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NANNIE'S MESSAGE TO THE SUNFLOWER.

Sweet messenger of truth and peace
Our thoughts thy pages do release;
Inspired by Spirit friends above,
Send out thy messages of love
Throughout this broad and mighty land
To waiting souls on every hand,
Who long to find a better way
To learn life's lessons day by day.

As you start out in your new life,
Avoid inharmonious strife;
Send out bright words of hope and cheer;
Gain strength and knowledge every year.
Each volume filled with inspiration
Gleaned from the love of every nation.
Let angel friends with you unite
To make the world for each more bright.

May you be blessed with many years
In which to ease the griefs and fears,
Of those who find life's road so dreary,
With cares and troubles they are weary.
They long for rest and wonder why
The blessed spirits from on high,
Send down no messages of light,
To make their pathway clear and bright.

Be this thy message, little sheet,
As you go out, your friends to greet.
Give them the knowledge they desire
To learn the truth. And then aspire
To noble thoughts and words and deeds,
To till the soil and sow the seeds
Of harmony and truth divine,
And a great blessing shall be thine.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE EDITOR

— FROM —

Cap't. E. W. GOULD.

"The workman is worthy of his hire."

In nothing is this more true than to those who are laboring in the missionary field of Spiritualistic Journalism. Notwithstanding this, no less than fifty worthy collaborators who have embarked in the field of Spiritual Journalism, in the last half century, have been brought to grief from the necessity of discontinuing the publication of a valuable auxiliary to the Spiritual cause from lack of patronage and appreciation.

This confirms what has often been said by public lecturers, and those who have an opportunity of judging, that not twenty percent of the Spiritualists of America subscribe for a Spiritualist paper.

This cannot be on account of an exorbitant price charged for them or on account of a lack of quality. While there are only some half dozen weekly papers published in this country, they contain more valuable matter than any secular paper published at the same price. Yet from the earnest appeals so often made in their columns for an increase in their subscription lists, it is but reasonable to conclude that but a small proportion of the Spiritualists subscribe for a Spiritualist paper.

And yet Mr. Editor, I am glad to see that you have the nerve and assurance of success to begin the publication of another Spiritualist paper. Judging from your prospec-



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tus, it is evident that you will meet with success if you adhere to the lines therein laid down.

It has long been evident to those who are looking for a more practical method by which to advance the movement, that some plan must be evolved by means of which the younger generation can be interested and made active participants in the work.

If I comprehend your purpose, it is to devote a portion of your paper to Lyceum work expressly and another to the Young Peoples movement which was formally inaugurated at the Jubilee.

These are two important factors in the great reform work of Modern Spiritualism which have heretofore been sadly neglected or looked upon as matters of secondary importance. Your long experience in the Lyceum work eminently qualifies you for the position of leader and writer upon that important subject which has suffered so much for the want of a practical system of instruction.

The Young Peoples movement is a step in the right direction, and worthy of every practical effort to bring it before the people, for the purpose of demonstrating its value as an auxiliary.

As all new theories are spasmodical and liable to collapse, or fall off in interest, I apprehend this very laudable movement will need the sustaining power of the press and the benign influence of Spirit Friends to continue its enthusiasm and push it for-

ward until its usefulness shall become apparent to all.

This, like all other moral and intellectual efforts for the advancement of humanity, can only be successful through the liberality and devotion of its friends.

In this I apprehend that you will find a wide field for your missionary efforts.

If successful, there can be no doubt that it will bring to the support of your paper the patronage such an enterprise so richly deserves.

In addition to the two features referred to above, I wish most respectfully to call your attention to the very great necessity of a more earnest and effective method by which a more united effort for all practical ends may be realized.

As necessary and important as this is, and has been, I have failed to notice a determined effort to keep it before the public.

While it is a disagreeable subject and one that all would avoid, common sense and common observation show that only through the judicious use of money can any great thing be accomplished. By its use, all that is worthy and valuable can be accomplished.

To this, then, we must look for the legitimate means by which our cause can be advanced. By its legitimate use, and the aid and influence of the Spiritualist papers, our people can continually be reminded of its important facts.

I trust this subject will present itself in its true light and that we shall have in THE SUNFLOWER a valuable auxiliary to the missionary service.

There are many practical subjects on this material side of Spiritualism (which you know is the only side I ever attempt to plead for) that I would like to call your attention to. But I realize that your prolonged efforts and observation in this missionary field will be quite sufficient to secure your best judgment in the great work in which you have embarked.

Before closing, however, I cannot refrain from referring to one more subject, which, to me, is of paramount importance to Spiritualists in their efforts to advance the great truths involved in their religion.

I refer to

UNIVERSAL ORGANIZATION
and the benefits that may be derived therefrom. Among these benefits none are more important than harmony and co-operation.

Among the treats in store for the readers of our October number will be THE LEGEND OF THE SUNFLOWER by Hon. A. B. Richmond.

This is but one of the many good things in store for our readers.

READ OUR SPECIAL OFFER
on page 5. It is good until October 15th.

WHAT IS RIGHT?

BY J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

GLADSTONE, the great English Commoner, and Bismarck, the distinguished German statesman, have recently put off their mortal sandals and passed up higher. Before a parliamentary effort Gladstone was silent and almost moody for a time and Bismarck's greatness is largely accounted for from the fact that he knew how to keep silent in six different languages.

This is a talkative age. Blab is current coin in most social circles. Some talk and gossip thoughtlessly; some to hide ugly skeletons in their own cupboards and others still out of sheer malice. These are society's social vipers, with tongues, to use apostolic language "set on the fire of Hell."

When nearly a generation ago an eccentric American medium, sought to befoul Prof. William Denton, he, (Denton) replied thus: "I have intentionally injured no one, and if any decent person has aught against me, such will come directly to me with the grievance. I now summon all complainants into my personal presence."

