancel all stock in the Assembly owned by her, must be made on or before November 1st, 1906.

Promptness in meeting this obligation is a matter of vital importance. We dare not dally with indecision or indifference. An opportunity pregnant with future possibilities may go by never to return.

We feel that loyalty to the Spirit World will make YOU glad to forward at once to the treasurer at 4208 Evans Avenue, Chicago, either a helpful donation, or a generous subscription for capital stock in the Assembly, the latter of which may be had at ten dollars a share.

Money, not words, is needed to continue this center of Spiritualism for promulgation of the knowledge of Spirit Return, and save it from the dishonor of unmet indebtedness.

Are you one who will not turn his back but march breast forward in the lifting of this burden.

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift; We have hard work to do and hard to lift; Faint not—fight on—tomorrow comes the song." Fraternally Yours, MRS. ESSIE C. HUMPHREY, President, New York City. HARVEY W. RICHARDSON, Vice-President, East Aurora, N. Y. MRS. LAURA G. FINN, Secretary, 1077 Garden Ave., Chicago. GEORGE B. WARNE, Treasurer, 408 Evans Ave., Chicago. JAMES W. PETERS, Trustee, Buffalo, N. Y. R. W. SAVAGE, Trustee, Hamburg, N. Y. LEE MORSE, Trustee, Cassadaga, N. Y.

To Eastern Spiritualists

WITH the passing of the Banner of Light from the weekly Spiritualist papers, the SUNFLOWER is left as the sole occupant of the eastern field. While a monthly paper, such as the Banner now becomes, and Reason has been since it started, has its field, it can not, nor does it attempt to enter the field of news, but opens its columns more to the ethical points of the subject than to the live news items.

That being the case, we invite the attention of the Eastern Spiritualists to the SUNFLOWER. It is located at Lily Dale, the "Mecca of Spiritualism." Here all the eyes of the world are turned yearly to its annual conclave. Here meet people of all races and climes. Here is formed a psychic center from which should and can radiate all the best in our movement.

The SUNFLOWER is equipped to fill this position, and will if the people of Spiritualism will do their part. We have our own office complete. We own the office building, type, presses, stereotyping outfit—even a repair shop right in our own building, where the greater proportion of the little breaks and mishaps of machinery can be fixed in a few minutes time. We have ample mail, telephone and telegraph service, and the conditions are such that the expenses of maintenance are reduced to a minimum. We have not got to go from under our own roof to turn out a paper complete, a condition that does not prevail with any other Spiritualist publication on this continent.

Our facilities are ample with the exception of a little more help, to turn out a larger paper. Our large cylinder press will take it, our folder is large enough to fold it, and if the Eastern Spiritualists will rally round the SUNFLOWER standard, we can make a paper as large and as good as can be produced anywhere. All it wants is sufficient support to pay the bills.

Our former Associate Editor, Mr. A. F. Melchers, is anxious to again get into the harness and help to turn out a first class Spiritualist paper in the East, but at present our support is not such that we can offer him what would be required to keep him and his family in the necessities of life, consequently he is debarred from this field in which his heart and soul are wrapped.

We present this to our readers and to Spiritualists in general. The Progressive Thinker in an editorial statement says: "All of the Spiritualist papers must go the way of the Banner, but the Progressive Thinker is good for twenty-five years yet." We want to say that on the present basis the SUNFLOWER can continue indefinitely. Notwithstanding the severe sickness with great expense we have passed thru, and the consequent unavoidable neglect of business, the SUNFLOWER finds itself a little better off than it was last year at this time. Now with this new field open, if the Eastern Spiritualists will join hands with us we will make a desperate effort to turn out so much better a paper that the next year will show a more decided improvement in every way.

What will you do? Write us at once saying what you CAN and WILL DO to help this movement along. Remember that two of our best papers have died in the last year. We have but three weeklies left, two of which must be self-sustaining or they must go the way of the others. Spiritualists, "It's up to you." WHAT WILL YOU DO?

