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MAKE TESTS TO FIND SOUL'S WEIGHT.

Dr. Edwin H. Peck, Cleveland Physician, Interested in Psychic Research.

BELIEVES SPIRIT IS MATERIAL SUBSTANCE.

Possibly of Electrical Nature—Experiments Show Death of Dog Does Not Change Weight.

Dr. Edwin H. Peck of Cleveland is in correspondence with members of the Psychic Research society concerning the soul-weighting experiments recently conducted in Massachusetts. He may make some tests along that line here, as he has considered the conditions necessary, and finds them not impracticable. Dr. Peck is not only prepared to accept the theory that the human soul is a substance having weight, but has gone further and developed a theory of his own as to the nature and form of that substance. In this connection experiments may be made at Case school with a weighing machine of extraordinary accuracy recently installed.

DOGS DON'T HAVE SOULS.

One result of Dr. Peck's correspondence, he considers, confirms his belief that the soul is an exclusive attribute of man, not being shared by the lower animals. He writes Dr. Duncan Macdougall of Haverhill, Mass., suggesting that experiments be made with dogs as had been done with human beings as subjects, the purpose being to determine whether bodies of animals showed a lessening of weight immediately after death, accountable only on the theorem of the passing of the soul. He received this reply:

Dear Sir: Thank you for your letter. Experiments were tried on dogs with a negative result. You are right—the soul must be a substance, and not an immaterial substance, as some metaphysicians would pound into us, either. It must be a space-occupying body; otherwise mere emptiness and soul would be identical. Sincerely yours,
D. Macdougall.

The distinction thus proved between man and lower animals Dr. Peck regards as containing possibly a severe blow to the Darwinian theory of evolution. It is perhaps not impossible that physical man should have ascended from the ape by the process of evolution, he argues, but it is impossible that evolution should have endowed man with a soul that was totally lacking in his prototype, the ape.

With great earnestness and many references to the Bible and metaphysical and scientific works, as well as modern instances within his own knowledge, Dr. Peck explained his beliefs in an interview with The News.

"I am a mere inquirer," he said. "I do not announce these things as proved facts. I can only ask if they may not be facts. We have learned many things in our lifetimes that were undreamed of before. We may be on the verge of learning something about the soul, as we have learned a little about electricity and radium and helium and other things unknown to our ancestors. The Bible tells us that when God created man last of all, He breathed His breath into him. Is it impossible that this expression is something more than a figure of speech, that it means literally that some element or substance, material or immaterial—in fact, a soul—was infused into man at his creation?"

BELIEVES SOUL IS MATERIAL

"The I had long believed in the materiality of the soul, I was a little surprised that it should be found to weigh so much as an ounce.

My idea of it is that it is an element entirely different from fluids or gases or organic matter as now known to science. It more closely resembles, perhaps radium or helium, or some other of the substances or activities of which little is yet really known. Tho having weight, it is very light. Tho occupying space it may exist in every part of the human body. In fact, I am about persuaded that the soul, instead of having a seat in the brain or in some gland or other portion of the physical body, is distributed thruout that body and leaves it only at death.

"Thus when a man loses a limb by accident or amputation, he loses no part of his soul, tho that soul was partially a resident of that limb. It may well be that the substance which was the soul in the amputated arm is still sticking out from the stump, so to speak. May this not account for the sensations which dismembered persons so often experience in members severed years before?"

As an instance of this well-known phenomenon Dr. Peck called in Rev. J. D. Jones, chaplain of the Floating Bethel, who had entered the doctor's office on Rockwell avenue. Chaplain Jones graphically described sensations of cold and pain he had felt in fingers years after the limb was amputated.

MAY BE ELECTRICITY

Dr. Peck holds that the soul may be an element or force closely resembling electricity. He is not convinced that electricity does not have weight or occupy space. To determine one of these questions he intends to request Professor Dayton C. Miller of Case school to weigh a bar of iron before and after being saturated with electricity, using a scale recently installed, capable of distinguishing a 4,000th part of a grain and said to be the most accurate in the world.

