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CAPT. E. W. GOULD.

The Veteran Worker
ON GENERAL TOPICS.

I HAVE before me the last copy of the full bloom SUNFLOWER, looking as fresh and fair as a new blown rose.

What is in a name?

I am glad to see in its well filled columns evidence of success, even beyond your most sanguine expectations.

Your hopes of increasing the publication of THE SUNFLOWER to a semi-monthly, are to be realized sooner than was anticipated, which is the best evidence of merited success possible.

I see a long catalogue of the programmes of several different camp meetings. Among them Lily Dale presents one of the most attractive as usual and I trust it will maintain its well earned reputation and with such an array of talent on the platform it cannot fail.

I see no reference to the next Annual Convention of the National Spiritual Association.

It, of course, has escaped your attention. But it is early yet and the camps are first in order, but not first in importance. It is to be hoped the convention will constitute a popular subject of conversation in many social circles at all of the camps and in that way create a lively interest, which may result in attracting the largest and most popular convention we have ever had.

There is no question about its being the most important in its results. Hence, the importance of its being largely attended.

Heretofore a large majority of the delegates have been from the New England States, and from the neighborhood of Washington, D. C. That was of course on account of their close proximity.

As the next convention is to be far removed, the distance and expense will be largely increased and without extraordinary effort it is to be feared the East will not be so well represented, although it is preferable and certainly desirable that the West should be far more numerously represented and it is hoped it will be. But that will furnish no reason why the East should have less representation.

My reasons for believing this will be the most important convention the Spiritualists of America have ever held are many.

The first is, there seems a general desire on the part of those who have never given hearty support to the N. S. A. to introduce a new policy, to make it a strictly business organization.

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DEATH.

Why are there no Tears
on the Cheek of the Dying?

By Hon. A. B. Richmond.

"Oh Death! thou gentle end of human sorrows,
Still must our weary eyelids vainly wake,
In tedious expectation of thy peace."

—Kose's Tamerlain.

Centuries ago some observant philosopher uttered the sentence that from its truth has become axiomatic: "There are no tears on the cheek of the dying." If the observation of mankind has so recorded a fact, is it not suggestive of an unknown cause worthy of the consideration of the living? Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, in one of his beautiful novels, speaks of "that smile of ineffable peace which the dead generally wear, and that seems so full of contentment and repose." Some die of a painful disease or accident, when the sensitive nerves vibrate with most intense agony; yet it is seldom that the last moments of pain are impressed upon the marble lineaments of the dead.

It is true that physiologists account for this on the supposition that the overwrought ganglions lose their sensitiveness immediately before that mysterious essence called "the vital spark" abandons its earthly dwelling and flutters away into the mysterious unknown. This might account for the expression of infinite rest upon the features of those who are thus relieved of the agony of bodily pain or mental suffering, and who find in the "Valley of Death" a city of refuge from the relentless pursuit of life's ills and woes.

To many of the heartbroken and suffering of earth the quiet of the grave is a condition long desired, and its near approach is, to the wearied body, as grateful as the soothing influence of coming sleep. With such we can well imagine that death has no terrors, but is welcomed as a harbinger of peace, and, therefore, leaves the impress of the last thoughts of life on the face of the dead.

But all do not die in agony or pain. There are multitudes who pass away in painless consciousness of the near approach of death, and who, surrounded by life's allurements — loves, friendships and ambitious — hear the near-coming foot-fall of the "Silent Monarch of All" with infinite dread. In the last hours of consciousness, they cling to life with a hopeless tenacity that awakens our sympathy, and the grief of their friends who surround their bed is augmented by the terrors which the dying manifest as the moment of final dissolution approaches; yet

when the end comes, when the spirit has taken leave of its earthly tenement, the pallid features settle into a placid expression of joy or contentment. Truly it is said: "There are no tears on the cheek of the dying, no feeling of sorrow or regret impressed upon the face of the dead."

Why is it so?

As it is the last touch of the sculptor on the marble or the plastic clay that gives expression to his work; the last touch of the pencil of the artist on the canvas that finishes the picture on his easel, and surrounds it with a halo of undying glory, so may it be that it is the last mental impression, the last fact ascertained by the dying, that moulds the cast off clay of life with the knowledge of the future; that paints upon the canvas of human consciousness the last thoughts of human vitality; thus the last visions of fading sight may see the opening glories of a life to come, and the last vibrations of a palsied ear be caused by the whispered words of spirit voices as they welcome the soul to its immortal abode.

Thus would those who are passing away see visions of a life beyond ere they had fully closed their eyes upon their earthly home; thus would they hear the "fluttering of angel wings" before their ears were forever silent to all earthly sounds; and thus would the artist, death, finish the picture of human life, and record in the placid smiles of the dead their knowledge of the coming life of immortality.

As the traveller who, crossing the channel between the Isles of Britain and the Eastern Continent, looks with a saddened gaze at the fading outlines of the home he is leaving, then turning toward the land he is approaching, he sees the shores of the one opening to his vision as the other fades from his view. He knows that on the shore he has left, are friends who are in sorrow at his parting, and a tear of regret moistens his eye; then he remembers that on the shore he is nearing there are also many friends who longingly await his coming, and the tears of parting regret are chased away by the smile of the anticipation of a joyous meeting. Thus it is with the dying. In the last moments of this transitory life here, they see unfolding to their spiritual vision the glories of a life hereafter, and the fact is recorded in the placid features of the dead.

If immortality is a fact, whether it be demonstrated amid the cares and labors of a busy, healthful life, or in the moments of near approaching death, its conclusive proof cannot fail of being welcomed by a smile of blissful anticipation and there should be "no tears on the cheek of the dying."

That the phenomenon referred to is observable by the common experience of mankind; that the dying do see the angel forms of those who have gone before and do hear whispers of lips long voiceless to them, is a fact admitted by the clergy of all creeds and denominations. It is often the theme of pulpit oratory, while its assurance is frequently related in funeral obsequies for the consolation of mourning friends. If ministers who so relate and preach believe what they so confidently assert, then do they avow

the great truth of spirit manifestations to the living, and confirm the phenomena of Spiritualism; for if the laws of the unknown realm of death permit these visitations to the dying while yet in this life then are they proven to be possible to the living, in health as well as in sickness.

If it is possible for the spirits of those dear to us in life to hover over the bed of death to alleviate the grief and pain of passing away, why may they not visit the family fireside, and with the gentle rap of intelligence bring comfort to those who mourn, by assuring them that "There is no death! what seems so is transition."

TEARS.

By J. W. DENNIS.

A poet sings with a mild refrain,
"Rule the World with smiles—not tears"—
A smile may do, but when in pain
Just give me tears.

When mother's boy in death laid low,
Her soul filled with the deepest woe,
Talk not to her of smiles, but go
To her with tears.

A sweetheart's soul in dire despair,
No lover near, her grief to share,
No smiles for her! just have a care!
And go to her with tears.

When Tot has broken dollie's neck,
Don't smile but give to her a smack
And let her little soul drift back
To Earth in "tears."