W. H. BACH, Editor and Publisher Lily Dale, N. Y.

LILY DALE NEWS

SAM JONES DEAD

Buffalo Notes

Fall weather in this country is nice and pleasant. It is not that old-fashioned, but it is just what we need. The weather is just what we need. The weather is just what we need.

Mrs. Greenhamper returned from a trip to Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb returned to their home at Spangham.

Mrs. Hyatt's family is proving out the new building at the house with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry have gone to Jamestown to visit, but may remain all winter.

Mrs. Van Johnson is here for a few days at Mrs. Johnson's when she will go to West Virginia for the winter.

A. Campbell and C. S. Shoup are here for an extended stay. They will spend the winter in Florida.

George ... Lake Helen ... notified ... flowers ... the North ... era ... from ... present.

Mr. ... New York ... Norman ... married ... Helen ... beautiful.

Mr. ... Miss ... in their ... ing season.

Mrs. ... to Clean ...

Mrs. ... son of ... at the ... Hall.

James ... former ... to spirit ... 3rd.

T. E. Turner ... doiph, ... H. Turner ...

Mrs. ... for a few ...

Lynn ... returned ... and ...

J. B. ... Dale Park ... second ... winter.

F. W. ... spending ... flower ...

Frank ... turned ... will occupy ... street.

Mrs. ... treating ... has had ... moved ... DeWitt ...

A party ... at the home ... Laona, ... Lillian, ... Ray ... writer ... special ... tasteful ... ferns ... fifty guests ...

About ... party ... reception ... Mendel ... played ... Sampson ... of library ... bridesmaid ... of silk ... best ...

Following ... wedding ... dining ... many ... bride ... Normal School ... Mrs. Skinner ... and friends ... elsewhere ... Mrs. Clark ... and Plain Dealer ...

LITTLE KINDNESSES

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CARMELITE NUNS.

Proposed Extension of this Absurd Order in This Country.

A report is current in Philadelphia that the order of the Mount Carmelite Nuns, considered to be the most ascetic religious society in the world, has a project in mind to extend the order in prominent cities of this country and that Washington, D. C., is seriously under consideration as the scene of one of these foundations.

The real estate field is being thoroughly canvassed, and if a suitable structure can be secured for the use of this famous order a branch will be founded in the capital city of the nation. Philadelphia has already such a convent.

Here a half dozen members of the order undergo what is virtually, from the lay point of view, a living death, and spend all their time in prayer, fasting and devotional exercises. The fare they partake of is commonplace, to say the least, while their aim would appear to be the same of discomfort.

The Nuns in this city have never since they took their vows, seen a human being, and for all they know of what has happened in the world they might as well be buried and their lives of devotion brought to an end. None of these sisters has any means of knowing who is now the president of the United States; nor have they had an inkling of world events.

The Carmelite convent in Philadelphia is a mystery even to those who live beside it. Never a sound comes from within its walls, save perhaps a murmured droning, intoned prayer.

This ignorance does not stop at the neighbor. The world itself, outside of the ecclesiastics, know little of the life led by these sisters. In the essentials there is one unending round of absolute silence, fast, penance, prayer and self-denial. The voice is never used save in supplication. Every hour of the day, and often those of the night, pass in silent prayer.

There is no food but the coarsest, and the roughest of garments are worn winter and summer, no matter what the discomforts or actual sufferings they may cause.

At the thought, to the mind untainted by the ways of the religious, it would seem impossible that any one could survive this life. It appears that its discomforts and changeless monotony would become maddening, but their confessors say that they live in peace and the most perfect happiness and that all the faults of the world finally become so completely subjugated that the sisters need none of the things that the lay mind deems essential.

Even from the time she takes the vows the Carmelite Nun puts behind every last thought of the world—father, mother, brother, sister—may never look upon her face again. Their bed is a plain, hard pine board, placed in a cell. From this hard couch the Nun rises in the morning and breaks her fast with black coffee and bread, eaten in silence. Following the morning repast the black-robed Nuns go to the chapel and continue their long office of prayer. The morning hours are filled with work on vestments and scapulars.