This is my right. If they do not appear, then they are cowards, backbiters and wanton villifiers." Strong, but just language.

Prof. Denton, a most scholarly and exemplary man, lives in his books, lives on earth in immortal memory, while his traducers have been forgotten.

It is nearly impossible in this "age of babble" as Carlyle termed it, for public characters whether engaged in politics, literature, religion or physic to escape censure, criticism or misrepresentation.

None are absolutely perfect, and some naturally hunt for imperfections. They are delighted to find a flaw in a diamond.

Take them into an orchard laden with ripened fruitage and they would speedily hunt for a rotting apple, which finding, they would quickly exhibit, not realizing that the exhibition affords a clue to their own condition.

"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" is not a very unwise saying. The thief believes no man honest.

"People see in others," said Emerson, "what is most deeply imbedded in themselves." Self-examination and soul-disinfection should precede the condemnation of others. Only the just should sit upon the judgment seat. "Neither do I condemn thee," said the gentle Nazarene, "go and sin no more." Jesus ate with sinners, and the apostles said "made himself of no reputation," while Socrates, charged with blasphemy and corrupting the youth, was condemned to death; but he died into a most glorious immortality both on earth and in heaven.

My body or mind no more naturally shrinks from the snow and ice of the polar north-land than does my soul from the cold, calculating, passionless, prudish hypocrite, who outwardly keeps the law because he fears the law rather than from any deep-rooted principle of virtue or moral integrity.

That only is law which is based upon the principle of justice; that only is right which conduces to mental, physical, moral and spiritual health and the well-being of the body and soul. Of this every intelligent and conscientious person must be his own judge.

My ways may not be your ways. My

thoughts may not run in the line of your thoughts. I may have been educated in Mohammedan lands, you in Christian lands. Individuality is an inborn, inalienable right.

It precedes personality. Language, customs, law, make nothing right or wrong. Living in India does not make polygamy right; residing in Buddhist Tibet does not make polyandry right; nor does living in Hindoo Madras make child-marriage right, although it is the custom, the law and the religion of that region. O, for the spirit of Charity?

What is right to one is wrong to another. Who is authorized to judge? who can fathom all the environments that have conspired to produce given acts and deeds?

Righteousness is right doing as the cultured, reflective, thoughtful soul sees it.

Either self,—the higher self, or some sanhedrim, priest or pontiff must decide. But no priestly decision is sought in this waning century of mental and spiritual freedom.

I — my own divine self, is above books or priests, and I, — thy divine self, is the God incarnate in man. "Judge ye of yourselves what is right," said Jesus. Reputation and character should never be confounded. They are entirely distinct. Character is what a man really is in his inmost being; reputation is what the world thinks he is. Many a purse-proud villain has a good worldly reputation — but a character dingy and dark enough to make angels weep. I lost my reputation fully forty-eight years ago when I became a religious Spiritualist, and I have never searched for a moment to find it. Heaven pity those who go hunting for reputation! As well search for the "Will-o-the-Wisp." Hunt — search for the good, the true, the right, and the beautiful and give no thought about reputation. Well said the poet, Walt Whitman:—

"Afoot and light-hearted I take to the open road,
Henceforth I ask not good fortune, I myself am
good fortune.
Henceforth I whimper no more, postpone no more,
need nothing,
Done with indoor complaints, libraries, querulous
criticisms,
Strong and content I travel the open road."

Holiness means simply *wholeness* based upon a well-adjusted equipoise of personality. None are absolutely whole, absolutely perfect. Infinity stretches into the measureless distance and angels are beckoning even the best to "come up higher."

Glancing backward through a long line of struggle with poverty — struggle and warfare in the reform fields of anti-slavery, temperance, woman suffrage, anti-vivisection, anti-vaccination, Spiritualism and reform medicine, I can safely say (and trust you can my fellow pilgrims) that I have financially wronged no one; nor have I purposefully or maliciously injured a human being.

The motive, in the eyes of Omniscience, is the only just measure; and, with good will towards all, and malice towards none, I still sail on over the troubled waters of life, desiring, hoping to help other voyagers into that port of prosperity and peace that passeth understanding, and ultimately awaits all.

The NATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPIRITUALIST UNION has adopted this paper as its official journal. Remember this when deciding which papers you will take during the next year.

Answers to some Shafts.

By "Sister" Liddicoat.

You tell me very candidly that Spiritists are low,
Far lower than the Adventists, and think perchance
you know;

That of all the creeds and isms ours is the very worst,
That Satan is our lender and has been from the first.

You say 'tis fraud and black-art, and everything
that's bad.

And to see me so deluded it makes you very sad;
That the name of God will scatter phenomena away,
That in our spirit circles we never dare to pray.

And many other charges that are equally absurd,
Without a single grain of truth, they are, upon my
word;

I wish you would investigate before you talk so loud,
I think we're just as civil as any other crowd.

Perhaps you never read what the lowly Jesus spake,
Or else you're sadly blinded, I prithee, friend, awake;
Go read with understanding, throw prejudice aside,
You'll find he was a medium, to spirits close allied;

For he healed the sick, the lame and blind and other
evils, too.

He said that true believers the same shall ever do;
That greater things should yet be done, that truth
should yet prevail,—

We see his words fulfilling and the day we gladly hail!

Read the prophecy of Joel in the Hebrew's book
divine.

He told of this phenomena, so common in our time;
And in the book of Samuel the same you there may
view.

And Abraham and others talked and ate with
angels, too!

Then turn again, my friend, to the pentecostal day,—
That was a grand old seance in quite a modern way;
Those cloven tongues, like fire, and the languages
so strange,

Was that the work of Satan, was that sulphurous
flame?

Go read Paul's epistle to Corinthians the first,
Was he teaching a delusion to flocks that were athirst?
Were all those spirit teachings a delusion and a
snare?

Go search your sacred Scriptures, you'll find it every-
where.