While smiles may do, when grief lays low,
Strike not a sorrowing soul a blow
With smiles, but just in sorrow go
To him with "tears."

A miser's hoard has taken wings;
Don't smile at him, like silly things,
For poverty, while joy it brings,
Brings lots of "tears."

A spirit form dawns on your sight;
Don't smirk and smile and doubt its right
To come and visit you each night—
With happy "tears;"

There's joy in tears, as well as woe;
Let joyous tears in silence flow;
Whene'er your souls with fervor glow;
Shed happy "tears."

Shed tears of joy when spirits come
To bless our hearts, to bless each home
To guide us safe in Heaven to roam,
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Each soul longs for its best expression. Sometimes this longing is manifested by discontentment with one's present condition. Indeed, this is, when we look upon ourselves critically, the great motive force of humanity—a longing for that which we think we have not—hence, all the varied activities of mankind. Whether we seek wealth, power or fame, whether we seek their attainment by fair means or foul, we are all moved by the same unsatiable longing for satisfaction.

In the meantime, the almost universal desire is for wealth. The universal delusion is the thought that the possession of wealth means true happiness. This delusion is often aptly shown in the lives of our millionaires. If they are happy, it is not because they have wealth, but because they possess happiness in themselves.

Neither does the attainment of fame or power necessarily bring contentment. It is gained through the effort we make in obtaining power and fame.

Inaction is pernicious; an excess of activity is equally harmful; but contentment and harmony are found in the perfect balance between the two, like the equal rise and fall of the tide, the rhythm of music, the light and shadow of a picture.

This is being better understood every year. Business men send their families to the mountains, the seashore and the plain, quiet country, for rest and recreation.

There is an intelligence manifested in our

modes of recreation. After the absolute rest that everyone requires from time to time, comes the demand for occupation. There is an increasing demand for recreative occupation at vacation time. Some occupation entirely different from our ordinary mode of life.

Answering to this demand, there has sprung up all over the country, summer assemblies, schools and camp meetings, where one can spend a few hours each day in some preferred study; the balance of the time being devoted to ordinary pastimes.

Our own camp illustrates this to a certain degree. Each summer the speakers and teachers coming here to instruct us from the rostrum, form classes wherein more personal and private tuition is given. One can gain knowledge on many subjects in this way, notably those pertaining to psychic and occult topics. The time is coming when these desultory efforts will be organized into a united effort, just as it has been at Chautauqua.

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In democratic America, thanks to the physical training in our public schools, the coming generation will excel in the refined relationships. It has become the fashion, as can be witnessed on any smart occasion in our Metropolis. Not only are gowns built most critically, but the modern woman knows how to carry her gown, knows how a complexion must be immaculate if the beauty of the countenance would show forth. There must be a most carefully arranged coiffure and withal, grace and dignity of bearing. All this as the expression of a truly beautiful spirit.

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New Features for the Coming Year.

During the coming year we will introduce a number of new features. Prominent among them will be a

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in which messages from friends who have passed to the other life will be published. We have secured the services of

MR. F. CORDEN WHITE

whose work as a public and private test medium is too well known to require special notice here.

THE PHENOMENA

will be given a more extended consideration than was possible during the first year's experience. Accounts of seances held by various mediums, together with fine half tone pictures of the mediums and reproductions of the phenomena—when possible—will be introduced.

THE PHILOSOPHY

will receive its share of attention. Articles from the pens of the most prominent writers both of this and foreign countries are being arranged for and we will have contributions from Moses and Mattie Hull, Dr. J. M. Peebles, Capt. E. W. Gould, Prof. W. M. Lockwood, Hon. A. B. Richmond, Lyman C. Howe, Alfred Kitson, of England, and a number of others.

ASTROLOGY

will be given more prominence than has been done in the past, and we will endeavor to have a series of articles and prophecies illustrating the two schools of the science. We hope to have a series of articles from the pen of

PROF. HENRY

whose work is so well and favorably known. We will also have as contributors in this line, Mr. N. H. Eddy, Fredrick White, William Canby Ferris and others.

THE HIGHER CRITICISM

will receive attention. It is one of the prominent movements in the religious world and as such, it should be understood by progressive people.

In fact, the attitude of THE SUNFLOWER will remain unchanged. It will continue to keep out of personalities, will strive to give the news of the Progressive world and asks the support of the people. It will be published twice a month at fifty cents a year.

Notice to our Patrons.

We call special attention to the fact that THE SUNFLOWER has been issued regularly on the 15 of each month. Not once have we failed to mail the paper to our subscribers on that date, unless it fell on Sunday. When we issue twice a month the same conditions will prevail and the paper can be expected as soon after the first and fifteenth as the mails will bring it to you.

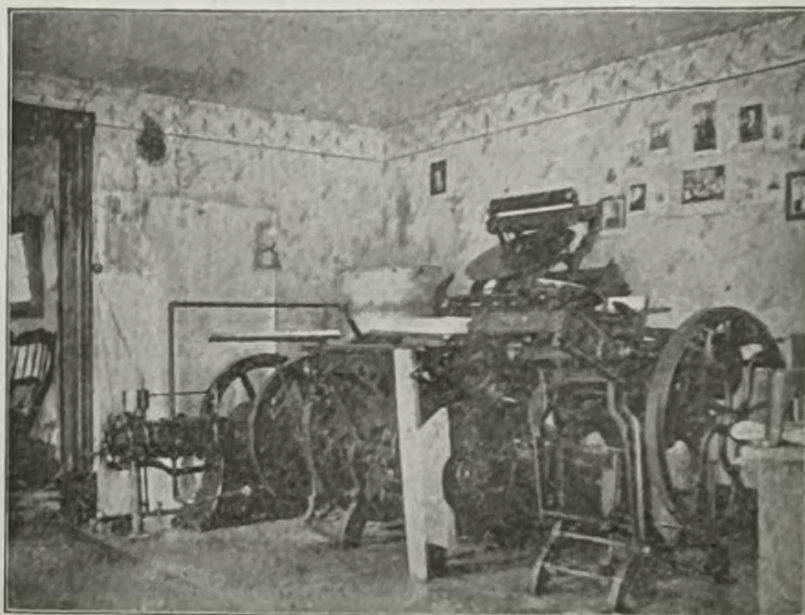
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Monday, 17,	Conference.
Tuesday, 18,	Moses Hull.
Wednesday, 19,	Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing.
Thursday, 20,	W. W. Hicks.
Friday, 21,	Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing.
Saturday, 22,	Moses Hull.
Sunday, 23,	Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, W. W. Hicks.
Monday, 24,	Conference.
Tuesday, 25,	J. Clegg Wright.
Wednesday, 26,	Woman's Day, Mary Ellen Lease.
Thursday, 27,	W. W. Hicks.
Friday, 28,	Mrs. Harnett.
Saturday, 29,	J. Clegg Wright.
Sunday, 30,	Lyman C. Howe, Mary E. Lease.
Monday, 31,	Conference.
Tuesday, 1,	Charles Whedon.