These Nuns are noted throughout the world for their exquisite needlework. One of their strictest rules is that no one of them shall ever be idle, and even when they are sick, some bit of sewing is ever at their side. This sewing hour is about the nearest approach to diversion, but lest they extract pleasure from it, the regulation has been made rigid that not one word must pass their lips during the time. Dinner is served after the tolling of the midday angelus. It consists of dry bread, plain boiled potatoes some other ordinary vegetable, and perhaps codfish balls or some other inexpensive fish. No butter, sugar, coffee, tea, a beverage of any kind or desert is used.

The taste of flesh of any description is strange to them. Christmas and Thanksgiving turkeys, the Easter hams and spring chickens, and every demand of the ordinary appetite are things of the past to these women, who have consecrated their lives to God.

The evening meal of the Carmelite Nuns is as frugal as their breakfast, following which there are meditations and prayer and fasting, that is the Alpha and Omega of

their lives, by which they seek to attain the eternal salvation of their souls and those of the world at large.



IS LOVE BLIND?

We don't know why we are born, don't know why we die, and don't know why we marry—unless it be on speculation—getting a corner in Pitt. But as a rule, we "fall in love" first a sort of temporary blindness, from which we recover in comparison as we realize the fact that we are a pit. And blessed be they who are never cured of this blindness, and thus never find out why they were married. "In ignorance there is bliss," and since we are born and die in the blissfulness of ignorance, it is well that "love is blind" and keep us in the same blissfulness during the transition from birth to death.

FOR THAT ARE WE DOCTORS.

"The operation was successful but the patient died."

A desiccated aphorism, you will say; but true, nevertheless. Doctors are always successful and when a patient dies, it was from exhaustion—not the disease; that was cured as every corpse will assert.

But for all of that doctors are necessary evils. Their "License for experimenting on Live Bodies," prevents the pressure of a coroner's inquest on dead bodies.

Furthermore, they relieve us of two evils—responsibility and cash—like curing like.

All doctors are born with the Gift of Wisdom. They always know when a patient is not sick—the kind that takes longest to cure; under which circumstances they are generally kind enough to administer home-made pills. (No charge for them.) There is no benevolence like a doctor's when he secures a healthy patient—readers of this excepted.

We are often called upon to prescribe health-rules. We say: "Prevent catching cold, and prevent constipation, add temperance and righteousness to this, and you will be physically and morally healthy until Nature calls."

Nature's Call is the only casualty on which doctors agree. Their verdict is Heart Failure. Of course it is, when the spirit is ripened and throws off its material housing, the machinery therein ceases to operate. At the center of our corporeal existence is a great web of nerves, which connects the spirit to the body—animating the head for thought and the heart for action—one leading the body consciousness and the other locomotive powers. Such is life—a twofold principle. According to which of these principles is ripened in advance of the other, discloses first. If at the head, paralysis may precede complete death. If at the heart, death is instantaneous.

But as neither the undertaker nor grave digger will take your word for it, you are bound by law to notify the doctor or coroner of the occurrence in order to procure a certificate of death. However, to postpone this event to its ultimate, the aforementioned health-rule may be safely followed. And if you think you must "depart this life," why share your apprehensions with a good old M. D., for that are the doctors.

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Six-year-old Paany, just returned from Sunday school, seemed to have something on her mind. "Mother," she said, after a while, "they have had very large beds in Bible times."

"Why?" asked her mother. "Well, our teacher told us to-day that Abraham slept with his father. It was a very big bed."

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RELIEVES JOHN D. IS FULL OF GNOMES.

Theosophist Chief, Col. Olcott, Says These Little Imps Control All Things of Earth.

Gnomes, the funny little creatures with round, floppy ears and pointed red caps, are the actual financiers of the world. John D. Rockefeller is said to be simply jammed full of these imps, and every man in Wall street who is successful is simply beset with them. Such is the doctrine set forth by Col. Henry Steele Olcott, the octogenarian chief of the Theosophical Society.

"Gnomes, sylphs, andies and salamanders are the spirits of the earth, air, water and fire, respectively," said Col. Olcott in his address to the theosophists, "and unless there is an able-bodied man who will take their slack-wire and get them out of our streets, we are in for a walk or flying machine."