You may call it all delusion or call it what you may,
Say Satan is unchained and roaming every way;
Say the Bible will give creeds to everyone who looks,
Although you call it sacred and chief of all the books.

If you study well geology, no doubt you will agree
There are many contradictions, as all may plainly see,
And the burning lake of sulphur—of that there is no
doubt—

That Beecher, with his learning, has knocked the
bottom out.

And now I'd like to ask you a simple question plain:
How can there ever be a fraud unless a truth re-
main?

I think that A. B. Richmond, a lawyer grand and
bold,

Has given you a precept as good as ever told.

Go prove it all delusion or of satanic power,
Or else receive the blessed truth, 'twill lighten every
hour.

'Twill give you peace that passeth not, 'twill be a
joy for aye,

To know our loved ones come again and often with
us stay.

You say we are the lowest,—Jesus was lowly, too;
He had not where to lay his head, his riches they
were few;

And yet he talked with angels, in garments shining
white,

And likewise was transfigured upon the mountain
height.

And the prophecy he gave is ours the blessing great;
We can see and talk with angels and learn our
future state;

And we know that we shall join them, our loved
ones over there,

And the knowledge we have gained, with you we
gladly share.

They tell us they have never died, 'twas only higher
birth,

And from their happy homes above they oft return
to earth,

To bring us words of comfort, to bring us words of
cheer,

To let us know they love us still, to dry the mourners
tear.

They tell us of the seeds we sow, that will the har-
vest be,

And warn us to live pure and true, from evils ever flee,
And as we do to others here so shall we reap above,
Of all our many missions here the greatest one is love.

To love thy neighbor as thyself, a maxim very old,
Of greater worth to mortals than many pounds
of gold;

And in this age where reason can hold its mighty sway
We have no inquisition, we can speak in open day.

The day of persecution by the orthodox is past,
Of all those horrid murders, I trust we've seen the
last;

The day of superstition with all its horrid train,
Has gone from us forever and will never come again.

For truth is fast dispelling the dogmas of the day,
Education is so general, they can no longer stay;

We bid them go with gladness, the time of joy is near,
When all the earth, from east to west, the truth will
gladly hear.



National Young Peoples Spiritualist Union.

First Annual Convention.

The week of the First Annual Convention of the N. Y. P. S. U., which was held at Lily Dale, N. Y., August 9-10-12-13 was an important one in the history of Spiritualism.

The afternoon of August 8th a YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING was held in the Auditorium, Mr. I. C. I. Evans, president of the Union, presiding.

Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, who had hastened home from abroad to be present at this important meeting, delivered an address upon the "Junior Spiritualists of England."

While in England she made a study of the Young People and Lyceum movements and gained much information which will be of value to organizations in this country.

Mrs. Lou Porter Moore, of Buffalo, delivered an address upon "Our duty toward the Lyceum," in which she impressed her hearers with the idea that we, as young people, should not neglect the younger generation. Instead, we should strive to lead them into the work so that when we go on, they will be ready to take our places as young people and carry on the work we are now doing.

A paper prepared by John W. Ring, of Galveston, Texas, was read by B. Grant Taylor of North Collins, N. Y., and another from Miss Carrie Swenson, editor of the Scandinavian Spiritualist Paper, *Nya Tiden*, published in Minneapolis, Minn., was read by Mr. H. L. Jenkins, of Springfield, Mass.

In the evening a reception was tendered to the visiting delegates. An address of welcome was given by A. Gaston, president of the Cassadaga Campmeeting which was responded to by Mr. Evans on behalf of the Union. They were followed by Mrs. R. S. Lillie, W. H. Bach and George H. Brooks.

Both programs were interspersed with readings, music and recitations by persons of more than ordinary ability.

Tuesday morning at 10.30 the first business session was called to order in Library Hall. Standing committees were appointed and routine business attended to. In the afternoon the reports of the President and Secretary were read. They were very complete and the work done in the short time that elapsed since the organization of the Union shows the necessity for such a society.

The report of the committee on journal was received and THE SUNFLOWER was adopted as

THE OFFICIAL PAPER for the Union.

A greeting from Mr. G. W. Kates, representing the Y. P. S. I. was received and a fraternal response sent from the convention. Mrs. Cadwallader gave her report as delegate to the Junior Spiritualists Club of Great Britain. It showed her mission had been properly performed. The importance the Juniors attached to the reception to our delegate proved that our fraternal feeling was reciprocated. As a token of esteem, Mrs. Cadwallader was made honorary

vice president of the Junior Spiritualist Club.

The secretary was instructed to make proper acknowledgement to the Juniors for the courtesies extended to our representative and a resolution thanking her for the efficient manner in which she performed the mission was adopted.

Tuesday evening a NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT was given by the Lily Dale branch of the Union, the proceeds of which were presented to the National.

Wednesday the reports of the President and Secretary were adopted, with few amendments. A special committee on music was appointed, with instructions to select proper songs, learn the cost of publication and refer the matter to the board of directors. If a sufficient number of orders can be had the board is authorized to publish them in book form.

The amendments to the constitution were considered and after several hours of hard work the constitution, with many important changes, was adopted.

Wednesday evening a reception was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Barrett at the Grand Hotel. They have the honor of being the first Charter Members of the Union and it was deemed proper that an effort should be made to show that their work was appreciated. The speakers of the occasion were, B. Grant Taylor, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, W. H. Bach and Mrs. Lou Porter Moore. The responses by Mr. and Mrs. Barrett show that these small tokens

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Every young person should become a subscriber and by so doing, keep in close touch with the movement.

of appreciation, prove to be bright spots in the lives of our public workers.

Thursday was a day of recreation, and many improved it by going on the excursion to Niagara Falls.

Friday business was again resumed and after careful consideration the by-laws were adopted. The Constitution and by-laws for the guidance of local Unions were also adopted. By following these instructions it will be an easy matter to organize and conduct a local Union. Besides this, it supplies a uniform plan of work that should result in great benefit.

