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AN EXPONENT OF THE SPIRITUAL PHILOSOPHY; ITS SCIENCE, AND ALLIED SUBJECTS.

## NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRTIUALISTS' CONVENTION.




During the year State Association Mass Meetings were held in Pots-
dan. New York, in New York City and in Buffalo, and the results wers favorable to the State Association
as well as to the societies in the a financial way as in creating intet est and reaching new people. After missionary work perhap
Mass Meetings, conducted as an on ganization movement for propo ganda work, are next in importance.
Wherever such State Association Meetings have been held, the outcome has been favorable, the intert
est increased and beneficial results have followed.
$I$ recommend that the incoming board be instructed to extend thin more of the larger towns of
State. As to the smaller towns th the
sionary work iz supposed to them, aitho in some instanconty
might be advantageous if an aut
tant could accompany the regulit missionary for a state meeting.
Our local auxiliary societies as a

## rule seem to be doing good effective

 work and I am of the opinion that show that the Cause is progressing favorably thru this branch of statework.
This is especiaily true of those so ciet:es where speakers have been enh
gaged for the year or term of months at a time, which indicates where it is possible. Two local societies in the state hased and now occupy their own meeting places, notably this, The
Piymojth Spirtual Church of Ruchester and the Spiritual Society angurs well for the permanency he movement. These are good ex mples to foilow.
he State Association has issued largely the result of the missionary
work; and besides these six some two or three other societies are will we believe do so soon. workers to our ranks, believing mut ual advantages and added force ao Association as well as to the Srate the uplift of humanity.
ieties in this state holdin four from the National Association thet Association was chartered At the last National Convention of State Associations was given eat sideration, and a request was to that are chartered auxiliaries to $t$ tit to relinquish their ationg th and take charters from
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sweeping than the old law. But have a voice in directing the worl since "Among the exemptions from of the association. the application of this law is the At the last annual convention practice of religious tenets of any rule was adopted requiring the true church, and since the .New York tees of the State Association to pass State Association is chartered to upon the acceptance of application ings" to foster charter and maintain been complied with for the hast ings to foster charter and maintain been com for religious and missionary purpose germape to the phenomena. science, thousands of worthy Spiritualists in ism, it would seem that ours is the state would uphold the hands of clearly a religious organization with. by state officers and faithful workers. in the meaning of the law, and that ciation, their influence would me spiritual healing in all its forms terially assist in enlarging the scop clause, especially when done by organizers along lines heretofore those who are working under the mentioned. state organization or its auxiliary

The Spirit pionber.
The Spiritualist owe a great dea
the pioneers in their movement. The' veteran worker who has heat of the day; the pattle in the has stood up for these truths when the opposition was strong, some times almost fierce. and who was met with ridicule, vituperation and to express truths the or she ventured derstood. consequently were not appreciated by the masses; is cer
tainly entitled to some considera tion at the hands of us whose ways are why of pleasantness as com
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coupled tact and good judgment for the cause perseverance and love themselves for ways wouid suggest in unworked towns, by getting in Spiritualists as a nucleus, and by applying the methodical system of modera business institutions, interfluence of our movement largely augumented.
The work of this bureau could be a foreruaner to the work of the
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one complementing the other, all cooperatiop for one general parpose. Spiritbuhists of New York State, are you wifing to make the moderate sacrifio which will enable the in this aystem a trial?
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As was stated in your president's cieties atre established in many more of the thown and villages of the direct ${ }^{2}$ dividual redmberships, enable styolated Spiritualists and those in localties where there is in-
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addition to the active mem berships, provision is made for life $\$ 25.00$ which entitles payment of all the privieges of member: idual rembers during life without Went of annual dues. members and will gladly welcome additions to this list during this convention, and on thru the coming year.
The The money which I invested a the best investment I have and he one upon which I expect to re spirit world.
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 great deal for organized nyprement.
Their columns are alwayt open to notice of important public incetiogs reports of conventions aud general
information concerning our orgeiinformation concerning our orges
ized work. The advertising thute given gratis for our New York State Association, if paid for at regular advertising rates, would amount to a goodly sum each year, and while we all feel very gratful to the edi-
tors, I feel that we thing more than gratitude. and that we can, at least, assist these men who are doing so much for our de partment of the Spiritualist work. by soliciting subscriptions and doing culation of their papers the eir this we not on! help the editors of the papers but we do much to for ward our own work in the general est educational factory in the world today. And the Spiritualist press day. Every Spizitualist press is doing the our Cause in particular, what world in a general way.
Every spirituaist should take at And $I$ urge that the workers resolve themselves into a committee of the extend the circulation and the influ ence of the Spiritualist press
We had hoped to have Brother Bach of the SUNPLOWRR with us at president a few days ago that he all very mnch regret come, which we all very mnch regret. But let us retantial in the way of subscribers The as the editors of "Reason," Light of Truth," and others. indly attitude and attention the by the secular press toward psychic teachings, and as our movement and its purposes become better understood it will seceive still greater the petupe of spiritualisn
We claim for Spiritualisim that it is a progreasive movement. Almost ixty years of cooperation: between (Continued on page B.)


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