Many psychic phenomena hitherto attributed to telepathy or that transference, Dr. Peck believes, may eventually be explained as due to the agency of the material soul. In this connection he states that the death of his son, Wayland Peck, instructor at Central High school, which occurred last May, as well as its time, became known to another son, himself dangerously ill, from whom all knowledge of the fact had been kept, so far as concerned ordinary and known sources of information. The same fact was transmitted to a friend, something of a psychic, in another part of the city. Dr. Peck says, in a similarly unaccountable way and at the hour of his death the young man's name occurred to the mind of a relative in another city who was not in the habit of thinking of him. Dr. Peck disclaims any particular belief in the tenets of Spiritualism and believes such occurrences as these will one day be made comprehensible on a rigidly scientific basis.—Cleveland News.

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DREAMS, GHOSTS AND DEATH.

J. T. BERTON.

Altho not a Spiritualist, I am deeply interested in occult matters, and cannot do otherwise than believe in many things which are difficult to explain. One of two such cases may interest your readers, therefore I take the liberty of placing them before you. One is a real ghost story, and was related to me by a personal friend, a man whom I can rely upon. He is a joiner, and undertakes all repairs at a certain small-pox hospital. It is there where the ghost walks nightly. The door at one end of the patient's ward is heard to open, and footsteps march across the room into a lavatory at the other end, out of which there is no exit, yet when some of the more venturesome nurses have followed the footsteps into the lavatory it has been found empty. The patient describes the figure of a man, as I this description is indorsed by a new patient who arrives. Mr. —, the gentleman in charge of the hospital, is quite concerned about this nightly visitor, for he has the greatest difficulty in retaining his nurses. So anxious is he to stop the ghost from entering the ward that he has ordered my friend to put expensive locks on the door, but all to no purpose, the ghost still walks.

So much for the ghost story. Now for the other phenomenon. It is said that if one dream of a person's teeth, it is a sign that the owner of the teeth will die. A few weeks ago my mother dreamt a dream of this nature, and was much surprised to find the pure white teeth of the lady's teeth. This was very singular, because the lady never showed her teeth in conversation, and there was certainly nothing remarkable about her teeth at any time; yet, strange as it may seem, the lady was found dead in bed two days after my mother's dream.

On another occasion a week before the death just mentioned, my mother dreamt that burglars were "breaking into" the furniture department of the Failsworth Industrial Co-operative Society (Wellington Street Branch) and sure enough the next morning we heard that the burglary had actually taken place.

Some years ago a friend of my mother was seriously ill, and at three o'clock one Saturday afternoon my mother said she felt very queer; as if "Dick" was dying. About an hour afterwards she had word that "Dick" passed away at three o'clock.

The cases I have mentioned are only a few of the number that have come under my notice, and prove to me at least that "there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in our philosophy."

—Two Worlds.

OBIO SPIRITUALISTS ATTENTION.

The Ohio Spiritualists Association will hold its 10th annual convention at Sherwood, O., May 24, 25, 26, 1907.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Spiritualist societies of the state to come and co-operate with us for the furtherance of our glorious cause. All societies, not now affiliated with the O. S. A., are invited to apply to the undersigned for a charter, and to take part in our activities and transacting the general business of the association. We make this appeal as we need your assistance for the future progress of Spiritualism in our state. In unity lies success and strength.

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Mortal or Spirit--Which?

BY CHARLES DAWBARN.

One afternoon, in the not distant past, an elderly gentleman accosted me name, and said "Excuse me, but I have lesion of the brain." This was startling, to say the least, but as he did not look dangerous I asked him why he was coming to me instead of a medical man? In reply he asked me to give him half an hour of my time as he needed my advice, and had been sent to me. The tale he told me should interest both the psychologist and the believer in spirit return. I record it as he told it, but it is my duty to suppress any possibility of identification.