Unless the man who undertakes to control money, oil, diamonds and earth has a few gnomes to pilot him, he will go into bankruptcy before he lands in a madhouse. "If a farmer boy in Minnesota awakens some morning with an uncontrollable desire to go to sea, he is beset by an Salmamander, and he who climbs the fire department and conducts fire sales."

The Colonel's subject was "The Dangers of Psychic Forces," and he pointed out how clairvoyants and Spiritualists could use their occult powers in very dastardly manners.

"But much good has been done by spirit influences," he said, "In India I began a series of successful healings. I believe the miracles of the Bible can be duplicated today."

That certain imps of thieves women who steal in department stores, is the Colonel's belief. He also declared that he had personally witnessed how a Hindoo at his hand commanded spirits to place a bottle of whiskey in his hand. The man got the whiskey until one day he grouch and threw the bottle at the head of the conjurer.—Exchange.

If you say, "I am help-dogged about, I can do nothing; I fail where I would help, but I cannot"—your very longing is a help. "They also serve who only stand and wait." It is never true that we are not helpers; where the farthest heart is, there is the servant of God, and onto Him comes ever with the work of the world. He is still a strong in God, and his life holds for itself a secret which is not known to another. He has come in his very work to the rescue that remains.—Robert Collier.

A battle lost may turn as beneficial as a battle won. It may spur us to other things. It may lead us to the more useful in life. But if the little is continually lost we are slowly sinking into lethargy and lose what we have previously gained. The rain is needed as much as the sunshine, and without sunshine the world would be a dead, cold, sterile, unproductive place.—Du Ut De.

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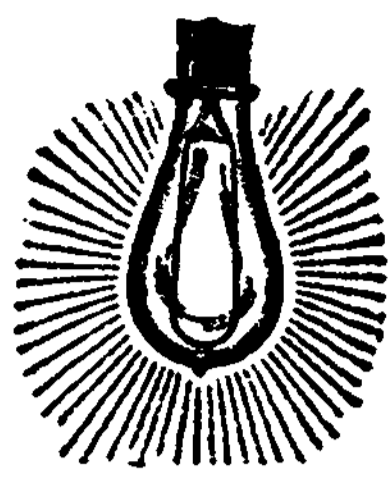
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The Plymouth Spiritual Temple in Rochester had an audience of 100 people last Sunday evening. Mrs. Helen Stuart Richings has been speaking for the Spiritual Research Society of Clyde, O.

Del Herrick filled a very successful engagement at Delphos, O., October 3. He can be addressed at engagements at Akron, O. Mrs. W. C. Selbride, Billings, Montana, is anxious to secure the name and address of every Spiritualist in Montana. Send them to this aid your state work.

A Mass Meeting of the State Spiritualist Association of Illinois at the local society of Rockford, held Sunday the 21st inst. Speakers and mediums passing through Baker City, Ore., can find a cordial society and a cordial welcome. M. A. McClelland, is president.

Rev. Alice K. Baker will act as missionary and organizer for Oklahoma and is anxious to secure the names and addresses of those who would help her in her work in that state. For particulars address either R. G. Lee, secretary, Head Oak, Okla., or Mrs. Alice K. Baker, 101 Live Oak street, Dallas, Texas.

S. Ball writes: "It was needless for you to waste even a postage to send me notice of the expiration of my subscription. I will send it as long as I remain here there is a postoffice and a Sunflower." If everybody who is interested to the SUNFLOWER for subscriptions or advertising would do the same it would be a great favor to the Sunflower. DO IT NOW!

Isaac Mondereau, a Spiritualist of Leadville, Pa., has been nominated for State Senator on a platform that advocates, Prohibition of liquor traffic. Local Option until we have Prohibition, A Sabbath for man, Trolley Companies should have the right to carry freight, A two-cent fare on Railroads, Taxes to be Equalized, Making it Unlawful for a Public Officer to receive a Pass either for Himself or Friends, The Public Schools to be Maintained by the State, The Constitution of the State should be given Full Effect, especially the Article on Transportation Companies.

are both eminent mediums of the city, and that two mediums can work in harmony is evidenced by the fact that the proceeds of the evening net to the society something over \$25, and the Temple society desires to publicly acknowledge its appreciation of the work of these two ladies.

