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Spiritualism Ancient and Modern.

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"The Grand Reality," "A Rational
Faith," Etc.

SPIRITUALISM is popularly but erroneously viewed as a religion, whereas, it is the higher branch of science. It is on its phenomena that all the various systems of religion have been founded, for without these phenomena mankind has had no rational evidence of a future life. If spiritual phenomena are merely imaginary and delusive, as materialists assert, then religion is but a solemn farce, and as said of old: "let us eat and drink for to-morrow we shall die."

Spiritualism, or psychic science, it is true, has a philosophic or religious phase. It is the science of life here and hereafter and is a complete induction since it harmonizes with every fact in Nature. As a writer has truly observed: "Science is knowledge based on demonstration, and such knowledge afterwards systematized. As physical science deals with material phenomena, so Spiritualism, or psychic science, deals with spiritual phenomena. Through the facts deduced by physical science, philosophers have proceeded to speculate in regard to the cosmos, the origin and destiny of man. From the facts demonstrated by the phenomena of psychic science the higher philosophy is deduced—that is predicated upon the knowledge of what the cosmos is—from whence man came and what his destiny will be."

Spiritual phenomena scientifically demonstrate that the individual survives the change called death, that he is the same conscious personality after as he was before that change, though living under different conditions to those of mundane existence; that he retains, for a longer or shorter time, the same weaknesses, the same tendencies, the same mentality as when he was on the earth plane; and that he enters spirit life with all his prejudices, preconceived ideas and peculiar views consciously in mind.

The consequence of this is the various systems of religion which exist on earth are represented in the spiritual world. There the Roman Catholics are as observant of their old Pagan forms and ceremonies as they were when upon earth and there the Methodists sing their sanguinary hymns with as much fervor as they did when on the mundane stage of life.

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— Light on the Hills. —

Frank L. Stanton.

Dying, they lifted his curly head,
And he looked to the east, and smilingly said
"It's light on the hills,"
And he went away in the morning bright,
With that last sweet, soothing word in his heart,
Which that last sweet, soothing word in his heart,
Do ends the sighing, do ends the woe.

And I think that death's soft breath
Was kind to him, and I'm glad with death
For that light on the hills
Back of it—back of it—gloaming the night,
Dark and lonely, but all was light,
When his lips were laid in the silence long,
So ends the sighing, do ends the woe.

If I remember his light, bright eyes
With the pang at the heart, with the falling of tears,
There's light on the hills,
But he sleeps beneath, and the light's above,
And something is lost to the world in dust,
And heaven knows this, but it does no wrong,
So ends the sighing, do ends the woe.

"There's light on the hills," do we sing—do we say,
When God sends his angel to kiss it away.

There's light on the hills,
And we kneel in the darkness and say that we try,
When heaven's not as clear as our life in the dust,
As the love that it wraps—that it keeps from us long,
So ends the sighing, do ends the woe.

The Cause in England.

By ALFRED KITSON,

Secretary of the British Lyceum Union.

THE beautiful illustrated number of THE SUNFLOWER, of June 15, duly to hand. Allow me, Mr. Editor, to congratulate you on such an excellent issue as the "Cassadaga Camp" edition, conveying such a charming impression of Cassadaga Camp, its grounds, and accommodations which should inspire intending visitors with confidence and so tend to make the season a big success.

Since writing you last two very important events have taken place, which, as they effect the cause for weal or woe, are entitled to be noticed here.

The first of these is the 10 Annual Conference of the Spiritual National Federation which was held at Blackpool, the Queen of watering places, on the 1 and 2 of July. Perhaps the attractions of the town tended to make the attendance a record one. The Credential Committee reported as follows: Representatives present, members of the Executive Board 15; Delegates 66; Associates 89; one auditor and five American visitors. Total 170.

The American visitors who honored the Conference with their presence were Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader and her venerable father, Mr. B. B. Hill; Dr. Harlow Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grimshaw.

The President, J. J. Morse, editor of the *Lyceum Banner* extended a cordial welcome to the illustrious visitors on behalf of the British Spiritualists in his inimitable genial manner. They were loudly applauded on taking their seats.

The presidential address offered much food for thought and action, as lessons upon lessons were drawn from past labors and their results, a forecast of future work was lined with graphic distinctness. Referring to the Children's Cause he said among the good things:

"The Lyceum question is to come before you in a resolution from this Church and a most important matter it is. Our Lyceums are the training grounds of our cause and our children need all the care and fostering that the parent Societies can bestow upon them. It is inconceivable almost that societies stand aloof from all encouragement to this work and that at times they actually interfere with it. It is said, in the way of such labor being started. It is to be hoped that something will be done, even if it is only to appoint a deputation to meet and confer with the Executive of the B. S. L. U. and report at the next conference of this body."

A motto embodying the above suggestion

tion was subsequently adopted. It is to be sincerely hoped the result will be a just and equitable basis of agreement.

It was also decided to adopt the plan of the Lyceum Union, viz.: for the Executive to arrange with various centers to hold propaganda meetings on the Sundays and devote Saturday evenings to business. The collections being in aid of the General Fund. This plan will have the double effect of helping societies and earning a portion of the expenses.

Your correspondent was again honored by being elected a member of the Executive Board for the fifth term of two years.

Our esteemed president of the Lyceum Union, J. J. Morse, was re-elected President; he will thus have the honor of presiding over the deliberations of both bodies.

Mrs. Cadwallader addressed the evening meeting which was held in the large Empire Theatre where between 1,500 and 2,000 persons were assembled. Her appearance with the symbols of the Union in her hand, the national flags of England and America was the signal for loud applause. She referred to the Peace Conference at the Hague where she had been staying; she said the delegates there were building for the future and Spiritualists too, were building for the future. The result of their deliberations on that occasion would have its effect upon ages to come; how important then that they should build wisely and well.

The second item of interest has reference to a section of the Lyceum movement in the form of an Annual Demonstration of the Manchester and District Lyceums. These were inaugurated in 1893 when a number of Lyceums marched through the principal streets of Manchester to Alexandra Park where they went through their various marching evolutions and calisthenics before thousands of spectators.

This has been continued without a break as per list: 1894, Coopers Square, Royton; 1895, Peel Park, Salford; 1896, Hollywood Park, Stockport; 1897, Market Square, Ashton-under-Lyne; 1898, Ardwick Green Park, Manchester; and this year on July 9, the Fair Ground, Bury.

Seven Lyceums came by train and tram to join in the Demonstration on Saturday last. Two brass bands were specially engaged, one to head the procession and the other to bring up the rear. Each Lyceum was headed by its own silk banner beautifully illustrated by spirits protecting children in various scenes of danger. A number of girls were dressed in white wearing festoons of flowers and carrying bouquets in their hands, reminding one of spirit visitants.

The procession was an imposing sight as its thousand and odd members marched to the lively strains of music. Thousands of spectators lined the route eager to witness such an unusual sight.

An excellent tea was subsequently served to all, the children having precedence in the large co-operative hall where an after meeting was held at which the Secretary of the Demonstration, J. B. Longstaff, was presented by our good Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, past president of the Lyceum Union, with a silver Jubilee Medal. I learned that an illuminated address is also in preparation for the same worthy gentleman in recognition of his past services.

Robert G. Ingersoll; HIS VIEWS REGARDING BELIEF IN GOD.

(Copied from an Autograph Letter.)

New York,

April 23, 1890.

Mrs. Edward H. Chase,
2027 Fifth Ave.