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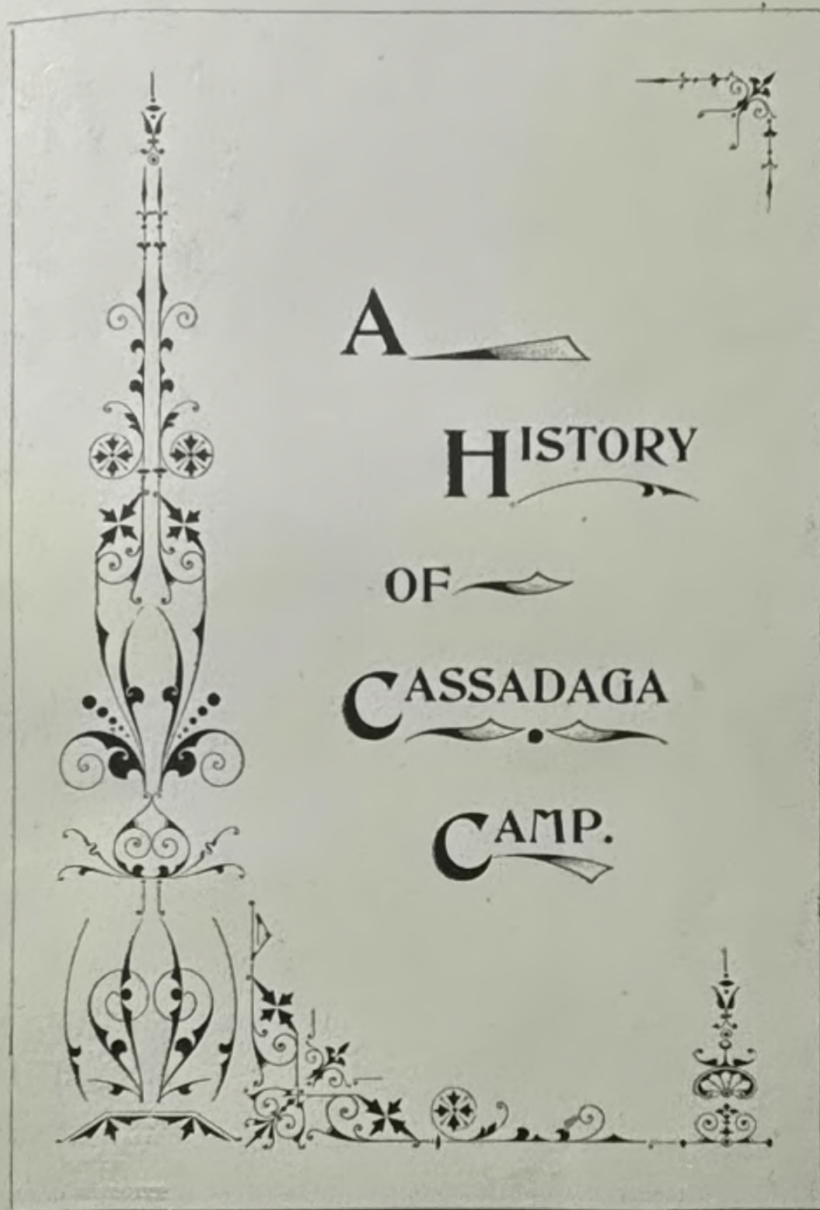
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Monday, 7,	Conference.
Tuesday, 8,	Cora L. V. Richmond.
Wednesday, 9,	W. M. Lockwood.
Thursday, 10,	Cora L. V. Richmond.
Friday, 11,	W. M. Lockwood.
Saturday, 12,	J. C. F. Grumbine.
Sunday, 13,	Anna L. Robinson-Gillespie and J. C. F. Grumbine.
Monday, 14,	Conference.
Tuesday, 15,	Anna L. Robinson-Gillespie.
Wednesday, 16,	Young People's Day.
Thursday, 17,	Anna L. Robinson-Gillespie.
Friday, 18,	J. C. F. Grumbine.
Saturday, 19,	Hon. E. D. Stark.
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WITH this number THE SUNFLOWER completes the first year of its existence. It may be of interest to the friends who have followed it through this year of experience to know how the paper is made.

Few people have any idea of the processes necessary to produce a complete paper and distribute it all over this country and into foreign countries.

An office the size of

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THE PEERLESS PRESS On which the Sunflower is Printed.

THE SUNFLOWER is printed on a 14x20 Peerless Press. This necessitates making

up two page forms, making it necessary to make eight runs to print sixteen pages. While this will do while the work is in the experimental stage, we know that it will not do for any length of time and negotiations are now in progress for a cylinder press that will print eight pages at one time.

The press work is done by Mr. Clifton Shaw. The straight matter type is set by Miss Etta M. Prettyman. Mrs. Bach is "make-up man" and job compositor, while ye Editor does a little of everything.

From the time the paper is begun there is one continual round of activity. Manuscript comes from every direction. Much of it is good, some excellent and some unfit for publication. Probably the year through ten times as much matter comes to every editor's table as he can possibly use. He must go through this mass of manuscript, cull out what is suitable for his purpose, then the rest goes to the waste basket unless stamps to pay return postage are enclosed. This is the rule in all offices.

Much discretion is necessary in editing. Good articles are many times omitted for the reason that others, covering practically the same ground, are already in type. A variety must be selected, not too much prominence given any one section and everything must be of a suitable nature.

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OPENING OF Cassadaga Camp.

Cassadaga Camp opened with every prospect of a successful season, Friday July 14.

There have not been so many signs of a successful season for years as greet the visitor at the opening of this season. Of the 223 buildings on the grounds the greater proportion of them are occupied. All of the hotels are open and running in full blast with a good patronage.

The rostrum was tastefully decorated, the word "WELCOME" greeting each one from the center. The platform was occupied by members of the Board of Trustees, the Chairman and W. W. Hicks and Mrs. Maggie Waite.

The meeting was called to order by George H. Brooks, Chairman, who made a few opening remarks, after which he introduced the speaker of the afternoon.

The opening address was given by Moses Hull, who gave one of his characteristic addresses, brim full of logic that reaches the greater proportion of the people as we are all more or less imbued with the spirit of the Bible, gleaned through past environments.

tings for spirit portraits and paintings on slates, porcelain or canvas. D. B. Jimerson, the Indian medium will give seances for materialization and physical manifestations.

Test Mediums are F. Corden White, Mrs. C. Lewis Chase, Mrs. Kingsley Carpenter, Mrs. Enches, Mrs. Thompson, and others whose names are not known to us, while others will arrive within the next week. Probably one hundred mediums for all the different phases will be on the grounds within the next week.

Dr. Louis Freedman, the Australian Healer, is located on Melrose Park. Mrs. M. J. Crilly will arrive in a few days to spend the season.

N. H. Eddy, Astrologer, whose articles have appeared in *THE SUNFLOWER* during the past winter will be here the entire season.