"I have for many years" said my visitor, "been a prosperous merchant in an eastern city. The wife of my youth is still with me, but our only child, a sweet daughter, died last year and left us broken hearted. For my wife's sake I went out of business, and in constant change of scene I have tried to stop her from brooding over our bereavement. Recently we had determined that when opportunity offered we would try to meet our loved child by some of the processes practiced by Spiritualists. We only arrived in San Francisco last week. I was away from the hotel a few hours when my wife surprised me on my return by saying, 'I have talked to our darling Lina, and she begged me to send you to her as she had something of great importance to tell you.' I found she had visited a medium, whose address she gave me. The next morning I made a nameless visit to that medium, who, shutting her eyes, began to talk to me as if she were my daughter. This is what she said, 'Papa when you go back to the hotel I want you and mama to take the little table and place your hands on it. You will soon discover that mama is a wonderful medium, and that I can come and talk to you and make you happy.' Of course there was a great deal more said. But you now know what brings me to you for advice."

"My wife and I began sitting at that table. It soon rapped and rocked, and at the second or third sitting it rose in the air and turned over. We spent hours at that table, day after day, when at last my wife began to write messages with both hands, and at the same time talk in the name of our darling daughter. It was at this time we got a written message from what purported to be my wife's father, who was a country doctor, and died in her childhood. He asked us to sit for him every morning, as it would enable him to protect us. We did not know what he meant, but we gave him our promise. It was soon after this that my wife saw clairvoyantly a spirit dressed as a clergyman enter the room, with a book under his arm. My wife was then entranced, and began to talk to me in the name of this spirit. I may say here that we are both church members, so I was pleased to greet our priestly visitor."

"He said the world was falling away from the true faith, and that my wife was chosen as a blessed instrument by God's holy angels to destroy infidelity. There was much more said to the same effect, and the next day, in spite of my protest, he held my wife under his control from nine in the evening to the next morning, and leaving her thoroughly exhausted."

"The next morning, according to our promise, we sat for the old doctor, my wife's father. To my astonishment he said we were in great danger. He asked me almost ordered me to go immediately to Charles Dawbarn; I had never heard the name. He could not give me an address, but told me I could easily find it. I naturally asked what and I to say to him? He said, 'tell him you have lesion of

the brain, and he will listen to you.' At a New York book store I obtained your address. Now I ask what does it mean, and how am I to protect my wife from the spirit I could not drive away last night?"

Why this gentleman was sent to me I did not and do not know, but I showed him the danger to his wife unless the obsessing influence of that priest was broken up. I counseled him to go right back and take his wife to the theater that night. I advised him to leave the city next day, and to start on an extended tour, and to seek amusement, and even excitement for his wife. And above all, neither of them to read, speak, or, if possible, even think of Spiritualism for six months, and even then to carefully study its philosophy before he ever again sought to talk to his daughter thru the mediumship of his wife. Some months after I heard that he and his wife were still traveling, and apparently free from the influence that had so nearly wrecked their lives.

This is all I know of the case, for I never met the lady, and everything for me was "hearsay," that is to say, told me by the husband of the sensitive. But it seems to me that we have here a case for careful study, as it embodies two quite distinct phases of phenomena.

The experiences of both husband and wife with the medium will be claimed by our telepathic friends as belonging to their realm. The appearance of the daughter, and the facts she gave as identification, will of course be claimed as pure telepathy by Hudson and his followers. We remember nothing was said about the hotel and the little table that was not known to both husband and wife. We acknowledge that the powers of the subconscious self, if there be a subconscious self, are as yet unknown either in their fullness or their limitation. We remember that the medium had seen the lady the day before, and her sensitiveness may have been then manifested. So the advice given thru the medium to sit for development might have been the everyday advice given to visitors eager to greet their loved ones. So much I think we must concede to the school that claims telepathy as the universal solvent of spirit mysteries.

Yet further, when we accept the physical phenomena and its mental accompaniments, students from another school tell us that the powers and faculties of "selfhood" are as yet unknown, and if known they might easily explain the movements of the little table. Since the husband saw no spirit form, such students would claim the appearance of the priest as based on "self-suggestiveness" on the part of the lady whose religious instincts were abnormally excited at that time. But a little incident occurred that cannot be explained by these clever students since it points us to a personality not founded on either telepathy or self suggestion.