My Dear Madam:

I think you have stated the proposition with clearness. Each mind must decide according to what seems reasonable or with the necessities of itself. One mind may reach the conclusion that the universe has existed from eternity and will eternally exist. Another mind is so constituted that it says matter has been created and that back of matter is an eternally wise and infinite intelligence.

In other words—each mind will accept that which is the most reasonable, or rather that which is the least unreasonable; and each mind must decide that for itself.

Your mind is so that you postulate an infinite intelligence back of the universe; and my mind is so that I postulate the eternity of matter and of force. Now you believing in God—or at least accepting that theory as the least unreasonable—hope for another life and your heart is satisfied only by thinking that other life to be good. I find no fault with anyone who prophesies good for the human race—no fault with anyone who believes in a good, generous and merciful God—no fault with anyone who hopes that all the human race will be eternally happy. I find fault with those who worship a tyrannical God, and who believe that millions of the human race are to suffer eternal torment.

If from pulpits came the words of love and hope, certainly they would not find an opponent in me.

Yours Truly, R. G. INGERSOLL.

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Mrs. S. A. R. Van Blarcom.

A light has gone over the border,
Brave Ingersoll goes to his home,
His heaven and God set in order,
In nature's bright fields he will roam.
Come back, you old lover, you soldier,
Come back to your friends in this land,
Come back to your wife and your children,
Come back in your spirit and stand.
We cannot give up your kind humor,
We will not now bid you adieu,
And time shall but scatter the ashes
In memory's urn for you.
The seed has been sown by your valor,
Majestic and simple and grand,
And rooted, deep rooted, the harvest
Through the length and breadth of the land.
Oh, hiel with the gait of a giant,
That thunders with cannon and guns,
You know in the glorious presence,
The light that shines down from the sun.
And cycling the paths of the ages,
Where heroes their victories won,
See! Ingersoll's name gilds the pages,
In the land of our own Washington.
Oh, people! wake up to the rescue
From ignorance, crime and despair,
Each heart-beat will make for the future,
Each feeling and thought is our care.
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News at Lily Dale Camp.

There have been many pleasant gatherings at Cassadaga Camp this season. It is the custom to give receptions to the speakers and mediums occasionally and those of this season have been particularly interesting.

The first one was to Moses and Mattie Hull. The auditorium was used for the purpose and after a hand to hand greeting the meeting was called to order and remarks made by a number of speakers.

Mrs. Alfa Jabuke, Moses Hull's daughter, gave a very interesting literary entertainment, assisted by others on the grounds.

Receptions have been tendered to Mrs. Clara Watson, Mrs. Maggie Waite, J. Clegg Wright, in fact, all have been remembered in some public way. This is one of the beautiful customs of this camp.

One of the interesting features is the series of meetings held Sunday evenings for the benefit of the library. The different speakers and mediums take part, a small admission is charged, and the proceeds go to the library fund.

Monday, August 14, the conference was held in the afternoon. By a subterfuge Mr. George H. Brooks was called from the platform and Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond was selected to preside for the time being. She announced that a surprise had been planned for Mr. Brooks, and it was desired that at a meeting to be held in the evening, a purse should be presented to him from the campers as a token of appreciation. The meeting took it up with a royal spirit and in a few minutes a substantial purse was raised. The thought exchange, which had been planned for the Library Hall was changed to the Auditorium and after preliminaries, our worthy chairman was presented with a substantial token of the appreciation of the people whom he has presided over for the past four years.

Laymen cannot appreciate the emotions of our public workers under such conditions. They must go out into the world, take the rebuffs that come to the Spiritualistic workers and feel the pangs and worryment of small pay, long, hard trips, "boarding round," poor appreciation and the sneer and jeers of the average person of the world, then, and then only, will they appreciate the sacrifices their public workers are making for the cause they espouse.

Miss Myra Lutes sold a beautiful piece of art needle work, of her own construction for \$24. It was a beautiful production.

Amusements at camp have been well patronized. Of course, the first thing to be considered is the band. Mr. Nichols, the leader of the Northwestern Orchestra has spared no pains to furnish a superior class of music this summer and has succeeded to the satisfaction of the people. The band has not been obliged to work under the disadvantages of former years, as the Band Stand erected this spring by private subscription, has given them a suitable place to make themselves heard.

Sundays the entire band, twenty-two in number, are with us, and the visitors at Lily Dale have enjoyed it to the utmost.

The dances have been better attended than for years past. Mrs. Sperra and

Captain Fred Spencer make every effort to introduce and keep the attendants dancing and universal praise follows their efforts. When from eighty to ninety dance tickets are sold at regular dances, it looks as though Lily Dale dances were regaining their old-time popularity.

Many entertainments have been given. With but one exception they have been well attended. The coming attraction in that line is the engagement of **HOLBY'S TRANS-CONTINENTAL MINSTREL STARS.**

Thursday evening, August 17th. H. W. Holby is "bones" and general manager. This company usually makes the "hit of the season." The present engagement will be no exception and "you will miss it, if you miss it." Another thing should be borne in mind is, the Association receives a percentage of the receipts and each attendant helps that much toward defraying the expenses of the meeting.

The hotels have had a remarkable patronage. They have all had to turn guests away on account of not having rooms enough to accommodate them which is quite an item. Rooms have been in good demand and the restaurants and hotels as well as the bakeries have been called upon to serve many meals to those who are around the grounds.

The Leolyn Hotel has had the Lake City Band, of Dunkirk each Sunday and it has added no little amount to the attractions of the place. All of the improvements and attractions of the vicinity are additions to Lily Dale, and in the near future we look for a more extended patronage than has ever before been given this resort.

The guests at the Grand Hotel have enjoyed the band concerts while at meals. Sundays, the band stand being near the hotel and arrangements having been made to have the band play during the dinner hour.

Two weeks of Camp yet remain and some are coming and going all the time. Among the recent visitors is H. C. Sessions, of Courtland, N. Y., who was one of the earliest workers on the grounds, having, with Dr. Carter, collected the fees at the earliest meetings. By some inadvertence, this fact was left out of our historical record and we are pleased to have an opportunity of correcting the oversight.

Both THE SUNFLOWER and The Cassadagan have added many names to their subscription list. The addition of Lyman C. Howe to the Editorial Staff of The Cassadagan has added to the interest in that publication and the change in THE SUNFLOWER from a monthly to a twice-a-month has induced a number to take it as one of the standard papers. We hope another year to be able to make it a weekly.

We have recently purchased a Cottage on South Street, facing Caldwell Park, that will be remodeled and arranged as a complete printing office in which we will print THE SUNFLOWER and also be prepared to publish and circulate all classes of Spiritualistic and Freethought literature.

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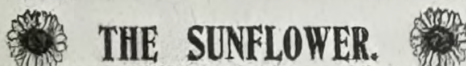
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HISTORY OF SPIRITUALISM.

FOR some time past there has been a call for a more complete History of Spiritualism than has heretofore been produced. That such a work should be produced before the older generation of workers have passed away, no one can question for a moment. Article after article has been written on the subject but the prime factor in the matter—CASH—has not been considered.

The principal matter that seems to attract the attention of the people is "who is the proper person to write it?" never for a moment raising the greater question, "How is the writer to be compensated for his labors?"

In our opinion, no one person should write it. The history should be written by the older workers and a compiler should be chosen who will gather the matter, put it into proper shape, and without favoritism, present a true account of the rise and development of the movement. Such a book would be a most valuable production.

But who is to produce it? How is the individual to be provided with the necessary funds to gather material together and be paid for his or her time while it is being compiled?

These are the prime questions. A compiler can be readily found if the way is made for meeting the expenses.