Mrs. H. T. Stearns will give free instruction in Clairvoyant Development assisted by Mrs. M. J. Ramsdell. The classes will be held in Library Hall or the Octagon.

Miss H. H. Danforth will hold classes in Palmistry and give readings, both by Palmistry and Psychic Power. Harry Dalton will attend to his medicine business and give sittings and treatments.



Mrs. Pettingill's Cottage at Cassadaga Camp.

His principal effort was to show that all through the New Testament, there was a vein of Spiritualism, showing that primitive Christianity and Modern Spiritualism were similar, if not identically the same movement, only in different ages of the world.

The evening was occupied by a "Thought Exchange" in Library Hall. They will be in charge of Mr. Brooks and it is expected they will be well patronized this season.

There are a number of mediums for all phases now on the grounds. For Materialization there are Mrs. Effie Moss, Mrs. Miller-Wilcox, Winans & Normann, Mrs. M. J. Gillette, while Mrs. Bliss is expected.

Slate Writers are P. L. O. A. Keeler, Winans & Normann, Campbell Brothers Bangs Sisters, H. Pettibone.

Keeler and Pettibone will give seances for physical phenomena in the light, Campbell Brothers and Bangs Sisters will give light seances for type writing, paper writing and paintings, and private sit-

Sunday evening there will be a Graphophone entertainment in the Auditorium under the auspices of the Columbian Graphophone Co.

Tuesday evening, July 17, Mrs. Alfa Jahnke, daughter of Moses Hull, will give an elocutionary reading in Library Hall. Dr. Hicks will begin a series of classes on "The Philosophy of Life and Science of Breathing."

Mrs. Maggie Waite, who is to give platform tests the first two weeks of camp has arrived and is located at the Grand Hotel. She will give her first public test seance Sunday in the Auditorium.

Saturday morning opened bright and clear. The conference was well attended and a number of bright speeches made. The subject under discussion was: "Some of our experiences during the past year."

The Band arrived at 10:45 and will give their first concert this afternoon at 1:30 and will play for the opening dance this evening. As we go to press, Moses Hull is addressing the conference, and preparations are being made for Mrs. Watson's lecture at 2 p. m.



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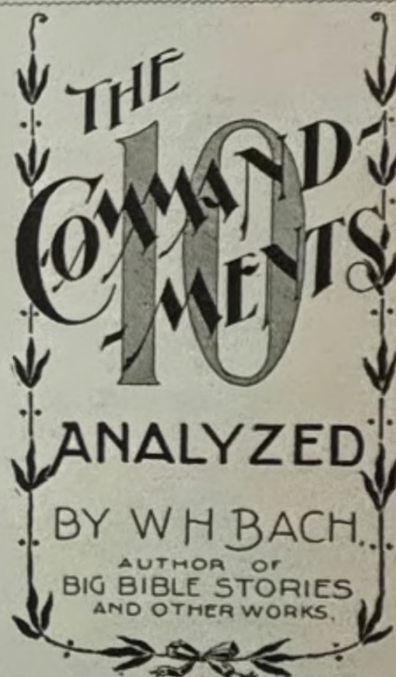
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Through Death to Life.

Passed to the higher life May 16. Mrs. Eunice McKenzie Banker at Clarkson, N. Y. Age 94 years. Four generations survive her. She was the mother of Mrs. Edwin Ross of Knowlesville, N. Y. The beginning of her last illness dated from last winter when she suffered a fracture of her hip. Owing to advanced age her otherwise strong constitution could not overcome the effect of the injury.

Mr. Charles Smith passed to higher life at the home of his daughter, in Buffalo, July 4. He had been a Spiritualist for many years, although raised into the faith of the Church of England. His dissolution was caused by general failure through old age.

The funeral services were conducted by W. H. Bach.

A Tribute to the Sunflower.

From a Friend.

There's a tale that's told of an Eastern clime,
Where the Lillies and Sunflowers grow;
'Tis a tale most rare,
Of a blossom fair
And a maiden all aglow.

For she stood on the banks of a river,
Way out on the Banks of the Nile,
For her lover fair
Would soon be there
And she waited him with a smile.

'Twas the Sun she greeted each morning bright,
'Twas the Sun she awaited there;
For his beams so bright,
As he shed his light,
Sent a welcome everywhere.

But the great God watched the maiden
As she watched by the river side,
And she sighed "Oh! me!
Can it ever be,
That 'Apollo' will make me his bride?"

But Apollo must go on his journey
In spite of the maiden's sighs;
So the God above,
In his boundless love,
Bid the maiden to arise.

But she watched and watched for her lover
As he came from the night's dark bower,
Then to her surprise,
When she tried to rise,
She'd been turned to the bright Sunflower.

Thus as constancy, truth and light,
An emblem, so true and so free,
She turned her eyes,
In glad surprise,
Where her lover she used to see.

There, just in the early morning,
She beheld his welcome light;
And she kept her gaze,
On the Sun's bright rays,
'Till he sank in the west at night.

From that to the days of the present,
The Sunflower bright has been,
An emblem most fair,
Of constancy rare,
That the world has ever seen.

Let us hope that the Modern Sunflower
That blossoms at Lily Dale,
Will prove as true
As the maiden to
Her lover, and never quail.

May its columns bright and newsy,
Be like the yellow leaves;
Like a halo bright,
May it shed its light,
As the message of life it breathes.

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Take your message dear,
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It will suffice to say that it is located at Lily Dale, N. Y., midway between Jamestown and Dunkirk, on the D., A. V. & P. R. R. Its session opens July 14 and continues until August 27. Among its platform talent can be found the best the country affords.

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MOUNT PLEASANT PARK

so located in the limits of the city of Clinton, Iowa, on a high bluff that overlooks the winding Mississippi. Its growth and development has been in keeping with the spirit of the West and it is continually improving. Its session opens July 29 and closes August 27. E. A. Kilby, Sec'y, Ottumwa, Iowa.

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In testimonial whereof we most earnestly recommend to the thousands suffering similarly or otherwise, you and your noble band of healers. And long may you remain on earth to aid and bless humanity. Most gratefully yours.

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Yours most sincerely, ALFRED JOHNSON.

Vincennes, Ia., Feb. 23, '99.

Dr. J. Swanson,

Dear Sir:- I have a very lame back. It is very hard for me to pick up any thing from the ground. Do you think you can cure it? Let me hear from you by return mail.

Yours Truly, L. E. JACOBSON.

Vincennes, Ia., March 13, '99

Dr. J. Swanson,

Dear Sir:- Received pads all right, and am nearly well. Think I will need no more at present. Thank you very much for what you have done for me; am glad I wrote to you.

Yours Truly, L. E. JACOBSON.

Browns Valley, Minn., Apr. 12, '98.

Dear Dr. Swanson:- Please send me some pads for the enclosed check. All sorts of evils have assailed me this spring, please make them good and strong. I have felt so well and strong the last four years, since I treated with you, until this spring, so back I come for treatment.

Yours Truly, PATTY C. TENNEY.