The chairman of the finance committee reported cash donated \$27.25. The committee on local arrangements presented \$36.51 as the result of the labors of the Lily Dale Union and \$4.35 from other sources; making a total of \$68.11 raised at the Convention for the National.

The C. L. F. A. Board and Lily Dale Union extended many courtesies which were fully appreciated and acknowledged.

Taking it all in all the Convention was a complete success.

The officers elected at Rochester are to serve until the Convention of 1899 and are as follows: President, I. C. I. Evans, 1352½ B St. S. W., Washington, D. C., Vice-President, Mrs. Lou Porter Moore, Buffalo, N. Y., Secretary, Miss Anna M. Steinberg, 506 Twelfth St. N. W., Washington, D. C., Treasurer, Alfred B. Van Dyke, Chicago, Ill., Trustees, Mrs. Rozella Lauferty, Van Wert, Ohio, Mrs. Evie P. Bach, Lily Dale, N. Y. and Walter I. Prentiss, Worcester, Mass.

Y. P. S. U. NOTES.

Constitution, by-laws and plan of work for local Unions will be mailed free upon application to the secretary.

The Lily Dale Union will hold regular meetings this winter. They had a successful season and formulated plans for next summer which will be heard of later.

We are going to devote one page of THE SUNFLOWER each month to the Young Peoples movement and items of interest are solicited from Young People from all parts of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. I. Evans were guests in the home of THE SUNFLOWER while at Lily Dale. The camp management extended a number of courtesies to them, which were duly appreciated.

Mrs. Lily LeSieur, 84 N. 52 Avenue, Chicago, is greatly interested in the Young Peoples movement. The young people of Chicago would do well to secure her aid and have one of the most successful Unions in the world. Call upon her.

The October number will include a four-page supplement with a history of the Union, constitution, by-laws, plan for local work, etc. Better subscribe for it and not lose any of the good things we have in store.

A group picture of thirty-three members of the convention can be had from the secretary, Anna M. Steinberg, 506 12th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for 35 cents.

THE SUNFLOWER allows the National Union a commission on all subscriptions sent through it. Remember this when communicating with the secretary and include a subscription.

THE CHILDREN'S LYCEUM.

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um instruction that the most effective method of teaching, especially the younger ones, is by Objects. This manner of teaching children can be carried on very nicely in group-talks or class work. Some one has said that "telling is not teaching" and a truer saying was never uttered. The question should come home to every Lyceum instructor "how can I interest the children and teach them at the same time?"

The lover of children can always ascertain what interests them and about which they most desire to talk and then place appropriate lessons before them.

Next to a knowledge we desire to impart to the children, we should have a knowledge of what we desire to teach. Of course this requires preparation and I regret the fact that many of our Lyceum Leaders seem to have overlooked this, when the remark is so frequently heard, "I can never talk to children."

There seems to be a universal demand at present for a revival of Lyceum work. Have we grown wise by past experiences and learned that the breaking up of lyceums and the general apathy has been due to internal dissensions? Are we ready to unite and once more throw our beautiful Lyceum Banners to the breeze?

If so, give your aid at once; make up your mind to attend the meeting in Washington (during the N. S. A. convention) or send a word of encouragement to those who meet at that time. Readers what will you do to assist in this, the most important work along the line of Spiritualism?

This communication is sent from one whose heart, brain and soul are pledged to the Cause of the Children.

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W. H. BACH, - - - Editor and Publisher.
EVIE P. BACH, - - - Assistant Editor.

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Bright emblem of our faith, you lift your radiant face
In many a lonely garden, in many a dreary place;
And like a burst of sunshine, your petals you unfold
And brighten all the landscape with glorious disks of gold.

We love you for your sturdiness, though you may lack in grace,
You nod to us a greeting, like a dear familiar face.
You fear not storm nor tempest, as the years pass one by one.
May our friends prove true and steadfast, as the sunflower to the sun.

—Mary A. Greene, Falconer, N. Y.

SALUTATORY.

FOR many years a hope has been frequently expressed that a publishing house might be established upon the CASSADAGA CAMP GROUNDS and a paper published here.

This hope has now become a reality and we present

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for your kindly consideration.

We will not waste time in telling what it will accomplish. It is easy to promise—harder to carry out promises. Times and conditions change. The dream of yesterday is the accepted thought of to-day—the scientifically demonstrated fact of to-morrow.

We believe in

Progress in All Things.

With one exception the people of the world agree upon that point.

The one exception is in the line of religious thought. The individual who would scorn the use of ancestral tools holds tenaciously to ancestral religious traditions. But in spite of these facts, progressive religion is the order of the present day.

Modern Spiritualism

has caused a decided change along all lines of religious thought. Materialism has never been very inviting. Hope, love, all the finer impulses of the human nature, revolted at the mere suggestion of materialism; but when science asked for a verification of the claims of revealed religion it was always met with the remark, "Ours is a religion of faith."

Such was the experience of the investigator until the tiny rap sounded at Hydes-

ville. Its resonant tones echoed far and wide. It traversed the hills and vales of its native state, crossed the broad prairies of the great west, rebounded from the sides of the mighty Rockies, crossed great seas, encircled the earth and answered Job's question, "If a man die shall he live again?" in no uncertain way. When science asked, it answered. When mourning friends sought their loved and lost, it answered their questions with the words: "We are not dead, we have but gone before."

Too much cannot be said in favor of such a system and it is in its interest that

The Sunflower

is sent out into the world.

At this point a few words regarding its policy would be appropriate:

We believe that the greatest good to the greatest number will result from a union of the philosophy and the phenomena. The two should go together hand in hand.

We know only that which we learn from the observation of phenomena, whether the phenomena are connected with chemistry, astronomy or psychic demonstrations. First a phenomenon is observed, then its philosophy is evolved.