Raphael's Almanacs for 1907 arrived and all have been sold. If you want one please send your order at once as they are unobtainable after the fore part of January and we do not wish to have a dead stock of them. Price is 35 cents postpaid. Order now if you want them as we will only get what are wanted. We have a few "Old Moore's Almanac." 15 cents each.

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All men are born equal—physically, but not spiritually. Those that lack the needed spiritual consciousness to overcome sufficient of that physical consciousness to make the spirit known to itself or to realize its existence as a spiritual being, must learn to think independent of others' thoughts. And those that lack the needed will-power to overcome the passions of the body, must learn to curb them—either by experience or trials as may be injected in the cause at birth.

The "cause upon us" or what Astrology imputes to the influence of the stars, is Natural Law acting upon the soul—impeding it in a prosperity that many prove injurious (though not always successful) and guiding where it may be benefited spiritually.

But as man has a free will, and often escapes his destiny, he was out of his course, inviting worse trials than the Law has put upon him—and, again, may run ahead of the inspiration put upon him for good—for his spiritual success.

It is in that case where the spirit becomes acutely conscious of itself, and knows that it has a body, and which body sometimes seems an impediment to its ambitions, aspirations and willingness to do good, its strength or power of locomotion. Then it is easy to say, "I am a spirit and have a body!"

SPIRITUALISM.

What Spiritualists Know and Believe.

The term Spiritualism embraces the doctrine of the immortality of the souls, the communion of Spirits with mortals in the flesh, and the ultimate salvation of every human being that ever lived or will live. The law of compensation is a fixed principle in the matter of rewards and hereafter. That we shall reap what we sow. That no human being can attain to a condition of perfect bliss until his obligations shall be at rest, a condition which will be attained only by the payment of the full measure of the penalty for wrongs committed. There will be ample time in which to repay the books, but the wrongdoer will suffer just in proportion to the extent that he has violated the laws of his being and the laws of justice. A good man will be happy in the spirit world. The bad man will be miserable but not necessarily forever. There will be opportunities for moral development to do something to blot out the ugly scars on the tablets of his memory—in a word, to work out his own salvation. Spiritualism teaches that there is a God—an overruling omnipresent Deity—that every thing that exists is a part of the stupendous whole, of which God is the soul, as Pope expresses it. Furthermore, Spiritualism teaches that the finite mind cannot comprehend the Infinite—that the purpose of human existence is a mystery—the origin of life in a of its various forms expressed through matter be classified with the mysticisms of those subtle forces of nature which gives color to the flower, odor to the fruit and the sustaining qualities of the animal and vegetable kingdoms. The reservation of personal identity is maintained as a cardinal principle in Spiritualist philosophy. We shall live on beyond. The personality of the individual will be eternal. Birth and death will not be a bar to the onward development. We shall grow in wisdom. The concentration of the soul is the attainment. The soul never dies and never will aspire to the attainment of the impossible.

In a natural, Spiritualism believes in the Golden Rule, love, mercy, justice, peace, truth, virtue, the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, equal rights for all, social privileges to none, the ministrations of angels, religion, honor, temperance, benevolence, the innocent pleasures of life, the dignity of labor, the continuity of human life, regarding death as an incident in its course, and the ultimate attainment of our highest aspirations.

But Spiritualism does not believe in a pre-arranged plan of life for the few exercises that God-given faculties of the intellect. Reason and common sense must be supreme. Man must be governed in his judgment by the evidence in the ecclesiastical domain, as he is in the practical affairs of life. As nothing occurs in this present age contrary to natural laws, Spiritualists can not conceive that there ever was a time when there were such occurrences, for the reason that these natural laws are unchangeable. The supernatural implies a suspension of some one of these natural laws.

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