Stapleton, Staten Island, June 26.

Dr. Swanson, Dear Sir:- The description of my condition as given by you could not have been more accurately stated by myself. I now write for two weeks more treatment.

Sincerely Yours, J. M. HAZEN.

[Dr. J. Swanson's home and office are at 1728 Clinton Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. THE SUNFLOWER unhesitatingly indorses Dr. Swanson in all respects, as a gentleman and physician and a true medium. Ed.]



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VICKSBURG

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HASLETT PARK

opens August 1, closes September 5. G. F. Ottmar, President, Riley Mich.

FRANKLIN, NEBRASKA

opens July 21, closes August 6. D. L. Haines, Sec'y, Franklin, Neb.

NEBRASKA CAMP

opens July 14, closes July 25. For particulars address Paul S. Gillett, 411 N. 10 St. Omaha, Neb.

ISLAND PARK CAMP

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News at Lily Dale.

During the past month there has been one continual round of activity on the grounds and in the immediate vicinity. Many improvements of a permanent nature have been inaugurated and the preparations for receiving visitors to camp has taken much time and given employment to everyone on the grounds.

Among the decided improvements is a Band Stand that has been built near the Grand Hotel. It was built by private subscription and is something that has been needed for some time.

The road scraper has been placed in operation and the streets turnpiked, the walks made over and trimmed up, trees trimmed out and made presentable, the Association buildings painted, the settees repaired and painted, the electric lights put up and line repaired, water kept in the tank and, taking it all in all, the grounds present a very attractive appearance.

The flower beds in the parks have blossomed out and their bright colors blend with the grassy lawn and shady groves. There are a number of additions to the flower beds and individual plants this season. As usual, Mrs. Page has taken it upon herself to provide for the urns and a number of beds and individual plants in the park, as well as to have a fine display around the Skidmore Cottage. These are bright spots and her work in that direction should receive the appreciation it deserves. The Sunflower Pagoda has three beds in front of it, which it is hoped will prove attractive. Campbell Brothers have made a fine triangular bed at the entrance to Melrose Park; Mrs. Pettingill has trimmed and beautified her cottage and its surroundings.

Mediums have taken possession of nearly every cottage on Cottage Avenue and Melrose park, while others are scattered all over the grounds. Campbell Brothers are located in their own cottage to the left of the entrance. F. Corden White is at 3 Cottage Ave., Hatfield Pettibone at 4, C. W. Amerige and H. L. Jenkins and

Mrs. M. L. Gillette at 6, Keeler at 10 while W. L. Keeler is expected to have Mr. Rouse's cottage at the further end of the row.

Dr. Louis Freedman has Mrs. Huff's Cottage on Melrose Park, Winans & Norman, the Pond Cottage and the Bangs Sisters, Mrs. Smith's. Mrs. Carpenter is occupying her own on Cleveland Ave., Mrs. Chase has Mrs. Scheu's cottage cor. Cleveland & First Ave., Miss Danforth has the Lord cottage on Cleveland Ave. We are informed that Mrs. Wreidt has engaged rooms in Mrs. Olmstead's cottage opposite Library Hall, Mr. Dalton is at 6 Library Street.

Mrs. Barnsdale of Titusville, has bought the Lillie cottage.

Landlord Wilcox, of the South Park House has rented several cottages in which to lodge the guests of the house, there not being enough rooms in it to accommodate them.

There was a dance in Leolyn House's new barn June 14 and one in the Auditorium June 24.

The citizens of the Dale had a grand Fourth of July celebration at which there was an attendance estimated at from 1,200 to 1,500. Damon's Band furnished music, there was a series of events during the day and a dance and display of fireworks at night.

Never has the camp filled up more rapidly than has been the case this season. It is impossible for us to mention all who have arrived as it would fill THE SUNFLOWER to overflowing. A. B. Richmond has arrived and is engaged in arranging for his display of electrical and scientific apparatus that he has presented to the library. Mrs. Alice M. Jack has rented Mrs. Dederick's cottage and has a number of relatives as guests. Among them are Mrs. Mable Hazelton Jack and daughter of New York City.

Mrs. Bates of Cleveland, daughter of Mrs. Pettingill, is visiting at the Leolyn. Mr. and Mrs. Wildrick have been engaged at the Leolyn. Mr. W. has charged of the dining room. Dr. Willard has arrived and his cheery face is a welcome sight.

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The Fitchburg railroad has a station on the east side of the camp ground which is six miles from Greenfield, and about two miles from Miller's Falls.

No place can be found where so many advantages can be secured at such moderate expense. There are plenty of row boats on the lake, also a small steamer, while trout and other game fish can be found in the streams adjacent to the grounds and in the lake itself.

While educational features are the main ones at Lake Pleasant, the social features are not neglected and many gatherings of all classes can be found during the season and both before and after.

The platform talent is the best the country affords. A. H. Dailey, Miss Lizzie Harlow, Rev. F. E. Mason, Helen Temple Brigham, Carrie E. S. Twing, Prof. W. M. Lockwood, J. Clegg Wright, Mrs. Lease, Tillie U. Reynolds, John Slater and Mrs. May S. Pepper have been engaged for dates during the season.

The Lake Pleasant Hotel is owned by the Association. Mr. S. B. Harvey, of Boston will be in charge. Rates will be from \$2.00 to \$7.00 per week for rooms, table board \$5.00 per week.

Dances will be held in the pavilion, several concerts and entertainments have been arranged for, the Children's Lyceum will meet regularly, the Ladies Improvement Society will hold a fair August 14, 15 and 16. Lectures upon practical photography will be given August 7, 9, 15 and 19, by a practical photographer.

Mediums for all phases of the phenomena will be present and will give private sittings and seances. A display of fireworks will be given on the bluff opposite the grounds. A grand illumination of the camp grounds will be made August 19, on which occasion every cottage owner is requested to illuminate his cottage and assist in making it a grand occasion. The instrumental music will be furnished by the Stratton Operatic Orchestra and the vocal by the Ladies' Schubert Quartette, of Boston.