The same is, and by rights should be, the case with an alleged demonstration of immortality. The phenomena should be observed, then a philosophy and code of moral ethics evolved from it. As it is necessary to teach the rising generation the rudiments of philosophy by experimentation and practical demonstration, so it is necessary to teach the novice in Spiritualistic lore the basic principles of the philosophy by aid of its demonstrations along phenomenal lines. As new investigators are continually arising the necessity for a united action upon philosophical and phenomenal lines is of great importance.

We believe in organization upon practical business lines without the establishment of a creed. We believe that it would be policy to establish a declaration of principles, upon which all can unite.

This need not cause people to fear a creed. There are a few things we can unite upon. We may not agree upon the question of God. But notwithstanding that we all agree upon some Eternal Principle in Nature. If you call it God and I call it Nature and another calls it Spirit, why should we quarrel and quibble over a thing which, at the most, is merely a difference in terms.

We can also agree upon the question of continuity of life. You may believe that you re-incarnate and I may not believe it. But we both agree that physical death does not end our individual existence, and upon that subject we can establish a series of articles upon which all can agree without in any way infringing upon the prerogatives of any other individual.

We might go through all the questions which occupy the attention of the Spiritualistic and Free Thought mind in the same way but this is not the time or place for them.

We will try to give our subscribers a newsy, readable paper, and to have the quality of paper and workmanship of such a nature that it will be pleasing. We shall strive to eliminate all that is undesirable, and to give only that which is for the best interests of our movement; this, with the fact that the editors are practical printers and writers of experience, will, we believe,

make our paper a success.
Will you aid us to do it?

W. H. BACH,
Editor and Publisher.

TO THE PRESS.

When the editor decided to commence the publication of THE SUNFLOWER, the editors of the Liberal and Spiritualistic press were communicated with. With but one exception they replied in a courteous, friendly manner, wishing us success and extending a welcome to the field of journalism. They also made mention of the proposed publication in their columns.

This is a piece of courtesy that is appreciated and we extend our hearty thanks to our brothers and sisters of the press. The SUNFLOWER will stand hand in hand with you in the battle for liberty and we trust that our relations will continue as friendly in the future as they have been in the past.

We request that you place THE SUNFLOWER on your list of exchanges and we will be pleased to exchange all customary courtesies with you.

The N. S. A.

At the present time much interest centers in the personnel of the board of directors of the N. S. A. for the ensuing year.

Justly or unjustly, much unfavorable comment has been indulged in and a feeling seems to prevail that an almost, if not entire, new board should be selected.

We cannot agree that the N. S. A. board is responsible for the financial failure of the Jubilee. Neither can we lay the blame upon the general manager. The fact of the matter is that conditions over which no individual, or set of individuals, had control, united to reduce the attendance below the most conservative estimates.

If the wisacres, who now tell us "the time was inopportune" had only informed the N. S. A. Board two years ago that a great war and one of the greatest naval battles of the century would attract the entire attention of the people at the time selected for the Jubilee, doubtless they would have made different arrangements.

We believe the members of the N. S. A. board have done the best they knew how; we also believe that some changes would be beneficial. But if we make any changes, let us give them careful consideration. Better let it stand as it is than to make changes that are not beneficial.

The office should seek the person; not the person the office. Let us see to it that no personal motives actuate us in the selection. Also that we do not select a person because he or she comes from our section of the country. Let us seek those who will work for the best interest of the people at large and not from personal motives. The N. S. A. is for the benefit of Spiritualism — not for personal advantage.

The Spiritualists of the U. S. are looking for a practical, business management for the N. S. A. They wish complete reports showing how their money has been used and what results have been attained by its use. When this is done the N. S. A. will cease to be a mendicant and will be so situated financially that it will be able to aid struggling societies and in that way benefit the people.

As the first issue of this paper was more a local than general issue we publish our Salutory in this issue as well as the first. This will give those who did not receive the first issue an opportunity of learning the position we intend to take.

We want to publish a live, active paper that will contain the news the people wish to read. We invite short contributions upon live topics and especially request the secretaries of societies to send us concise reports of their doings for our **LIGHT FROM EVERYWHERE.**

A short report, that can be written on a postal card, will be interesting to all. Send them to us.

We wish to impress upon our correspondents the necessity of care in sending communications, especially orders. State exactly what you want and be sure to write your full name and address plainly in every communication.

Many people write their letters plainly enough, then write the name, the most important part, so carelessly that we can only guess at it.

We just filled an order that required the combined information of two letters to enable us to fill it. Such things lead to errors, delays and unpleasantness which a little care will obviate.

Especial attention is called to the Astrology Department. Prof. N. H. Eddy, who has this department in charge, is a careful student and will conduct it in such a manner that all who read it will be benefitted.

Beginning with the October number, some short readings will be introduced. Send in date and place of birth, hour, if possible, and you may receive a reading. The names will not be published, but full name and address should be sent with each communication as a guarantee of good faith. Address all letters intended for this department to THE SUNFLOWER, ASTROLOGY DEPARTMENT.

Now that the Young People's movement has taken such a stride forward, it would seem that more attention should be paid to them by the management of societies. This also applies to the N. S. A.

A fraternal delegate and committee was appointed by the N. Y. P. S. U. to attend the N. S. A. Convention in the interest of the Union. Would it not be to the advantage of the N. S. A. to set apart a time to be devoted to this movement.

This meeting should be during one of the first sessions in order that the question may be thoroughly handled. When arranging the program, the committee should give careful consideration to this subject.

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The Dawning Light.