Lyman C. Howe seems to be the popular choice for the compiler. No more suitable selection could be made. He was one of the earliest workers, one who took an active interest in the development of many of the prominent places of meeting, who attended, in the capacity of speaker, many of the early, as well as later meetings.

Such a work could not be sold for less than \$2.00 per volume and it might be more than that. But if 1,500 or 2,000 people would agree to take the books as soon as published and advance \$1.00 of the sum, Brother Howe could go to work and in due time a book could be produced.

By all means let us have this history but let each one of us aid its production. Do not expect some one else to do it all.

An old darkey was asked about the efficacy of prayer. He replied: "When I prays de Lord to send dis niggah a chicken, de matter is mos' gen'ly not 'tended to; but when I prays de Lord to send dis niggah after a chicken, de matter is tended to 'fore sun up nex' mornin'."

So if we pray Brother Howe, or any one else for that matter, to furnish us a history, the matter will probably be neglected. If we send ourselves to help it, it will receive the necessary attention. Will you aid it, reader?

N. S. A. CONVENTION.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the National Spiritualist Association of the United States of America and Canada will be held at Chicago, Ill.—Hall, America Auditorium, 77 and 79 Thirty-first Street. Business sessions October 17, 18, 19, 20, at 10 a. m., 2 p. m.

Important business of interest to every Spiritualist will be presented for action before these gatherings.

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A large number of the most gifted Lecturers and Mediums will be present and participate in these exercises, among whom may be mentioned Prof. Lockwood, Moses Hull, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, Mrs. Addie L. Ballou—one of the most prominent speakers of former times, and still noted for her eloquence and fearless advocacy of truth, upon the Pacific Coast—A. E. Tisdale, Maggie Gaule, etc. It is expected that E. K. Earle, the prominent and wonderful California platform medium, will be present, while other speakers and mediums of the highest rank are making their arrangements to attend. Further announcements will be made in the Spiritual papers.

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HARRISON D. BARRETT, Pres.
MARY T. LONGLEY, Sec'y.

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Camp Meetings.

SO far as reports have come to us the Spiritualist Camp Meetings have met with great success, the attendance being more than past years.

ONSET BAY

presents many attractions and has had large attendances. Very successful meetings and seances are reported and taking it all in all, the prospects are for a more successful season in all directions than it has had recently.

Very high euceniums are given the speakers of the season and the wether is reported the finest for camping that could be desired.

LAKE SUNAPEE, N. H.

opened its twenty-second session July 30 with Mrs. Addie M. Stevens as presiding officer. The opening speaker was Mrs. Nettie Holt Harding, who created a very favorable impression. Mrs. Adelaide Groves "The Mysterious Musician" of England is on the ground and will give musical entertainments. Mrs. Twing is eagerly awaited.

LAKE PLEASANT, MASS.

opened its twenty-sixth annual session, July 30th. The opening address was given by the President Judge A. H. Dailey, and as usual, it was filled with good thought. He was followed by Tillie U. Reynolds with spirit messages. Miss Lizzie Harlow was the speaker of the afternoon. In the evening the Temple was filled to overflowing to listen to the communications given through the mediumship of Edgar W. Emerson.

Cap't Gould, presented a paper on the subject of the N. S. A. The captain is in his eighty-eighth year, but is still vigorous and working for the success of the movement he espouses. J. B. Hatch, Sr. "The father of the Children's Lyceum" arrived July 29. He and his amiable wife were met at the depot by the children and accorded a royal welcome.

Dr. Smith's first excursion to Queen City Park July 29. The next one will be August 14. Weather is beautiful, attendance increasing and camp harmonious.

NEW ERA, OREGON.

The camp, which closed July 22, was a complete success. Everything was of a high order, the attendance was good and the interest and harmony of the best. A Ladies' Union was organized which it is hoped will be of aid financially. Mrs. Ella R. Williams was selected president.

The annual meeting resulted in the choice of Charles F. Buckles, of Oregon City, President; Mrs. Kate Osbrock, Portland, Vice-president; B. P. Fuller, McMinnville, Treasurer; E. W. Penman, Canby, Secretary; W. P. Williams, Salem, correspondent.

Among the workers were Prof. W. C. Bowman, Mrs. S. Cowell, Dora E. Dixon, Ella R. Williams, Mrs. C. Cornelius, Mrs. Kate Osbrock and Mr. George Lazelle.

CHESTERFIELD, IND.

opened July 20th. The attendance and interest was fully up to the expectations of the management. The speakers mentioned were Mrs. T. C. Moore, Mrs. Eva Pfuntner, B. F. Underwood, James Brown W. M. Lockwood, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Lease and Georgia Gladys Cooley. About thirty mediums were in attendance.

MAPLE DELL CAMP, OHIO.

July 30, the opening day, was fine and many visitors from Mantua and the surrounding country, as well as from Pittsburgh and Cleveland, were present. M. C. Dunforth acted as chairman and F. D. Dunakin, assisted by several others, gave good thoughts to the people. Dr. Nellie Mosher gave about twenty-five satisfactory tests. Prof. D. M. King gave a series of very instructive lectures on Anthropology. Music was furnished by Mrs. Baker and Miss Eva, her daughter. Miss Edna Cole and Prof. Cole, of Mantua, with a quartet, furnished vocal music.

VERONA PARK, MAINE

opened Sunday August 6 by exercises appropriate to the occasion. After music by Mrs. Mamie Kane, of Bangor, and Mrs. Ida Dyke, of Malden, and a recitation by the president, A. F. Smith of Bangor, gave a fine address of welcome. Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds gave a fine invocation which was followed by a fine address on the subject "The Religion of Spiritualism." The greatest harmony prevails and everywhere the atmosphere is filled with all that is beautiful. A juvenile society has been organized, called the "Verona Park Spiritual Lyceum." Entertainments are given twice weekly by Louis Jones, of Bangor, and S. Walter Dean, of Massachusetts. Hon. Sidney Dean is on the grounds recuperating his health.

OCEAN GROVE CAMP,

Harwichport, Mass., closed its thirty-third session, July 30. The speaker of the day was H. D. Barrett, and his subject "Is Spiritualism a Religion" was handled in a masterly manner. Mrs. May S. Pepper gave some of her experiences as a medium and a number of very satisfactory tests. The illumination of the grounds had to be postponed on account of wet weather but was a complete success when it took place. The grove was illuminated with Chinese lanterns and a fine entertainment given. The attendance was large and enthusiastic. The closing exercises were participated in by Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Barrett, Mr. Everett Harris, Mrs. Pepper, S. L. Beal and others.

CLINTON, IOWA.

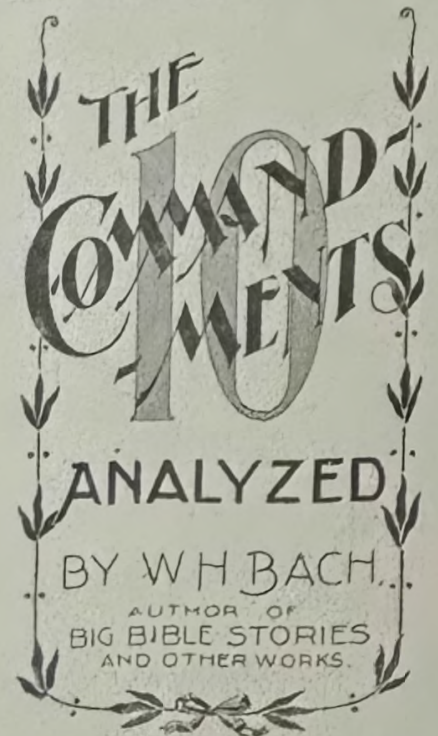
The campmeeting at Mount Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, opened Sunday morning, July 30. At 10 a. m. the usual flag raising took place. The flag raising, as well as the opening address was by President Peck. Mrs. Maggie Waite gave a number of very satisfactory tests and A. B. Tisdale, the blind medium, gave a very interesting lecture. Music is furnished by a quartet composed of Prof. and Mrs. Zumbach, Miss Beatrice Ridgway and Mr. Larson, with Miss Carrie Zumbach as organist.