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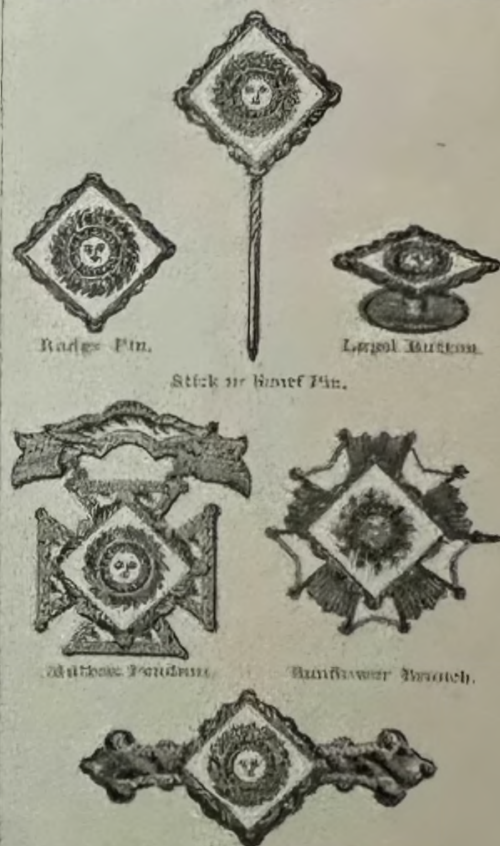
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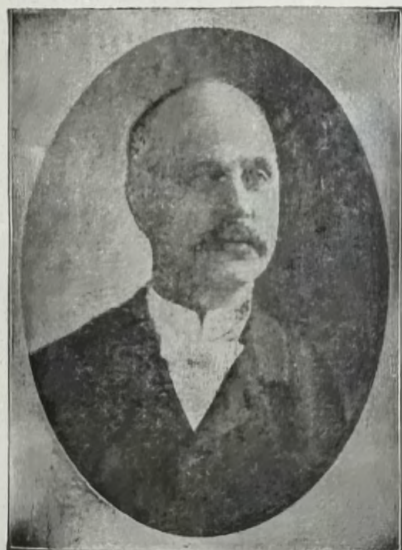
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On the evening of June 12 I sat with the Campbell Brothers of Lily Dale to see if I could receive a portrait for a Mrs. Sackett, of Springfield, Mass. who could not possibly come to Lily Dale, owing to her ill health. Before I left Springfield for Lily Dale, Mrs. Sackett gave me a pair of gloves that had been worn by her deceased daughter while on earth, and whose portrait she desired; she also gave me a sealed letter which was not opened until after the portrait was received, I, myself, opening said letter.

I thoroughly examined the canvas and magnetized it myself. The elder Mr. Campbell pinned the gloves upon the canvas, which never left our sight. I should here mention a strange circumstance in regard to the gloves. After having sat a short time we noticed a peculiar and bright light emanating from the gloves and they seemed to rise from the canvas again and again. We then noticed a faint outline of the face and gradually it grew fuller and fuller; another strange thing we noticed was bright flashes of light darting across the canvas that played more fully about the forehead than any other part. I know it was impossible that any artificial light could have been introduced while I sat with Mr. Campbell, holding his hands and facing the canvas, in a lighted room.

A wonderful and convincing test here occurred. The Spirit, speaking through the guide, Alice, gave her name in full, which was unknown to any of us, and said her favorite flowers were roses, and desired some roses to be placed near the canvas, which was done. While we were sitting there we saw the perfect resemblance of the roses come on the bosom and in the hair of the Spirit portrait. I should state they were perfect fac similes of the roses we had placed near the canvas.

She said she would, to please her mother, have some lace painted over her shoulders like she had made before she passed away, and it would be recognized by her mother. She also said her mother had the lace she had made over a picture at home.

There were many other tests given which we knew nothing of at the time; but after writing Mrs. Sackett she informed me that the roses, the lace and the names given were perfectly correct. Another strange thing among the many tests given was, the guide, Alice, spoke of a cat, described it perfectly and kept telling the cat, which she called Pussy, not to get too near the canvas; she also asked one she called Louie to take the cat away. I have since learned from Mrs. Sackett that the description of the cat was perfect and it was the favorite cat of her deceased daughter. The name Louie is the name of a gentleman the deceased was engaged to; he too has passed away. All these facts were unknown to any of us until I had written mentioning them to Mrs. Sackett and which facts were all confirmed by her.

The portrait is in oils and perfect, the coloring exquisite; it was some days before it was dry enough to handle with safety; the accompanying half tone is an exact copy photographed from the portrait.

It is well to state the canvas, the roses, the jar of paint, the gloves and letter were all the articles used to procure the portrait, and it is with pleasure I write and give this testimony for the cause of our great truth.

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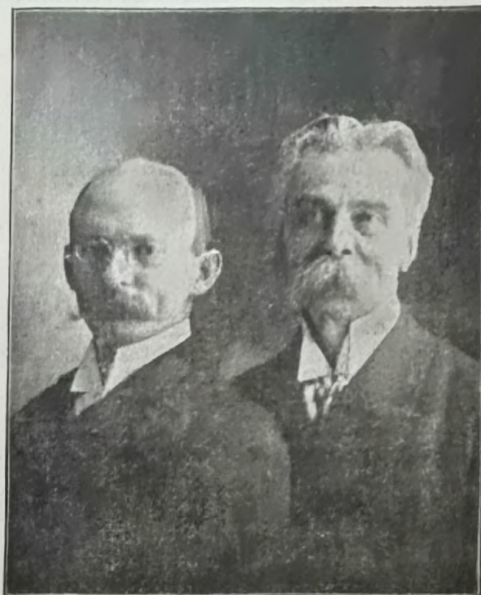
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W. J. Colville will speak in Casino Hall, Philadelphia, July 16, 23, 30.

John W. Ring has been doing a good work in Texas. The people of Galveston speak very highly of him.

F. N. Foster, Spirit Photographer, will spend the season at Lake Pleasant camp. He is permanently located at 305 Tompkins Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Edgar W. Emerson will be at Ocean Grove Camp, Harwichport, Mass., July 16, Lake Pleasant, July 29 to August 8. His Boston office will be closed until fall. Permanent address, 136 Bridge Street, Manchester, N. H.

Will C. Hodge had a very successful engagement at Marshalltown, Iowa. The people of Marshalltown are making extensive arrangements for their camp-meeting which convenes September 3-18. Particulars can be obtained of Miss Mabel Dewey or John D. Vail.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Perkins close their work in Dubuque, Iowa, for the summer months which they will spend in Chicago. They will return to Dubuque in the fall and will make an effort to secure a lot and build a temple. The *Dubuque Herald* speaks very highly of their work.

Prof. W. M. Lockwood had a very successful visit to Cleveland, Ohio. The press gave him good notices and the *Suggester* and *Thinker* devotes quite a little space to a commendatory notice of his lectures. Plain, practical Spiritualism, with phenomena to demonstrate its claims, produced under proper conditions, will win in the long run. That is the point we are aiming at.

"Spiritualism is on the upward move. We are beginning to get rid of many who were a reproach to the cause. Bishop Garrison, of California, has hired himself out to the church people to explain how he swindled people as a 'fake medium.' Spiritualism is to be congratulated on having got rid of him."

—Dawning Light.

T. D. Kayner writes: "Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner has just returned from a very successful engagement with the camp association at Watertown, N. Y. Her first test was witnessed by one of the largest audiences of the entire season, and some of the leading men of the city acted as a committee, and when the demonstration was over they reported to the audience that everything was 'honest and above board,' that 'they could not understand it.' The test with a celluloid collar was one of the most satisfactory ever given. She will remain at home for one week



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for a brief rest, when she will take the trail for Briggs Park Camp, Grand Rapids, Mich. While on a trip to Burr Oak, Mich., a few weeks ago, we were successful in getting a society with twenty members organized, and the application and money have gone to the Michigan State Association for a charter. We bid them God speed in their work of spreading the truth by means of lectures, circles and the circulation of our literature. May they have grand success. We are now in correspondence with some of the camps of the west, and ere many moons may be on our way toward the Rockies. Mrs. Kayner says that while at Watertown she was most hospitably entertained by the friends, and that for a new, young camp it was one of the most successfully managed camps she ever attended. The one thing lacking was, there was not a Spiritualist paper on the ground for distribution or the soliciting of subscribers."