"The first blossom that ever reached my table from Lily Dale came a week ago in the shape of 'THE SUNFLOWER.' It was brim full of camp news and items of interest; especially to one who has recently visited your little village in the woods. I notice that you intend to enlarge in the near future; if so may your prosperity be in proportion. Long may your bright little SUNFLOWER continue to bloom through sunshine and storm in the wish of your Buckeye subscriber."
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"The initial number of THE SUNFLOWER, W. H. Bach, editor and proprietor, Lily Dale N. Y., is at hand. It starts out most modestly, but finds space in its columns for many excellent thoughts. It has a high aim and a good purpose, hence merits the patronage of the people. If energy and enterprise count for anything in journalism, we are certain that THE SUNFLOWER will be a success, because the editor is the embodiment of those two cardinal virtues. We welcome THE SUNFLOWER to the field of journalism, and wish it prosperity exceeding abundantly."
Banner of Light.

The Home Circle.

Mediumship is the foundation stone of **Modern Spiritualism.**

Without it, no knowledge of the continuity of life, or of the conditions that await us in another sphere of existence, could be obtained. This being the case, it becomes the most important part of the Spiritualistic movement; but unfortunately, it has been given too little attention.

Best of all is our home mediumship and circles. Looking over the field, we find those who are, and have been, our leading workers, have had an opportunity of sitting in home circles to a greater or less degree. Experience teaches that the influences attracted therein are usually of a higher order, more intelligent and better able to protect their mediums than in cases where the mediumship has been developed under other, and, in many cases, adverse conditions.

During the early history of Spiritualism, the home circle was an established institution. Its devotees could be counted by the thousand. Circles were held under all kinds of conditions and every rap was listened to with the greatest interest.

From these circles some of the best and most active workers the world has ever known went forth upon their missions of enlightenment. Such was their power that halls could not be found with sufficient seating capacity to accommodate the people. In many cases the interest in the Lyceum was so great that the marches had to be dispensed with because there was not room enough for the children to go through the maneuvers.

Mr. J. B. Hatch, Sr., of Boston, one of the oldest Lyceum workers, whose descendants constitute three generations of workers, vouches for this statement and also for the high order of intelligence that was developed in the homes and Lyceums of the early days of Modern Spiritualism.

We believe that a return to the home circle would be of the greatest advantage to our movement and would not effect the patronage of our public mediums to any perceptible degree. In fact, we believe it would be beneficial to them as the people would have a better understanding of the laws of mediumship.

In order to aid this movement, we have decided to conduct a

Home Circle Department

in this paper. In it, answers to questions will be given and an effort made to bring those who are interested in the development of mediumship into touch with each other, thus enabling them to profit by the experiences of others.

Every family consisting of five people, has among its members one at least through whom the spirit world can manifest. Every family can receive the comforting assurance that those whom they have laid away are not lost — not gone forever — but instead, just across the chasm of death that has changed from a dark and dreary river to a passage of light, their friends still live and love them with the same intensity they manifested before.

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LIGHT FROM EVERYWHERE.



This department is conducted to assist our public workers to keep in touch with each other and with the people. Send us notice of your engagements or any other items of interest. Secretaries of societies are requested to send short reports of their work. Pull name and address must accompany every article intended for publication.

Dr. J. C. Phillips has located permanently at Mount Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa.

Myra F. Paine will spend the winter in Syracuse, N. Y. Address, general delivery.

Willard J. Hull, editor of the *Light of Truth* was a welcome visitor at our office the last week of camp.

P. L. O. A. Keeler is resting at Lily Dale. He will spend the greater part of the winter in Washington, D. C.

F. Corden White will spend the month of September recuperating at Lily Dale. He goes to Buffalo for October.

Carrie Fuller Weatherford has returned to her work in Columbus, O. and may be addressed at 89 West Goodall St.

Lyman C. Howe lectured in Library Hall Sunday, Sep't. 11th and conducted a funeral service near here in the afternoon.

H. D. Barrett received a royal welcome when he appeared on the Cassadaga platform. This place was formerly his home.

George H. Brooks has returned to his home at Wheaton, Ill. It will please the visitors to the camp to learn that he has been engaged as chairman for 1899.

The *Cassadagan*, published at Seaford, Ont., the official paper of the C. L. F. A., begins its year with an increased subscription and prospects for a successful season.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wallis, of Manchester, England, were pleasant visitors at our office. Mr. Wallis is editor of *The Two Worlds*. They will fill a limited number of engagements while in this country.

Moses Hull will begin a series of Bible Lessons by mail. They will consist of thirty lessons, price for the course, \$5. Send him \$1 for the first five lessons. For particulars address 359 Normal Ave., Buffalo.

The Campbell Brothers are enjoying the quiet of their beautiful new cottage on the Cassadaga Camp grounds. They have had a very busy season and a month of rest will prepare them for their winter's work.

The fourth annual campmeeting of Texas opened at Oak Cliff, near Dallas, September 10th, for a twelve days session. The speakers and mediums announced by the management assure a very interesting session.

Hon. A. Gaston, president of the Cassadaga camp meeting and formerly mayor of Meadville, Pa. has been nominated for Congressman from his district.

Mr. Gaston is a successful business man and will look after the interest of his district in a proper manner.

Cor. R. T. Van Horn, Editor of the *Kansas City Journal* and Congressman from Missouri, said to the author, "I want to congratulate you on the production of your book 'Big Bible Stories.' I bought three of them to send to some friends." For sale at this office. Price, 50¢ts.

Oscar A. Edgerly has been engaged by the society of Atlanta, Ga. for September and October. As he is an earnest, conscientious worker he will doubtless arouse an interest that will be productive of great good. The South is a good field for work and some of our workers who have unengaged time would do well to visit the southern societies.

To issue on time is one of the aims of successful journalists. Our type, stone, sticks, etc., arrived Monday, August 14th. We announced that we would issue our paper at four o'clock Saturday p. m. Our press landed Friday at 9 p. m. We worked a good share of the night setting it up, finished it in the morning and put the first form on at 9 a. m. At exactly 4 p. m. the first copy was printed.

We then announced that we would issue the next number September 15th. This paper you are now reading was mailed to our regular subscribers Thursday evening, September 15th. Barring accidents we will continue to issue as promptly.