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R. G. Ingersoll.

SINCE the last issue of THE SUNFLOWER a great and good man has reached the end of earth's existence. Suddenly and apparently without warning

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL

was stricken with heart trouble and expired in an instant. Mrs. Ingersoll was with him when the end came and his last word was "better" in response to the question of how he felt.

Col. Ingersoll was born in Dresden, N. Y., August 11, 1833 and was consequently sixty-six years of age. He was the son of a Congregational minister. It is stated that the Rev. Mr. Ingersoll was somewhat liberal in his views, and that this liberality antagonized the more orthodox members of his congregation. The son naturally agreed with his father, but even before he had passed out of boyhood he had gone much farther upon the liberal road than Ingersoll, Sr. had ever dreamed of.

Early in the 40's Mr. Ingersoll removed to Wisconsin and a little later to Southern Illinois. Bob Ingersoll's boyhood and early manhood were passed in that State. At 18 he entered the office of his elder brother, Ebon C. Ingersoll, when of age was admitted to the Illinois bar and with his brother opened a law office at Shawneetown. Both were Democrats and prominent in local politics. Ebon C. became Congressman, and at that time it was Robert's highest ambition to be himself sent to the House of Representatives from his home district. In 1857 he removed to Peoria, where he thought the field would be wider and his political ambition more likely to be gratified. He devoted much of his time to political speaking and acquired considerable local fame.

In 1860 his opportunity came. He was then offered the Democratic nomination in a district that was overwhelmingly Republican. He accepted and was beaten unceremoniously. His disappointment was so severe that he never ran for office again. He settled down to the practice of law, but upon the breaking out of the Civil War entered the Union army after organizing a regiment of cavalry, the 11th Illinois, of which he was made colonel. He made a reputation as a soldier for personal daring and dash. Most of his service was in Tennessee.

While he was guarding a crossroad with a small detachment of men he was surprised by a party of Confederates, who flanked and captured both him and his men. He was taken before the Confederate general, and interrogated as to who was in command of his forces. "I'll be hanged if I know," he said. The Confederate looked at him surprised. "You are a fine soldier not to know your commander," he said. Ingersoll's eyes twinkled as he replied: "Well I was in command five minutes ago. Who is in command now I haven't the slightest idea." This pleased the Confederate general, and the two became friends. It was not long before the Federal troops began pursuit of the Confederates who held Ingersoll captive. The chase lasted three days, at the end of which time the Confederate commander said to Ingersoll, "Ride apart a little, and when nobody is

looking light out and look out for yourself." Ingersoll accepted the friendly Confederate's advice.

When his term of service expired, he returned to Illinois. In politics he became Republican, and his rise in the legal profession was rapid. In 1866 he was appointed Attorney General for Illinois, which post he filled for several years. Ten years later, in 1876, he became a delegate to the National Republican convention, and his nominating speech was the sensation of that occasion. People all through the East began to ask, "Who is Bob Ingersoll?" and sketches of him began to appear in the newspapers. The tenor of these was in brief, capable lawyer; he was doing fairly well and would do a great deal better but for his laziness.

Before the people had done talking about the "Plumed Knight" he made his famous "Indianapolis speech." This memorable address began, "The past rises before me like a dream." It electrified the soldiers before whom it was delivered from a little platform hastily constructed on the eastern side of the "circle" in Indianapolis. During its delivery men were held spell bound and women cried, and although it began to rain before he had finished none left the place.

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Many clergymen have assailed him, yet none have cared to meet him on a platform where his and their views had an equal opportunity of presentation. Although they publicly condemned him, his custom was to ignore their scurrilous remarks or to reply to them in such a way as to turn the tide against them.

His family life was a model. His home was his heaven. His ideal of a model home was so far superior to that of his critics and his method of living so contrary that even his bitterest opponents pointed to it with words of praise.

Probably no one individual has done more for freethought in all its different branches than Col. Ingersoll. Thousands of people attended his lectures, laughed at his witticisms, cried while he pictured pathetic scenes and laughed with him at amusing anecdotes.

His funeral was the saddest of all. Not one ray of hope could come to the disconsolate mourners. Only death, in its saddest and most fearful form, was with them. Carried to the brink of the chasm of death, the grim reaper had called the dear one and with their ideas the separation was for eternity.

The world will miss Ingersoll. Let us hope that by some means he may be enabled to return with messages of love to his dear ones, and prove to them death does not end all. That he lives and loves them still.

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MR. F. CORDEN WHITE,
whose reputation as a test medium is second to none in the country, and each issue of THE SUNFLOWER will contain several messages. We ask, in justice to the paper and the medium, that if a message is recognized, it will be acknowledged, together with sufficient details to enable us to publish a short verification of the fact. [Ed.]

ELECTA GRANT.

To my dear daughter, Jessie M. Bettles, of Titusville, Penn., I send my greetings, for, my dear child, we wish you to look into these matters as you will be better prepared to make the change from earth to spirit. Your father Martin and two brothers are with me and are so anxious you may receive the truth and be able to communicate with us. You can if you will try for we are all near to you. I am your spirit mother,

ELECTA GRANT.

Phillip and Catherine Fetzner.

We would like to reach our son, Allen H. Fetzner, of Delaware, Ohio, who has been seeking some in this line and where he wishes to know; so we came this way to give him proof of spiritual communion. His conditions will change soon for the better. Now, Allen, we know you are anxious, so seek at home and we will come. We see the opposition you have but be patient and all will be well. We are your father and mother.

PHILIP AND CATHERINE FETZER.
GEORGE BROWN.

I send my greeting to my dear wife, Ida Brown, of Logansport, Ind., for it will please her to hear from me. I shall try and come again and send some words to my old friends there.

GEORGE BROWN.

REV. NELSON WILDER.

When I was upon earth, I tried to teach the fear of the wrath of God; but I found when I reached this life, about twenty-one years ago, there was no Savior to greet me with a crown. I am satisfied that I taught many things that were not true, but I must say that within myself I thought they were true. Well do I remember September 28, 1873, when Nellie M. Wilder came to this life and I did not think she was saved; but she was the first one to meet me and we were ready to meet Mildred in 1895. My son, this great truth will yet reach over all the earth. "Seek and ye shall find." Dell Martin wants to be remembered. I send this to my son, A. B. Wilder, who lives at Otranto, Iowa. I was known as the

REV. NELSON WILDER.

Messages have also been received from Nicholas Brink, Christopher Kidd, Callie Thompson and Jack Coles, which will be published in our next issue.

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THE Publisher of THE SUNFLOWER has stood unqualifiedly for education both of the people and mediums. All lines of thought have their representative schools and systems of education. The solitary exception has been Spiritualists. Acting upon the idea that a start was necessary,

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established a training school at Mantua Station, Ohio, and began to teach a few who went for that purpose. Each year the attendance and interest has increased and today, the

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It needed some way of coming in contact with its patrons. The attempt to publish a paper, devoted exclusively to the interests of the school, could not meet with success under present conditions. Arrangements have accordingly been made that will give it the proper hearing through the columns of

THE SUNFLOWER.