The spirit of the lady's father, or claiming that relation, comes and writes a request that he may be allowed to control his daughter at eleven every morning. The request was apparently of trifling importance, but we see that as an intelligence he sensed danger untho that at that time by either husband or wife. It looks as if the crafty old priest were something more than a "suggestion" to the shrewd old spirit doctor. If so that may explain his verbal silence as to his request or his motive for any warning given at that time would have probably been overheard and possibly counteracted. At the next step we see the mischief done. The danger has become a reality, and that sensitive was doomed unless secret advice could be given. That is to say the advice must be given thru some other organism. The next morning we cannot discern a trace of either subconscious power or self-suggestion by

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WHY ARE THE TRUE REFORMERS?

Profound reform and liberty are the two most abused words in the English language. Every one who gets a new fad calls him- or herself a reformer, regardless of whether the reform is really a reform, or simply an idiosyncrasy of the individual.

It is a far easier matter to put on the garb of a reformer than it is to be a true one. Not long since we received a letter saying, "Please stop my subscription. You have published articles that I do not agree with. I am a reformer and I don't want a paper that does not advocate reform."

Of course, we stopped his paper. It would be useless for him to continue to receive it under those conditions.

But was this man a reformer in the most far-fetched meaning of the word? He was for reform, just so long as it corresponded to his ideas of what were right and wrong.

Now the article complained of was a question of fact. Any well-read person, who knows anything of history, knows there was not a statement contained in it that did not correspond with both Josephus and the New Testament, for its foundation, then the history of the experience of nations proves the rest. Its title was, "Christianity the cause of intemperance" its author, our well-informed writer, A. H. Nicholas.

It is a historical fact that missionaries and intoxicating liquors have gone on hand in hand. An English gentleman, Merrill Rider of St. Paul, Minn., known to every worker of the Northwest of from fifteen to fifty years ago, now in spirit life, was among the Indians during the greater portion of his life. He stated that as far as missionaries went he found drunkenness and licentiousness, while among the primitive tribes, as he said, "before they were contaminated with missionaries and whiskey," he did not find such to be the case. It is also stated as a fact that the Indians did not violate the persons of their women captives until after they came in contact with the whites--namely, at least, Christians.

Every Christian nation that has sent missionaries to the heathen has sent more contaminating vices than its missionaries have been able to overcome. We send missionaries and run them in the same ships. Huddled under the flag of Christianity, their ships have gone to Africa, robbed the country and carried its people into chattel slavery, and there are those still living who remember the terrible results of the civilization movement, and how it has resulted in the division of one of our greatest churches.

Did Christianity try to put down intemperance? No one can justly claim so. On the contrary, it has fostered it by its customs. Today it is going to a certain extent with the prohibition movement, but it is not sticking strictly to it in practice. Wine at the communion table will do as much harm as wine at the bar of a saloon. That communion wine will intoxicate as well as any other, the writer knows as he has seen a minister of the gospel as drunk from drinking communion wine as he has ever seen people from

other causes. A friend of his in boyhood days was a drunkard. He reformed, stopped drinking entirely and joined the Methodist church. He was asked to partake of communion, and begged not to have to. He was told it was his duty. Finally he partook--and two days later lay in the gutter on the main street of the little town in which we both lived. Sent to a drunkard's grave by an essential element in Christianity.

Did the founder of Christianity give a very good example to his followers? When the wine was gone at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, he had the finest of correct sobriety. He made a good temperance lecture. He could have induced them to stop drinking water for a change. Did he do it? No! According to the Bible he made more wine for them to drink. According to Josephus it was the custom to bring on a good quality of wine first, then a poorer quality after they were pretty full so they would not be fastidious as to quality. But on this occasion the old topsy, who could stand the most were still sufficiently sober to remark that the wine made by Jesus was better than that served at first.

That is not all. It was the custom in England for centuries to make a regular allowance for liquor for their clergymen. It was stipulated that a man who preached should have from a pint to six quarts of "sack" or brandy, for preaching. If you failed to see it read "Refreshments for the palpit," in last week's SUNFLOWER, page 11.

The church people opposed the temperance movement when it first started in this country, claiming it a divine right, and referring to the Bible, quoted: "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those who are of heavy hearts. Let him drink, and forget his misery, and remember his poverty no more." Prov. xix. 5.

"He (the Lord) causeth the grass to grow * * * and the wine that maketh glad the heart." Psalms cix. 14, 15.

"And thou shalt bestow that money for whatever thy soul lusteth after. For sheep or for oxen, or for strong drink." Deut. xxi. 27.