One of the pleasantest gatherings of the camp was the English Tea given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wallis of England. The lawn near the residence of Mr. T. J. Skidmore was utilized, the woman's tent impressed into service and a real "English Tea" served to about one hundred and fifty guests. The exercises consisted of a few short addresses by members of the Union and responses by Mr. and Mrs. Wallis.

While eating, a photograph of the group was taken. To make the occasion seem more home-like, Mrs. Cadwallader, who conceived the idea while in England, brought the tea there and brought it to Lily Dale for the occasion.

THE HOME CIRCLE.

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'Could anything be more beautiful? Could mortal ask a more comforting assurance?

When the fading light shows the Angel of Death to be hovering near, when the chill of death comes over one of our loved ones, then do we recognize the full importance of the knowledge that the enlightenment of this century of investigation has given us.

Twice in the experience of the writer, has the Angel of Death called at our home. Twice has his blighting breath struck with sickle keen one who was near and dear to us; but scarcely had the life left the casket of clay when the assurance was given that they were not dead — that the intelligence of the body still lived and was able to manifest. In one case but four hours elapsed between the death of the body and communication with the emancipated spirit. The channel thus opened has never been closed.

We have to thank

Our Home Circle

for the privilege. In it our mediumship was developed. You do not know how soon you too may be visited. Start your home circle now; we will aid you all we can and let us see if we cannot open the door for another Spiritual Dispensation.

THE CHILDREN'S LYCEUM.

MATTIE E. HULL.

The indifference of Spiritualists regarding the Children's Progressive Lyceum, or Spiritualist Sunday School, is a source of constant surprise to me. Spiritualist families are largely represented in the orthodox Sunday Schools, through their children, while the Lyceums go down or struggle for an existence.

I do not condemn sending children to orthodox Sunday Schools on the ground that the people with whom they associate are un-intelligent or immoral, but it is well known that the church power is arrayed against Spiritualism; the instructors in their Sunday Schools are strong in their prejudices and no stone is left unturned in the way of getting and holding the children under church influence.

We are sometimes told that there are liberal Sunday Schools whose instructions are free from sectarianism; but this is no argument in favor of doing away with the Children's Lyceum, for such a Lyceum, when properly conducted, does a work that nothing else can do. It is supposed by many, even among Spiritualists, that all the Lyceum stands for is a little teaching in Easy Science lessons, moral instruction and a few exercises in Physical Culture, with now and then an entertainment in which the children participate; all of which can be obtained in secular schools. But the Spiritualist who is alive to the needs of the hour and knows what a genuine Spiritualist Lyceum stands for, realizes that no other organization has done or can do the work of the Lyceum.

I do not advocate Lyceums teaching Spiritualism from a sectarian standpoint any more than I would Methodism, or Presbyterianism; neither do I advocate the Lyceum for the purpose of "booming Spiritualism," as a correspondent has recently suggested to me. My interest in the spread of the teaching of Spiritualism reaches out to the children, knowing the system that has made us more happy, more healthy and more wise, must be of equal value to the children. My Spiritualism is not simply something to cheer and assist men and women in the highway of human experiences; it reaches out to the little ones and makes a place for them as no other religious system has ever done. It must have an avenue through which to work; where can we find it, outside of the Children's Progressive Lyceum?

I would now hand out a few thoughts concerning the Lyceum. We have had valuable contributions in the way of books, lesson cards, etc., which have all been appreciated; still there is a great want in the way of lessons for the little ones — lessons adapted to the least among the Lyceum pupils, as well as the older ones. Lessons should be prepared to interest as well as instruct, and should be written in the simplest of language.

It is possible to interest even the dullest after the level of the child has been found; this must be done by getting into the heart of the child. The little one cannot rise to the level of his teacher, consequently the teacher must descend to him.

I have found in my many years of Lyceum (continued on page 3)

ASTROLOGY.

N. H. EDDY.

Astrology is a science; a collection of principles; a demonstration of one of Nature's forces. It teaches the effects of the heavenly bodies upon the things of earth and the various expressions of life of which humanity is the highest type.

There are different branches pertaining to this science that are applicable to the welfare of humanity although there are many who have scoffed at the idea that there was any relative or actual influence of the planets that would effect mankind.

To such we would say, first study the principles of Nature before you reject it. By so doing you will find a basic law that cannot be refuted or cast aside as being "all imagination."

The study of Astrology is not only entertaining and instructive but it embodies a principle that is helpful to old and young. It is a demonstrated science that can be worked out upon a mathematical basis, even calculating the date of events that have taken or will take place; also showing the natural adaptation of the individual, as well as the capabilities and possibilities of the life of the native.

There are two systems of Astrology. The oldest is the Geocentric system. In it, the earth is used as the center of the solar system to form a geographical point of observation and the whole heavens are supposed to revolve with the earth as a center.

The Heliocentric system relates to the Sun as the center around which the earth and planets revolve. It will thus be seen that in the Heliocentric system the exact places of the planets are used, while in the Geocentric system the apparent places are used.

The question then naturally arises, which system is right? and the answer is, both are right, different rules being used.

Each person born into life's sphere of action is stamped with the magnetic forces in operation at the moment of his birth. This influence has a relative bearing upon the individual but this is varied by the environment in which the person is or may be placed to cultivate or restrain the effects of this influence.

By the study of Astrology a knowledge of the laws of life is gained, also entertainment, instruction and advancement into higher conditions of unfoldment, together with a desire to reach out and help humanity to a better understanding of the laws of life and being.

Astrology is a supreme law of Nature and explains many of the disparities and sufferings of life; explains why some are contented and happy and others the reverse. Although it has not been appreciated by the multitude, there are thinking minds who have searched the depths of its principles and testify to its accuracy. Among them are such men as Huxley, Tyndall, Dryden, Spencer and Flammarion.