The department will be in the editorial charge of

MOSES HULL

who will be assisted by Rev. A. J. Wenver, Mattie E. Hull, Prof. D. M. King, Mrs. Alfarata Jabuke and others.

The school will, in all probability, be removed to Lily Dale and the line of study made more extensive. Two pages of THE SUNFLOWER will be devoted to its interests and will comprise essays, answers to questions pertaining to the home department and other lines taken up by the school.

This will constitute a most interesting part of the paper for the coming year.

The department will be inaugurated September 15. [Ed.]

PROGRAM OF THE Cassadaga Camp FOR 1899. TEST MEDIUMS.

July 14 to August 1, Mrs. Maggie White.
August 1 to 15, Miss Maggie Gaulle.

AUGUST.

Tuesday, 15,	Anna L. Robinson-Gillespie.
Wednesday, 16,	Young People's Day.
Thursday, 17,	Anna L. Robinson-Gillespie.
Friday, 18,	J. C. F. Graubine.
Saturday, 19,	Hon. E. D. Stark.
Sunday, 20,	Hon. E. D. Stark.
Monday, 21,	Conference.
Tuesday, 22,	Hon. A. B. Richmond.
Wednesday, 23,	Rev. Morgan Wood.
Thursday, 24,	Rev. Morgan Wood.
Friday, 25,	Lyman C. Howe.
Saturday, 26,	Lyman C. Howe.
Sunday, 27,	Hon. A. B. Richmond.

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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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Dr. J. Swanson,

Dear Sir:— Enclosed please find \$2.00 for vitalized pads. I hope I will not need any more as I feel pretty healthy now. I am full of gratitude to you and your guides for bringing me to health.

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 Chilton 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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Full name and address must accompany every article intended for publication.

Dr. N. F. Ravlin is at Cassadaga Camp.

W. F. Peck is chairman of Clinton, Iowa, Camp.

Will C. Hodge filled a very satisfactory engagement at Lake Brady Camp.

Mr. P. G. Neelin, of Seaforth, Can. Editor of *The Cassadagan* is at Cassadaga Camp.

W. J. Colville's address for the present is 108 Queen Street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Remember that the Convention of the National Young People's Spiritualist Union meets at Onset Camp, August 26-6.

C. B. Wilson reports that Dr. H. C. Andrews gave excellent satisfaction at Stone Bluff, Ind., both with lectures and platform tests.

Mrs. Maud Lord Drake is at Cripple Creek, Col. Her tests are remarkable and convincing and good work is always done as the result of her visits.

Henry H. Warner will again occupy the Spiritualist rostrum and societies wishing to engage him for the coming season can address him care Banner of Light, Boston, Mass.

The conference at Lily Dale discussed the question of the History of Spiritualism, August 14th. The discussion ran in the lines of *THE SUNFLOWER* editorial on that topic.

George H. Brooks is at Cassadaga Camp as Chairman, which position he has filled with satisfaction to the management and attendants. He has occupied the position for four years.

Oscar A. Elderly filled a very successful engagement with the Spiritualists of Montreal, Canada. Although there was but a short time for the public announcement the hall was packed on every occasion.

Mrs. Jennie Huggan Jackson and Mrs. Mary A. Wilson have filled a number of engagements during the summer. They are now en route for Fort Worth, Texas and will take up the work there in the Temple.

Dr. Louis Schlesinger is working in the South. He has met with some remarkable successes. The doctor enjoys going into the editorial office of some of the prominent dailies and astonishing the occupants.

Hon. A. B. Richmond is at Cassadaga Camp. He has presented the Library with a fine electrical apparatus which he constructed about fifty years ago. It is nicely arranged in a glass case where



Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield Pettibone,
Phenomenal Mediums.

it can be seen to advantage.

Mr. B. D. Hill and Mrs. M. B. Cadwallader attended the Peace Conference at The Hague and the meeting of the Federation of Spiritualists in England. Mrs. Cadwallader was one of the speakers for the 10th Annual Conference of the British Spiritualists.

The many friends of Mrs. E. A. Comp-ton, of Washington, will be pained to learn of the transition of her husband. He was apparently in good health when they retired at night; she awoke in the morning to find him dead by her side. The heartfelt sympathy of her friends will go out to her in this hour of affliction.

J. C. P. Grumbine is at present at Cassadaga Camp. His engagements for the season are, September, Syracuse, N. Y.; October, Indianapolis and Cincinnati; November, Chicago; December, Washington; Daytona, Fla.; January and February. He will also attend the Lake Helen Camp in February. His permanent address is, 1718 W. Genesee Street, Syracuse, N. Y.

Samuel M. Baldwin, well known in Washington, D. C., we have been informed, died recently in California. Mr. Baldwin was an active worker in the field and was removed from his position in the government employment because he circulated copies of the *Progressive Thinker* containing the account of the Assassination of Lincoln. He was the publisher of "Gilberts Haven's Appeal to the Methodist Church," which he circulated freely.

J. W. Dennis writes from Buffalo:

Almost all of the Spiritualists have left town for some camp, either at Lily Dale, or at some of the Central New York Camps. All of our meetings are closed except the Queen City Society which holds forth in A. O. U. W. Hall, corner Court and Main Streets. Mrs. Jennie Ehle is president while Miss Gussie Taylor aided by the writer holds the platform.

Good audiences fill this hall each Sunday and we are more than pleased to find the hall so well filled.

Moses and Mattie Hall will open the Prospect Street Church the first Sunday in September and the Buffalo East Side Society will open at the same time in their hall, corner Clinton and Cedar Sts., with Mrs. C. Lewis Chase as test medium.

Ex-president John H. Black of the Buffalo Spiritual Society departed this life the last of July. His body was taken to Canada for burial. He has left a host of good friends to mourn his departure.

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Mr. P. Baker, Columbus, Ohio, a member of the City Council for many years was cured in one month of an affliction which baffled the skill of other physicians for twenty-five years.

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Magnolia Springs, Ohio.

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Mrs. Lucinda H. Chandler, Downer's Grove, Ill., writes: "I willingly testify to the value of Dr. Sellen's power as a healer."

RESOLUTIONS

ON THE DEATH OF ROBERT GREEN INGERSOLL.

Resolutions on the death of Robert Green Ingersoll, offered by Dr. W. W. Hicks, second by Hon. A. B. Richmond, and passed by the great assemblage at the Cassadaga Lake Free Association, Lily Dale, N. Y., July 22, 1899.

Whereas, It has pleased the Infinite Giver and Director of life to withdraw from this world the gifted Robert G. Ingersoll by death; and

Whereas, the voice of our friend and brother has several times been heard among us from this platform with delight and profit, even when many could not always agree with sentiment conveyed; therefore,

Resolved, that we cherish the memory of our distinguished brother and friend, and recall with gratitude the acknowledged purity of his life, and his unquestioned devotion to the great interests of humanity as he understood and interpreted them.

Resolved, that our deepest sympathy is hereby respectfully tendered to the sorrowing family of our departed friend, in this crucial hour; and that we affectionately express to them our tribute of honor and appreciation toward the noble husband and the devoted father so suddenly removed from their home circle on earth; together with the consciousness in us that in some bright hereafter the ties thus seemingly sundered will reunite them in happy perpetuity.