The Bible is the basis upon which the Christian religion rests. It talks to the ground of its own weight. The Bible is not infallible authority. It says that Noah was the ONLY JUST MAN IN ALL THE EARTH. When the great flood came, Noah was the appointed one to whom the repopulation of the earth was left. Yet his first act after getting out of the Ark was to plant a vineyard and as soon as he could raise grapes to make wine, get drunk, make an indecent exposure of his person, then his sons were cursed because they happened to see him. Read Gen. viii. and ix.

Lot was the only just man in Sodom at the time of its destruction. He, with his wife and two daughters, were permitted to leave the city. Mrs. Lot got too fresh, looked back, and was turned into a pillar of salt. Lot and his two daughters went on into the wilderness, he got drunk and raised a family by his two daughters.

The priests of the temple "howled" because the "drink offering is withheld from the house of the Lord." Joel i. 5, 9, 13.

Timothy said, "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake." I Tim. v. 23.

Solomon was the wisest man that ever lived, but he drank too much "milk punch" and next morning said, "My head is filled with new." "There have been others." The first recorded act of Jesus after his baptism was to make three barrels of wine. His last recorded act was to ask a blessing over a wine-cup. No wonder the Jews said to him, "Behold a gluttonous man and a wine-bibber." Luke vii. 34.

Now a true reformer should look up these points before he condemns. To be a true reformer he should advocate only that which pertains to truth. And he should advocate truth, regardless of whom or whose per ideas, it hits. He is not a reformer who does not do these things.

CHRISTIAN England, forced HEATHEN China to accept the opium, and today HEATHEN China has been forced to make national law to put down a crime greater and more far-reaching than the liquor traffic ever was. In addition to that, there is more wine sold, per capita in "Christianity"

tions today than there ever was in the non-Christian. Reformer, RE-FORM and IN-FORM thyself.

WEIGHING SOULS.

There having been so much said and reports of souls being weighed, and weighed by ignorant, "smart" reporters. Macphougall, who has been making the silly truth. "The really all things responsible," written an article in a medical journal forward a copy of it. Our own experimenter, as

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD.

Who tells all he hears, finally has nothing to tell. That, like seed, must be kept dark until it sprouts. Wisdom is the effect of this sprouting. The gossiper, therefore, is seldom wise. Parrot-like, they but repeat what others have said, and in saying it, the brain is emptied. That is not given time to sprout. There is no philosophy in the babbling. As a rule, such gossipers are as improvident as they love to talk. Money burns in their pockets as it does in their brain. It must be spent.

Viewing such delectable souls charitably, you will see a peacock's tail spread out behind them. Whether they evolved from this bird, or whether they grow such an appearance in spirit, must be inferred. If the latter they must make queer looking angels--not of the orthodox kind by any means. In moral philosophy such caudal appendage might symbolize vanity. While a little vanity might be a good thing to have, so is a little appetite. But as the latter engrossed the former, the former is the Devil's prime virtue; and to neutralize the damage already done to themselves, it might be well for gossipers to begin their reform by holding their tongues.

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ive man put a hot stone in a cald-bash of water. But comparatively recent presumably smart men made sport of the idea of its power.

Of what value is negative evidence? None whatever. An attorney told his client that he did not see how he was to make a successful defense. The prosecution had two witnesses who would swear they saw him take the stolen article. "That's nothing," said he "I can bring a hundred who will swear they did not see me take it." So about God and immortality. It is a case of supreme egotism and ignorance to say that we KNOW death is the end of all conscious existence and that God is a myth. We may BELIEVE it, but that is as far as goes. Even then, until "spiritistic phenomena" are explained there is a reasonable doubt that death is all, even if it is not admitted that it is proven. Freethinkers place themselves in the bigoted position they accuse the church of assuming when they do such things.

MALFORMED ANGELS.

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CELEBRATION ANNIVERSARY OF SPIRITUALISM.

SPIRITUALISTS WEDDING.

The wedding of Mrs. Blanche Gardner Johnson, the secretary of the First Spiritual society of Niagara Falls, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Gardner, 430 Cedar avenue, on Wednesday evening, April 24, was a happy event. Twenty-five guests, mostly new members, recently added to the society assembled to witness the marriage according to the rites and ceremonies of Spiritualism.