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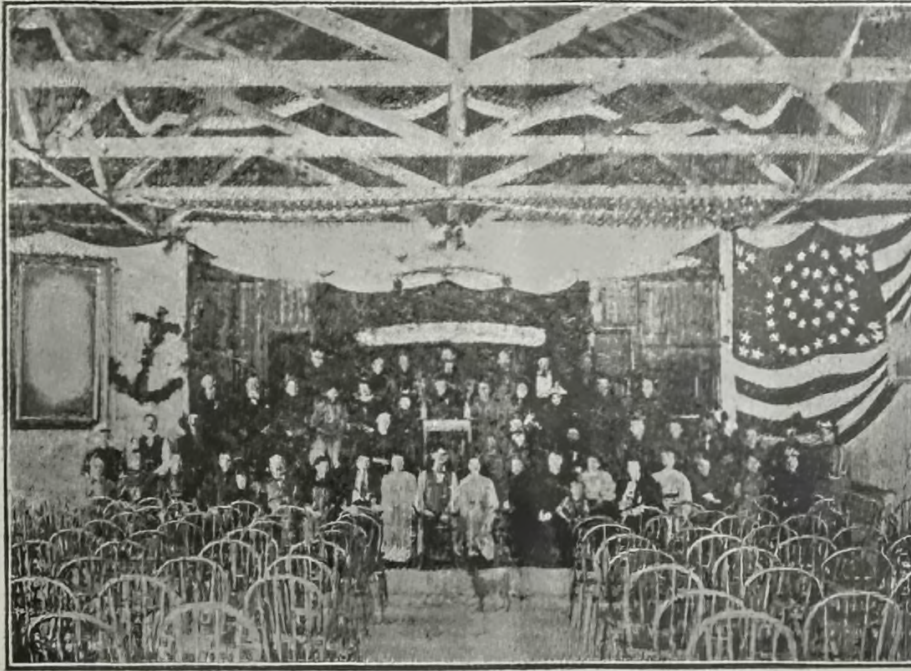
The conversations which I am getting daily with my friends are undisputable and grand; they may not be convincing to others, but to me they are entirely beyond any doubt. I do not have to rely upon anyone but myself. I have had communications from friends who were members of the same church I was who have expressed themselves as being very much pleased that I had left the old dogmas and came out a full fledged Spiritualist.

They tell me that a person who is not a church member is better off than one who is, if they live as good a life here on earth, for it does not take them so long to realize the position they find themselves in when they pass over. As they have not got their minds made up to meet a personal God upon a throne ready to judge them and send them to their respective places, they are ready to accept what comes and begin to rise and do good to themselves and others.

It is strange that people are so unwilling to accept the truth when it will do them so much good. If they would, it is such a comfort to know that our friends who have passed away are not lost or gone away but are nearer than they were before.

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Island Lake Camp.

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These grounds were selected by "The Island Lake Association" (an incorporated body) for a summer resort and Spiritual Camp meeting, and has met with success far beyond their expectations.

"Camp Eaton," where our Michigan regiments qualified for the Spanish-American war, will be practically deserted this year, unless some unforeseen turn of the wheel of fate, should otherwise decree.

Camp Eaton lies on one side of Island Lake and The Island Lake Camp Grounds on the opposite shore. While the utmost harmony existed between the two camps, yet by the widest stretch of consistency one can hardly combine the two, "war and rumors of war," with "Peace on Earth, good will to Men." It is a deplorable fact, that in this instance the war spirit prevailed during the season of 1898, but the indications now are for a spiritual camp.

Island Lake, from which the camp derives its name, is a body of pure limpid water,

dotted with two Islands which are certainly ideals to an artist's eye. The gravelly bottom of the lake can be seen far from shore as also can the fish that glide so tranquilly beneath their glass-like covering.

As I sit writing, I hear the hubbub consequent upon the return of a fishing party and knowing the "signs" of victory I hazard a few questions and receive the following explanation: "A large pike was seen calmly meandering round, and many were the baited hooks lowered to lure the scaly beauty to his doom, but all for naught until a lady more persistent than the rest, succeeded in landing the prize which, when weighed, tipped the scales at four pounds." This is only one of many such experiences at Island Lake.

At present the management is painting and cleaning up in general, eager to have everything in readiness for opening of the camp July 16.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Parker of Flint have been looking after the interests of the hotel during the last month and will continue to do so, until July 14 when they will transfer their interest from hotel to the store, which the management will maintain for the welfare of campers. Mrs. E. A. Wells of Ypsilanti Mich. will succeed them in the hotel. This estimable lady has had years of experience in this line and visitors may be sure of being well taken care of. A bath house has been added to the grounds and proved a source of great satisfaction to the patrons last season. The indications are that the season of 1899 at Island Lake will exceed any preceding season.

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A PROBLEM FOR ASTROLOGERS.

IN William Canby Ferris' letter in a recent issue of THE SUNFLOWER, occurs this statement: "Today March 20, 1899 at 7:52 p. m. the Sun entered Aries." That is just the point I want explained; for if I understand the matter at 7:52 on March 20 last, the Sun was within just 41° of leaving Aries, and did leave that sign about two days, three hours and four minutes afterward, March 22, 10:56 p. m.

About 220 B. C. the Sun entered Aries March 20 or 21 but on account of the precession of the equinox it has been falling back in its orbit at the rate of one degree in every 71.6 years (71 years 7 months) bringing us on the 20 of last March within 41° of passing out of that sign and into the sign of Pisces; and, in 48 years more, we will fall entirely through the sign of Aries into the sign of Pisces on the 20 of March.

Before proceeding farther I will say I am not a disbeliever in Astrology, nor can I say I am fully convinced in the art or science, if you will, as interpreted. But all the figuring I have seen upon it, proceeds upon the hypothesis that the Sun holds the same relation to the signs that it did 2120 years ago, so that it seems to me really that the seasons of the year have more to do with the casting of horoscopes than the signs of the heavens.

About ten years ago, before Astrologers were so numerous as they now are, Prof. Gould of Boston cast my horoscope for me. I believe he hit my case very well, but unfortunately, I took no notes, and remember only a few statements. One was, that after reaching the age of sixty years I was to have a serious spell of sickness, but should recover. Well I did have a severe spell of sickness from which my recovery seems almost a miracle, but that did not occur until last November and I was 66 April 16 this year. It seemed to me this was almost six years late and I am doubtful whether to give the credit to Astrology. It is true the exact date was not named, but is not six years quite a latitude?