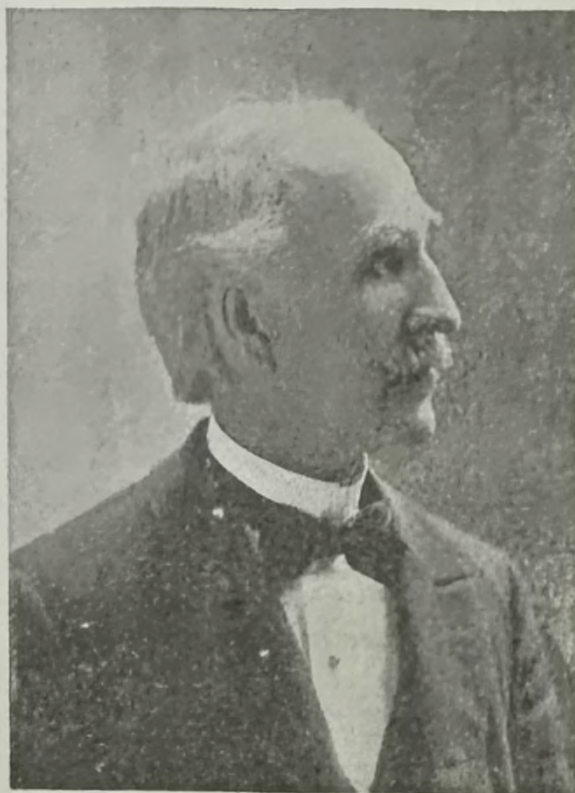
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be conveyed to the family of our departed friend and also spread upon the records of our association.

THE SON OLDER THAN THE FATHER.

A subscriber writes: "Will you please state where the passage can be found in the Bible where the son is older than the father?"

It can be found in the last verse of the xxi and first two verses of the xxii chapter of 11 Chronicles. It reads as follows: "Thirty and two years old was he (Jehoram) when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. * * * And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah, his youngest son king in his stead; * * * Forty and two years old was he when he began to reign and he reigned one year in Jerusalem."

By reference to the marginal notes it will be seen that Jehoram died 885 B. C. Ahaziah naturally succeeded him at once, which the reference notes say was 885 B. C. and he reigned one year, dying in 884 B. C. Jehoram began to reign at thirty-two, reigned eight years and was consequently forty years of age at the time of his death. Although Ahaziah was the youngest of Jehoram's sons, he was at that time forty-two years of age or two years older than his father. Josephus states that he was the youngest of seven brothers. Jehoram according to this was the proud parent of seven sons (no knowing how many daughters, as they were not counted of enough consequence to mention except in rare instances) two years before he was born. [Ed.]



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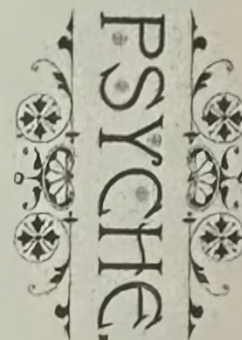
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National Young Peoples Spiritualist Union.

President's Report

TO THE

Second Annual Convention N. Y. P. S. U.

ONE year has passed since our organization was effected and the question confronts us now, what have we done, what are we doing and what do we propose to do in the future? What have been our experiences during the past year and what methods should we apply to reap the harvest that is ours to gather? These are pertinent questions for our consideration.

We are pleased at the outset to state that our plans as formulated at our last convention have met with full approval by our members, the work has been constantly progressing and the outlook for the future most promising. Being the first year our expenses have been much heavier than our prospective expenses will be. The cost of printing our constitutions, charters and necessary cards has drawn heavily upon our finances, but a sufficiency of this material is now on hand to last for some time; I believe several years, and therefore our expenses for the coming year, so far as can be foreseen, will be merely nominal.

THE N. S. A.

During the past year a circular letter was sent to all our members asking them to vote upon the advisability of our joining the National Spiritualist Association. Some of the members urged that the question be postponed until the coming convention but a large majority favored our joining, and securing a charter from the N. S. A., which action would have been taken had our funds permitted; but, our expenses having been heavier than anticipated, and our policy being not to contract any debts unless means for their liquidation was in sight, such was not taken. Believing that the wishes of our members should be fulfilled I recommend that application for a charter, conceding to us recognition and granting full jurisdiction for the organization of Young People's Unions in the United States, be made as soon as our funds will warrant, and that a delegate and alternate be selected by this body to represent this Union at the coming N. S. A. Convention, which will be held in Chicago, Ill., October 17 to 20, inclusive. The Board of Trustees of that body has been requested to set aside a specified time for the consideration of our interests which I feel confident will be conceded.

State Agents and Local Representatives.

We have been handicapped by our limited acquaintance of young Spiritualist workers throughout the country and therefore personal representatives in the various states and localities have not been appointed. We should have one or more persons in every state, city and hamlet to carry forward our work and present our plan of organization whenever and wherever possible.

During the year several Young People's Unions have been organized, but have not yet gained sufficient strength to warrant their joining the National, but I have been assured that this will be done as soon as they are able to do so. We have not pushed the question of these Unions joining the National because we deemed it prudent for them to gain local strength first.

Age of Admission to Membership.

As it has been apparent in several places that difficulty was encountered in gathering together sufficient young people between the ages of sixteen and forty to form a Union,

and there being in such place persons between the ages of twelve and sixteen who wished to join such Unions, and who would make desirable members, I recommend that the age of admission to membership be lowered to twelve years instead of sixteen years as at present.

Declaration of Principles.

The question of a Declaration of Principles, which has several years been seriously discussed by the N. S. A. has also come home to us, and we have been asked what are our fundamental beliefs as an organization. In dealing with this question our elder brothers and sisters have so far failed to come to an agreement, having, so to speak, been thwarted in their efforts by a great diversity of opinion, which, according to my personal belief, is because they have carried the questions too far and endeavored to take too large a stride. All Spiritualists, I believe, will agree to the following, which, for the present, outlines our position with sufficient definiteness, and to which other principles can be added from time to time if desired, but let us have a foundation now to work upon.

1. We believe in the continuity of life.
2. We believe in the progression and continuous development of life after transition.
3. We believe that decarnate souls can and do communicate in various ways with people on the earth plane of life.

MUSIC.

This question has also met with unfruitful results by the Spiritualists at large and we should take a step forward in our endeavor to adopt certain music for universal use. To this end a special committee was appointed at the last convention and your earnest attention is invited to the report of that committee. Every effort should be expended in arriving at some definite conclusion in the adoption of music and songs for universal use.

EMBLEM.

This subject was also referred to a special committee for investigation and the report of such committee will be brought up for your consideration. This is an important matter and your attention is earnestly directed to the selection of some design whereby our friends and co-workers may be known wherever we may meet them.

Camp Meeting Days.

Every effort should be made to have a special Young People's Day at the various camps, and our incoming Secretary should be instructed to confer with the Secretaries of the various camps with this end in view. Such a move would not only call direct attention to our Union but would conserve in a beneficial way the interest felt in the camps. I would also suggest going a step further and urge the formation of Young People's Unions at each camp, as there is at Lily Dale, N. Y. There are a number of young people attending these camps who I feel assured would heartily join in such a move. A growing interest is being shown among the young people in the study of parliamentary procedure, which is one of the main features the N. Y. P. S. U. is endeavoring to develop and that, together with the other features recommended, would install a renewed interest among the young people attending the camps.

Our Workers.

It is but right that I should render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, or, in other words, that I should gratefully acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered during the past year by some of our workers.

Mr. Lester Teeguarden, our State Agent for Indiana and President of "The Now", (The Y. P. S. U. No 2,) of Indianapolis, Ind., has worked loyally and perseveringly to advance our interests in that State. Though but a young man he has proven his devotion to our Cause and his desire to aid the movement to the greatest extent.