This was the first of the kind that was known to happen in this city. Our sister, Mrs. A. G. Atcheson, who is known here as pastor of the First Spiritual church of Niagara Falls, officiated in the marriage. The home of the bride's mother was beautifully and tastefully decorated with carnations and ferns and other flowers, rendering sweet, spirit influences among the guests. After the marriage ceremony the guests were seated to a sumptuous feast. Mr. and Mrs. Atcheson were seated at one end of the table, and Mr. Ernest W. Larson and his bride at the other end. The usual custom of asking a blessing from an imaginary God, according to Methodism, was left out, all believing that the good things of this life are blessed. Immediately after the marriage supper, the bridal pair were conveyed to the central station where they departed on their wedding tour into the state of Pennsylvania, visiting friends and relatives in the home town of the groom's parents.

Next Sunday, May 5th, Sister Atcheson celebrates her anniversary of five years' labor in the Cause of Spiritualism. The State president and vice president are expected. Two sessions, afternoon and evening. A good meeting is expected. Tables will be spread for those who remain to both meetings, with the good things that sustain the outer man.

New members are being added to the society. Mrs. Atcheson needs help in her work here. She has done well and faithfully in her labor and ministering to the truth. This city is growing rapidly in population and I don't see why Spiritualism should not as well increase in strength if properly carried out. There is too much egotism and selfishness to contend with and it is to be hoped that a more fraternal feeling will grow to help the good Cause along.

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the lady when the old doctor gives the husband my name thru his unconscious wife, a name which neither of them had ever heard. As I have said why I was chosen to give the advice I may never know. None of us know the measure of our susceptibility to that directed upon our brain. But neither telepathy, unknown forces of the ego, nor self suggestion on the part of the medium offer even a plausible explanation of the appearance of the old doctor and his practical advice. It is for me a typical case. Either that lady's father was present, saw his daughter's danger and gave advice that saved her from obsession, or "spirit return" is itself a delusion in which we may well say, "The Lord of the prayer book, O Lord deliver us."

I learn from the incident the power and the limitation of a spirit to protect a mortal. He saw his daughter's danger, but evidently was not strong enough to shut out the priest. It must be done by their own will power. He and the priest were on equal terms so far as hearing what was said thru the medium at that time. But he knew that if he could impress an outsider his de- warning might reach the husband. I was utterly unconscious of his presence or absence, but I perceived the danger, and gave the warning. If I received unconsciously a thot or influence from the old doctor it may have been that by a wanted spirit friend he had ready access to my brain. However that may have been, the telepathy possible in this case is the reception of a thot of me which emanated from the old doctor. And that kind of telepathy is just what is claimed as "spirit-return" by those who have learned from experience that live thots from live spirits are everyday facts in mortal life.

I am obliged to confess that telepathy, tho claimed as proved by leading scientists, has no support in personal experience. For years I have made repeated attempts thru various sensitives by mentally calling upon an old friend who had promised to return and prove his identity. I have never uttered his name aloud since his death. Had I done so this wonderful telepathy would probably have been credited him with glory as a spirit visitor to an earth mortal. But my science has proved death to such telepathy. In other words, since my friend, for unknown reasons, was not present, no simulation was possible until some unscrupulous invisible could get hold of his name.

As another anti-proof of telepathy the late F. W. Myers left writing which his spirit was to duplicate thru some medium as proof that F. W. M. was both alive and wearing his old identity. The attempt, as all know, was a failure. But if telepathy be a natural fact the intelligence called F. W. M. knew just what was written within that sealed envelop, and most certainly could have found a mortal sensitive thru whom to flash the thot embalmed in that envelop. But once again the boasted telepathy failed.

So far I have never seen or heard a so-called demonstration of telepathy that could not be better explained by spirit intervention. The now renowned message, flashed across the Atlantic under test conditions for sender and recipient, left America in English garb, and arrived in language of ancient Rome. Human immortality and spirit return are absolutely proved by that incident to any mind that understands the meaning of "proved." But the spirits are absolutely unknown to the scientists who have invented telepathy to cover their inability to see a truth with a spirit in it. San Leandro Calif.