Many others might be mentioned who are seeking for light from this science and when its principles are more fully understood far greater benefits can be derived from its use. Then the masses will recognize its importance and it will have a greater power to help humanity to a higher plane of life and unfoldment.

Cassadaga Camp.

It has had a Successful Season.

Cassadaga Camp for 1898 is a thing of the past. Never in the history of the Association has it seen a more successful season looking at the question in all of its aspects.

Many were discouraged with the outlook when they realized that the people were interested in the war that was then in progress and said that the attendance would be light on that account. Doubtless it would have been the case had the interest in the war continued as it was during the latter part of May and fore part of June. But as the American arms became victorious and the utter inability of the Spanish to cope with our men, fired as they were by patriotism, they settled down to the summer season with little to do excepting to watch the daily papers in hopes that something might happen.

Cassadaga Camp has not only been well attended and given satisfaction to those in attendance, but it has been a financial success, the receipts exceeding the expenditures by quite a sum.

Nowhere in the country was there a greater gathering of first class talent. Not only was the platform supplied with what the management always furnishes but the mediums who were in attendance were above the average in their work and gave universal satisfaction.

Trumpet phenomena and pictures precipitated upon canvas were the leading phases, or perhaps, more properly speaking the phases most sought after.

As usual, materializing attracted its share of attention and good results seemed to be the rule. Slate writing also added interest to the work and attracted the attention of a number of practical minds.

Among so many people many amusing incidents take place and while amusing, they often add greatly to the interest of the Spiritualist movement. Among these incidents the following will bear repeating:

A gentleman came to the camp to settle the matter. As he said: "Any spirit that lets me get near enough to it to get hold of it will have to stay until I find out what it is made of." The gentleman, a well known attorney, attended a materializing seance, at which, unfortunately, no friend of his was able to manifest. He was about ready to go home disgusted when he decided to make one more attempt to catch a spirit.

Another seance was arranged for. At this a form came from the cabinet, grasped him by the hand and talked to him. When he took hold of the spirit hand it "was as solid as a human hand." He grasped it firmly, held on to it to ensure himself against a sudden jerk taking the hand away—and found that he held nothing in his hand, while the spirit form dematerialized before his eyes.

He went back to his seat perfectly dumfounded. Soon after the form of a lady came from the cabinet and called him. He went forward. The form "indicated that it wanted to dance." As he "was there for all there was in it" he acquiesced. About the time that he expected the form would leave him he "tried to hold it a little tighter so that it could not get away" and found that he held nothing, while the form was

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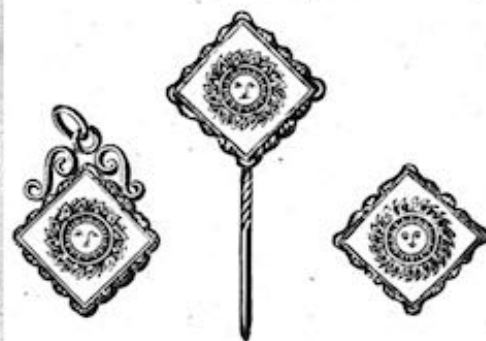
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The forty-third annual meeting of the Friends of Human Progress was held at Forest Temple, North Collins, N. Y. September 2-3-4.

This is the oldest grove meeting in the U. S. if not in the world, and it is believed to be the oldest society that has held its regular meetings without a break.

Among those who took part were Mrs. R. S. Lillie, Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Mr. Train, Mr. Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, W. H. Bach, Frank Walker and Mrs. Darling.

The interesting exercises consisted of some real conference meetings, lectures, tests, the fire test and by no means the least, the social features of the meeting can be mentioned.

North Collins is a small town itself but from miles around wagon loads of people came to the meeting, cared for their horses in the grove and then, lunch basket in hand, came to join the throng who had preceded them.

The meeting was a successful one and reflects credit upon its promoters.

The officers are, President, Frank Walker, Hamburg, N. Y. Secretary, Mrs. Emma Train, Treasurer, George Sucher, North Collins, N. Y.

CASSADAGA CAMP.

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seen dematerializing right in front of him.

This man, a practical attorney, came to our office, told his story, bought some books of a practical kind and left us with the remark, "I was as certain that you people were a deluded set as I was of my own existence. I now know there is something in it and I want to know more about it." Thus Spiritualism leaves the loaf.

Cassadaga camp is one of the greatest centers for the spread of this knowledge and it, with the other camps scattered over our country, will wield an influence that will change the current of religious thought more in the next ten years than has been possible in the century we are now finishing — notwithstanding the fact that the Nineteenth Century has been the greatest season of religious progression the world has ever known.

More improvements have been made during the present season than for years past. Campbell Brothers new cottage has added greatly to the appearance of the entrance. Their art gallery was opened to the public daily from 5 to 7 p. m. and was fully appreciated.

The Sunflower Pagoda was also an addition that was admired by all. Situated midway between the Auditorium and the Grand Hotel and stocked with a complete line of Spiritualistic, Theosophical, Free-thought and other books and the Spiritualist Papers, as well as souvenirs of the camp, photographs and many articles deemed necessary by the visitors, it attracted much attention. It is built on the plan of a Chinese Pagoda, painted in Chinese colors, red, orange and yellow, and with seventeen American flags floating over it, is quite a relief to the unbroken green of Lincoln park.

The convention of the National Young Peoples Spiritualist Union was a feature of this year's meeting. Delegates from

many states were in attendance and much interest was manifested. It is hoped that another year there will be a special day set apart for the young people and that an effort will be made to make the camp attractive for them. Parents go where their children are satisfied to a much greater extent than is realized even by themselves.

The season has closed, many good-byes have been said and others are going every day; but above the farewells rings out the cheery "come again next year."

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Very truly, W. L. Seelye.

July 31, 1898.

Mankato, Minn.

Drs. Peebles & Burroughs,

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