While on the subject, I will say I am quite certain that we are related sympathetically to every star in the Universe. I believe that a disturbance on the most insignificant planet in the remote part of our system, reacts upon its Sun and from there to all stars and their planets as the upheaval of an island in the sea will send out tidal waves to the farthest shore.

About December the earth and several of our planets will be in the same constellation, Gemini, which in my mind will not only effect sensitives, but our whole planet. I cannot tell what it will be, but I shall expect great disturbances, in the earth, in the atmosphere, among nations and among people in the way of jealousy. While this is co-ordinated in my mind, yet there is such a connection in the solar system, that it seems a natural conclusion to me.

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SEASON OF 1894.

The June Picnic for 1894 was held the 8, 9 and 10, the speakers being Carrie E. S. Twing, Lyman C. Howe and Mrs. R. S. Lillie.

The camp session opened July 20 and closed September 2, the following speakers being in attendance: J. Frank Baxter, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Rev. A. M. Houghton, J. B. H. Jackson, J. Clegg Wright, L. V. Moulton, Rev. W. W. Hicks, W. J. Hull, Helen M. Gougar, C. L. V. Richmond, A. B. French, Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, Mrs. H. S. Lake, Lyman C. Howe, Virchard R. Gandhi, W. J. Colville, and A. B. Richmond.

The annual meeting was held August 20, the same Board being re-elected. The receipts were, \$12,751.70.

SEASON OF 1895.

The June picnic was held the 14, 15 and 16 the speakers being Mrs. R. S. Lillie, Mrs. Clara Watson and Lyman C. Howe.

The camp session opened July 13 and closed September 1, the following speakers being in attendance: Carrie E. S. Twing, Lyman C. Howe, Jennie B. Jackson, L. V. Moulton, Rev. Henry Frank, Rev. H. O. Sommers, Mrs. C. M. Nickerson, Ida P. A. Whitlock, Mrs. H. S. Lake, Mrs. Cora Richmond, J. Clegg Wright, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Rev. Ida Hulton, Thomas Grimshaw, W. J. Colville, W. M. Lockwood, Mrs. A. D. Le Pongeon, Rev. W. W. Hicks, Mrs. R. S. Lillie and A. B. Richmond.

The camp of 1894 is memorable from the fact that it introduced Oriental Thought to the people. Virchard R. Gandhi, a representative of the Jain Community, of India, spent the entire season on the grounds. He held classes, which were well attended, taught the Oriental Lore, and gave an entirely new impression of the Orient, whom Western Nations have been disposed to call "heathens" and send missionaries to. The custom then introduced has been followed and each season some Orientalist has been employed.

The annual meeting was held August 19, Mrs. Marion H. Skidmore having passed to spirit life, she was succeeded on the Board by Dr. E. C. Hyde. The receipts were

The June picnic for 1896 was held the 12, 13 and 14 the speakers being Mrs. E. L. Watson and Mrs. R. S. Lillie.

The camp session opened July 11 and closed August 23, the following speakers being in attendance: Robert G. Ingersoll, Mrs. A. E. Sheets, Thomas Grimshaw, Mrs. Twing, Mrs. B. L. Watson, George A. Fuller, Mrs. H. S. Lake, Rev. Anna Shaw, Lyman C. Howe, Cora L. V. Richmond, L. V. Moulton, Rev. S. Well, J. Clegg Wright, Prof. W. M. Lockwood, Rev. W. W. Hicks, Mrs. C. D. Greenmeyer, Jennie H. Jackson, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, and A. B. Richmond.

The June picnic for 1897 was held the 11, 12 and 13 the speakers being Moses Hull and Inez H. Agnew.

The camp session opened July 16 and closed August 29, the following speakers were in attendance: A. B. Richmond, Rev. E. L. Rexford, W. W. Hicks, W. C. Hodge, Frances Edgar Mason, Mary E. Lease, Mrs. Cora Richmond, L. V. Moulton, Thomas Grimshaw, May Wright Sewell, J. Clegg Wright, A. H. Dharmapala, Lyman C. Howe, Jennie B. Jackson, Carrie E. S. Twing, and Mrs. A. E. Sheets.

The June picnic for 1898 was held the 17, 18 and 19 the speakers being E. W. Sprague and Mrs. E. L. Watson.

The camp session opened July 15 and closed August 28, the following speakers being in attendance: Mrs. E. L. Watson, Mrs. Jackson, Lyman C. Howe, Mrs. Mary B. Lease, Moses Hull, J. Clegg Wright, Prof. W. M. Lockwood, F. E. Titus, Mrs. Richmond, E. L. Rexford, E. W. Wallis, W. J. Hull, Mrs. Carrie Twing, A. B. Richmond, Rev. W. W. Hicks, and Mrs. B. J. Harnett.

The June picnic for 1899 was held the 9, 10 and 11 the speakers being Lyman C. Howe, Mrs. Carrie Twing, Mrs. S. Augusta Armstrong and W. W. Hicks.

As this paper goes to press the arrangements for the camp of 1899 are rapidly being completed. The following speakers have been announced: Moses Hull, Mrs. Clara Watson, Mrs. Twing, W. W. Hicks, J. Clegg Wright, Mary E. Lease, Mrs. Harnett, Lyman C. Howe, Charles Whedon, Swami Abhendanda, W. M. Lockwood, Cora L. V. Richmond, J. C. F. Grumbine, Anna L. Gillespie, Hon. E. D. Stark, A. B. Richmond and Rev. Morgan Wood.

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CAP'T. E. W. GOULD.

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Another party, or faction, claim there has never been an organization of Spiritualists, scientifically considered, and hence, the N. S. A. is a failure and will never succeed, for the lack of harmony and other natural results.

Another party oppose organization in any form and another contend there is no need of a National Organization; that State and Local Organizations are sufficient, that they can do all the National proposes to do and save a large outlay.

As this convention is supposed to be a kind of compromise convention, or new departure, it remains to be seen whether these dissatisfied parties will come to the convention and make an effort to introduce their theories, or whether they will stand aloof and continue their criticisms as heretofore. I am satisfied the N. S. A. is disposed to accept any practical alterations or amendments to its constitution and by-laws and to do anything in reason to create harmony and to advance the interest of the National Association.

But the tried and fast friends of the N. S. A. should not fail to be present at the convention to see that nothing is done to interfere with the well being and usefulness of the organization.

One of the important duties devolving upon this convention will be to select and elect a competent Board of Trustees. Future success of the organization depends largely upon this new Board.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion, that if possible, a new Board should be elected, not from the inefficiency of the old Board, but to satisfy the dissatisfaction that it has not been from failure of the Trustees to do their whole duty that the N. S. A. has been less successful than some have claimed it ought to have been.

If that is true in any degree, it is attributable to several unavoidable causes. The principal one and I believe the only one, has been the lack of money.

I do not propose to occupy your columns with the discussion of the subject all are so familiar with, viz., that of finance.

In good time I am quite sure we shall hear from THE SUNFLOWER on the subject of the next National Convention.

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