Morris Pratt Institute.

Will you kindly permit me space in your paper to say a few words in regard to the Morris Pratt Institute, located at Whitewater, Wis. Perhaps there are not many people, Spiritualists, who know its true and esoteric value. Its value to the Spiritualists of America is not to be estimated. It is the only school where students have not been hampered by a set of rules regarding their religious ideas. Here their psychic powers are given full sway and are not severely criticised or condemned.

Here we learn of the laws governing the communion of the two worlds. Here we can enter without any rigid examinations, the young and those older grown have the same opportunity. Here we learn to be faithful to our trusts.

Perhaps it might be well to state that I entered the school in 1903 and was graduated with the class of 1905. I was also its book-keeper one year and have a knowledge of what its value is. I found the course of study of untold value to me, it is not classical, but substantial--what we need in every walk of life and everywhere we go. At present I am here to continue my studies along the line of oratory. After an absence of two years, I note a vast improvement, so many changes for the betterment of the work. I believe I am just in saying, we have the best school in the history of the Institute, more students planning to take up the cause of Spiritualism than ever before. It is delightful to feel the harmony that exists and to know that their efforts are all toward the highest and best. They will certainly be bright stars in our field of labor.

Students are having charge of the evening services, learning by experience, how to conduct same. They have a club known as the M. P. I. Mutual Benefit club, where they become acquainted with the actual business part of conducting a society.

Spiritualists in America, investigate this school. It belongs to you. Ask questions about it, its course of study and the plans of conducting its affairs, and at the same time seek to assist it by lending your best thoughts, and along with this, send in your substantial appreciations by helping to raise an Endowment Fund for which our arisen brother, Moses Hull, struggled so long to obtain. His whole soul and aspiration was for the school and its benefit to Spiritualism. The Board cannot do the work alone, they must have your hearty and financial co-operation to build up this important factor and helper in our Cause.

We students appreciate the work done by the noble and self-sacrificing workers of the past and present. We look up to them with admiration and love, for they have paved the rough and rugged way for the younger workers.

State associations can you not feel that one of the best efforts you can put forth is to send a student from your state here for a two years' course? The tuition is very reasonable and we feel you can and will aid this work, for it will not only help the school but will benefit the states that lend their assistance. I believe I am correct in saying two of our states have adopted this plan. Let more arise and follow in the good plan of advancing our Cause.

Any one desiring to ask questions, either personal or otherwise, I will be glad to answer them. Those wanting to assist with their offerings will be receipted for same by sending them to Mrs. L. Weaver, Whitewater, Wis., or to me and I will forward the same to the school. My interest is for the school and the Cause, and I hope this will awaken a new interest in the Cause of truth and light. I remain,

Fraternally Yours,
GENEVA SPAULDING,
Sec. M. S. S. A.
1230 Mich. Ave. E., Lansing, Mich.

New York State Association of Spiritualists 11th Annual Convention.

The Annual Convention of the New York State Association of Spiritualists will be held at Plymouth Spiritualist Church, in the city of Rochester, June 7, 8, 9. There will be three meetings daily. The day sessions for the two first days, are to be business sessions, and the election of officers will occur Saturday afternoon, June 8th. All evening meetings and the day sessions of Sunday will be devoted to lectures, music, spirit messages and other phases of mediumship. A large number of eminent speakers and mediums will participate in the exercises. All auxiliary societies are expected to send delegates, and all individual members are invited to come and take part.
SARAH A. WOODRUFF, Sec.

More than 8,000,000 of the 13,500,000 people of Mexico do not know Heart health never comes as long as the hand is on the pulse.

Horoscope and Outlook for May.

J. N. LARSON.

The major planets of the heavens remain in the same position as in the previous months, but the little fellows are speeding around in their respective orbits, very rapidly. The earth is now in Taurus, and Gemini on the 22d at midnight.

The stars will be the guiding star of the first six days, only to be displaced by Venus, who has the 6th position from the 6th to the 12th. This beautiful body will keep each other's company for about 20 days, as they separate on the first day of June.