Miss Amelia J. Rohrbach, State Agent for Illinois, and Secretary of the Y. P. S. U. No. 3, of Chicago, Ill., has also been a most val-

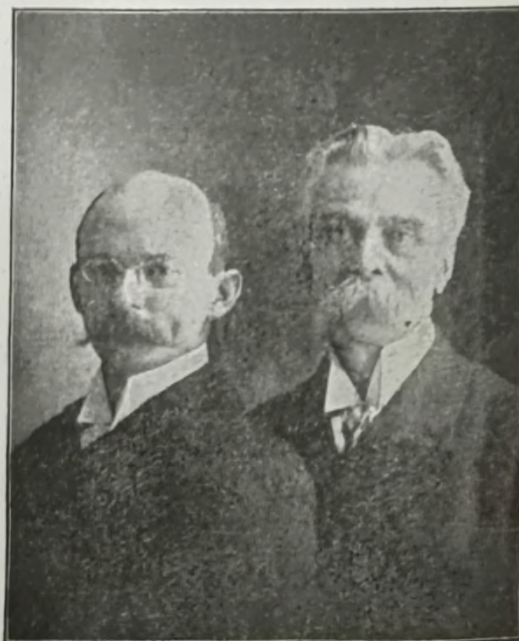
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uable aid to our organization. She has shown a spirit of anxiety to do whatever she could which would in any way tend to our advancement.

Miss Jennie DeLong of Columbus, Ohio, our Second State Agent for that State, who, though not yet having accomplished what she hoped to accomplish, still her efforts have been none the less sincere and the fruits of her labors will undoubtedly be ready for the harvest in the near future. We look for much good to result from her work and do not think we will be disappointed.

One of our indefatigable workers is Mr. Walter L. Prentiss, of Worcester, Mass. At the very commencement of the attempt at organization he took a great interest in this movement and has since then rendered to it his unceasing support. He has toiled and is toiling to make the Second Annual Convention an epoch of great good to our Cause and we feel confident his efforts will be rewarded and we hope the results of the convention will exceed even his most sanguine anticipations.

Let me call attention to one more, our most worthy Secretary, Miss Anna M. Steinberg, than whom I believe we have not a more devoted worker, unrewarded, save by a consciousness of having done her utmost for a good cause. She has worked early and late, after doing her other duties, and I am informed she has on many occasions labored with the correspondence until the hour of midnight had passed. She has shown an earnest willingness to do whatever she could for the work, and the only complaint I have heard from her was her regret that she could not do more for the Union. Such workers as these I believe deserve special commendation. There are many others in our ranks who have labored earnestly in the work but those mentioned have accomplished the greatest good in the given time. Had we more like her (and I believe time will show we have a great many), our Cause would have shown more rapid progression.

OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Our Board has been most harmonious and each one has, I believe, zealously done his or her best to carry on the work entrusted to them. They have shown unanimity in the work in hand and I desire to express to them my appreciation of their sincere co-operation in the questions brought to their consideration.

THE PRESS.

Our sincere thanks are due to the Spiritualistic press which has shown a strong desire to aid us in every way. All articles forwarded to these papers have been freely accorded space, and in many cases editorial endorsements have called special attention to our work. If there is any omnipotent power I verily believe that power is controlled by the Press, and therefore we are especially grateful for having that power wielded in our behalf.

Personally speaking, though we may not have attained that result to which we aspired, yet we are pleased to note that the organization is surely, though perhaps in the start slowly, progressing. Enthusiasm in the movement is still very evident and now that a firm foundation has been secured we look for more rapid development in the near future.

At our first meeting in Rochester, during the jubilee, it was the expressed wish of the members, before any elections were made, that the presidential office should be limited to one year and that the same person should not serve more than one term in that capacity, to which sentiment the present incumbent heartily concurs. I believe a change in the head of such an organization gives fresh energy and renewed impetus to the movement. Apart from this feature I must decline to allow my name to be considered for another term in this most honored position, as my private duties prevent my devoting the time to this work which is so essential. My kind wishes are extended to all and I shall continue in the future, as in the past, to render

what assistance I can to this most worthy movement. I wish to thank one and all for the kind assistance which has been so freely extended and shall watch with increasing interest the forward march of the Union, and know that it will continue on its mission to benefit humanity spiritually, socially and intellectually.

I. C. I. EVANS,
President, N. Y. P. S. U.
1352½ B. St., S. W., Washington, D. C.

Report of Music Committee FOR THE N. Y. P. S. U. Convention.

The subject of music for the Y. P. S. U. is one that should interest every member. There should be songs familiar to all that could be joined in whenever called for in a Union meeting. Such songs bind the hearts of all in loving sympathy.

If it were practical the best way, it seems to us would be to have a collection of songs, gathered by the young people themselves. We hope the time will soon come when such a book will be compiled.

At present this does not seem advisable. We have examined several Spiritual song books, each of which contain some good pieces and feel that the one best adapted to our use is "Longley's Beautiful Songs" Vol. 1.

We therefore recommend that the National Convention of the Y. P. S. U. endorse this book and urge local Unions to become familiar with the music.

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Secretary's Report

TO THE

Second Annual Convention N. Y. P. S. U.

To the Officers and members

the N. Y. P. S. U.

Quarterly reports having been submitted for your perusal in the columns of THE SUNFLOWER, during the past year, there remains but to give a general survey of the work and standing of the Union during that time in connection with the secretary's office only. The outside field and outlook for the future have been carefully watched by the President, as will be seen by his report, hence this portion of the work is out of the secretary's province and comment would be needless and out of place. Suffice it to say that the chief executive's vigilance and ability have kept the wheels of progress of our work in motion.

The chief features of the duties of the secretary are correspondence and care of books. All letters have received prompt attention and various methods have been devised whereby the office could keep in close touch with the members, seeking their counsel on all matters of moment to the Union and brooding suggestions at all times which might occur to the good of our Cause. In this we have been partially successful and we have some few standbys on whom we can depend for advice; but I would urge that in the future this become more general and that we assist the new officers in their work by responding promptly to their calls, in order that they may feel the strengthening power of the interest of the members in the success of this new movement.

We are glad to report an added membership of six individuals and one additional charter, with prospects of several more in the near future. The societies newly formed find it a difficult matter to immediately expend from the treasury for charters, but after a little start will be able to do so. It behooves each member, during the ensuing year to endeavor to secure one additional member that we may double our membership roll before the next convention.

Regret that it is impossible to state the number of members of our local unions at this time as we have not yet received reports from all, but it is well to mention that they are large societies in prosperous condition.

We have one honorary member on our roll, a charter member having passed the "age limit" for active, or rather voting membership. The office should be notified by the member when this occurs that the records may be correctly kept. The secretary should also be notified when change of address is made; the importance of this can be readily seen.

Thirteen State Agents have been at work in behalf of this Union during the past year and some efficient work was accomplished. Their names and addresses were published in the December issue of THE SUNFLOWER.

The office is well supplied with matter for carrying on its work for several years to come, hence the expenses will be light hereafter compared to this year. Strictest economy has been exercised and our books show a balance in outstanding or unpaid accounts.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The following is a condensed statement of the finance. Itemized reports having been rendered and published quarterly it is unnecessary to again give a detailed account.