The horoscope of May as reflecting the business situation, indicates that the money are spending their money very freely, but will be out of pocket after the first three days of each week has passed, and for that reason there may be a little stringency in the "big ones" after the 23d and things will become unprosperous.

Seasons of the birthday falls between April 22 and May 23, and between July 24 and August 23, and between November 23, 24 and December 20, are in a little disappointing at up to the 23d, but a slight disturbance in signs respecting the first of May, also May 10, 11, 12, 20, 21, and 22. Other good signs, much all through up to October 13.

Public events such as between May 23 and June 1, August 23 and September 24, November 23 and December 23, and February 20 and March 2, after May 23, the presence of Mars and the earth in Gemini will be a disturbing feature while this nation lasts, which will be from May 23 to June 23. The worst days will be from May 6 to 15, and 19 to 29.

These days during the first five days of May will be under the rule of Mercury, who will be the ruling planet of their lives. The children will be very cheerful and good-natured, hard workers and money-makers, affectionate but a little warm-blooded and good feeders.

Venus will rule the lives of those born from May 5 to 12. These will have an entirely different disposition, they will also be great workers, honest and reliable, very ambitious, but not so cheerful as the Mercury children.

Mercury will rule those born between May 13 and 19. These are still different from those mentioned before, as they have greater educational ability and are more self-reliant.

Mercury will rule such as re born between May 19 and 23. These are re born of such as the earth and the moon. These children will be peaceful, sickly, restless in their beds, but will improve physically as they grow a little older.

The stock market in May will be soft and continue to decline until some time about June 9, altho there will be little rally between May 28 and June 8. I see some good bull and bear movements ahead for 1907 which will give a advance each month in the Sunflower.

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The Second Spiritual church opened its hall the first Sunday of December last and has been well attended so far. We hope to continue thru the months of May and June.

We feel very keenly the cloud that rests over our locality and by way of reference will say, "If eating a piece of the dog that has bitten will prevent hydrophobia we might take the six tablets suggested in your recent issue."

If there were no delinquents only the few unfortunates who from time to time succumb in our ramble, we would very soon be ushered into a grand peace conference where it would not cost \$1.50 to get a seat as it did at the one held here last week.

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Mrs. Fidelia Barnsdall, one of the pioneers of Lily Dale, passed to spirit life from her home at Titusville, Pa., Monday, April 22nd, from the infirmities incident to old age, in her 81st year.

She has been an invalid for several years and her passing away, though not unexpected, was sudden as she appeared in her usual condition almost up to the time of her death.

Mrs. Barnsdall has been a regular member of the Lily Dale since her marriage with William Barnsdall, who passed away several years ago, having been a foremost worker and supporter in the early days and cottage owners nearly all the time.

It was Mrs. Barnsdall's custom to celebrate her birthday on August 1st, and last year she held her usual reception, all of the members of her family being together, and during the time she appeared before the people and made quite a lengthy speech, thus showing that the spirit was strong and her mental faculties unimpaired. However, many at the time said it would be her last appearance at Lily Dale.

She is survived by two sons, Theodore N. of Pittsburg, and William of Bradford, Pa., and one daughter, Mrs. C. W. Starkard of Titusville, Pa. There were also two step-daughters.

Her passing will be a great loss to many who were the recipients of her benefactions, as up to the time her health failed to permit it she was active in caring for the sick and needy.

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The slates were firmly bound together and no mortal hand touched them after the placing of the envelopes, the time required about one half hour, in full daylight, at 1 p. m.

We were signaled to open the slates and found both our envelopes between the slates and sealed. On opening them we found a truthful reply to our letter from our cousin, Henry C. Horine, late of Los Angeles, Cal., and so join the letter verbatim.

COURTNEY H. HORINE, 508 E. Forty-Fourth Place, Chicago.

THE MESSAGE.

Dear Cousin Courtney: I am glad to come with these few lines today. I have found a wonderful world over here. Each day brings to me some marvelous experience until the entire universe seems to be all alive. I can not express my surprise and pleasure. I only wish my dear wife and loved ones could know the half that is in waiting for them; which would seem so different, so much more worth the living. This I found that each of you is for a purpose and a benefit, and that it may seem unnecessary. All have been reflected for good.

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