Balance on hand August 4, 1898.	\$17.00	
Receipts 1st Quarter, Aug. 1st, Nov. 1, '98.	\$4.81	
Expenditures " "		\$21.81
		\$0.76
		Deficit 60.00
Balance on hand Nov. 1, '98.	60.00	
Receipts 2nd Quarter " Feb. 1 '99	1.90	
Expenditures " "		67.96
		65.76
		Deficit 2.51
Balance on hand Feb. 1 '99	2.51	
Receipts 3rd Quarter " May 1	1.60	
Expenditures " "		8.81
		86.20
		8.81
		Deficit 1.59
Deficit May 1 '99		1.59
Receipts 4th Quarter May 1 Aug. 3	9.50	
Expenditures " "		1.00
		8.50
		2.89
		Deficit 7.11
Balance on hand Aug. 3 '99 \$7.11		
This balance will be largely increased by the 1st of this month as but few members have paid their dues as yet.		
Itemized statement of Fourth Quarter, May 1 to Aug. 1, 1899.		
June 8. Mrs. M. B. Caldwell	\$5.00	dues.
" 8. B. H. Hill	.50	donation.
" 7. Miss Cora Rabin	.50	dues.
" 20. Mrs. Lida B. Bruwae	.50	dues.
July 10. Miss Perle A. Case	.50	dues.
" 10. Clarence A. Case	.50	dues.
" 20. Herbert U. Toyle	.50	dues.
" 27. Arthur D. Towle	.50	dues.
" 27. "The New" N. Y. P. S. U., Indianapolis, Ind.	3.50	dues for 14 members
" 27. Charter fee N. Y. P. S. U., Chicago, Ill.	2.00	
	0.00	
Deficit May 1		1.59
Expenditures		
June 20 Stamps, (President's office)	.50	
" 29 " (Secretary's Office)	.50	
		1.00
		2.59
Receipts	\$9.50	
	2.39	
Balance on hand Aug. 3 1899	7.11	

Respectfully Submitted, Anna M. STEINBERG, Secretary.

Second Annual Convention of the NATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPIRITUALIST UNION.

Onset, Mass., August 25 and 26, 1899.

Official Program.

Friday August 25, 1:30 p. m.

Opening exercises.

Address of welcome, Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, President of Onset Camp Association.

Response, F. C. J. Evans, President, N. Y. P. S. U.

Miscellaneous papers, Prepared by members of the N. Y. P. S. U.

Selection of Committee on Credentials.

15 minutes intermission.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Appointment of Standing Committees.

Reports of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Reports of Committees on Emblem and Music.

Reports of Delegates, State Agents, Local Unions, Etc.

Introduction of business and assignment of orders.

7:30 p. m.

Reception, 7:00 to 8:30, followed by musical and literary entertainment.

Saturday, August 26, 10:00 a. m.

Reports of Committees on President's, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports.

Reports of Special Committees.

1:30 p. m.

Report of Committee on Amendments.

Unfinished business.

Report of Committee on Finances, Ways and Means.

Election of Officers.

7:30 p. m.

Social Dance--Refreshments consisting of Ice Cream, Cake, etc.

Proposed Amendment

Amend Sec. 2, Art. IV of the Constitution for the National Union, and Sec. 1, Art. VI of the Constitution proposed for Local Unions, by striking out the word "sixteen" and substituting therefor the word "twelve." Thus making the age limit from twelve to forty years instead of from sixteen to forty.

CASSADAGA CAMP.

CASSADAGA CAMP opened for its twentieth session, Friday, July 14, 1899. The opening address was given by Moses Hull, whose well known power as an orator and elucidator of Spiritualistic thought, from a biblical and scientific basis needs no encomiums. Saturday, Mrs. Clara Watson was the speaker of the day and Sunday, by that strange turn of the wheel of fate, Moses Hull and Mrs. Watson, whose passage at arms through the papers a short time ago caused much comment, stood upon the same platform and gave their diversified views to the same audience.

Of course, it was all friendly. Both contestants have too much honor to permit differences of opinion to have any effect upon their personal relations and the situation was enjoyed by all.

Monday opened real Conferences of the season and the Thought Exchange in full blast. There are many active workers who take part in these meetings, in addition to the platform workers and the rounds of applause show how the thoughts are appreciated.

Among those who have come and gone are Carrie E. S. Twing, W. W. Hicks, J. Clegg Wright, Mrs. Lease, Swami Abhenda and Prof. Lockwood, while Cora L. V. Richmond, Lyman C. Howe, Charles Whedon, J. C. F. Grumbine, and Mrs. Gillespie are still with us.

Mrs. Lease appeared in the full force of her previous engagements. Her eulogy of Ingersoll was said by all to be one of the finest things ever presented from this platform and the entire lecture was praised for days, all regretting the fact that there was no short hand report of it. Her lecture on socialism, although not radical enough to suit the desires of some, presented many facts to the attention of the people. In blaming conditions instead of individuals, she met the approval of the majority of her hearers.

J. Clegg Wright gave several of his customary lectures, full of thought and filled with his enthusiasm and eloquence. He gave a number of private classes and lectures which were well attended and a movement is on foot to have some of his work in this direction placed in pamphlet form so that it can be presented to the general public.

Prof. Lockwood gave his customary series of scientific lectures. The beauty of his work lays in the fact that he always has something new to present. It is not old straw continually threshed over, but new lectures, filled with new, substantial thought are constantly being produced by him and each season brings something new. His private lectures were also well attended and many copies of his new book sold.

W. W. Hicks spoke with his customary eloquence. Forceful, full of vim and fire, he carries conviction to the people and in his own way presents the philosophy of life in a manner that leads the novice to a point where our more radical speakers can be appreciated.

Charles Whedon was a new applicant for favors on our platform. His lectures were forceful and logical and given from the standpoint of a practical attorney.

Swami Abhenda who represented the Eastern Philosophy, gave a lecture

of more than ordinary ability. He did not assume the dress or bearing of former visitors, having, apparently, become more thoroughly indoctrinated with our American dress and customs. He is certainly a man of more than ordinary intellect and was able to present his views in a manner satisfactory to the people.

The platform phenomena has been presented by Mrs. Maggie Waite and Miss Margaret Gaulc. It has been of a very satisfactory nature and has received the highest praise from the attendants at camp.

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Dr. Louis Freedman, "The Australian Healer," has Mrs. Huff's cottage on Melrose Park. He has given a number of public exhibitions of his healing power, all of which were very successful.

It would be almost an impossibility to give a complete list of the test mediums as they are scattered around the grounds in almost every cottage. Among them are F. Corden White, 8 Cottage Ave., Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless, Smith Cottage, Melrose Park, Mrs. M. J. Crilly, of Allegheny, is at 10½ Cottage Ave. Maggie Turner is in the Fuller Cottage, Mrs. Enches in her cottage on Fourth Ave. and Mrs. Thompson on South St. Mrs. Carpenter is occupying her cottage on Cleveland Avenue. Mrs. Partridge is a new visitor to Cassadaga and is at 1 Library St. Mrs. Bartholomew, on Third Ave. Mrs. Wreidt opposite Library Hall and Owen Meredith, 1 Library St. represent the Trumpet Phenomena. N. H. Eddy, 1 Second Avenue and J. N. Larson, in the Fuller Cottage are the Astrologers.

C. E. Winans, Mrs. Moss, D. B. Jimereson, Mrs. Gillette and Mrs. Wilcox represent the materialization phases.

Dr. Amerige is busy all the time. Senor and Madame DeOvies are at the Grand Hotel and kept busily engaged. Mrs. Harper has quite a few at her talks on the "Philosophy of Life and Body Building." The classes are well attended.

J. C. F. Grumbine has arrived and will conduct his classes in the different branches of Spiritual thought and development.

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BIG BIBLE STORIES.

BY W. H. BACH

Manifestations
Received by an Investigator
at
Lily Dale, N. Y.

ON the evening of July 29, 1899, I attended a materializing seance given by Mr. Charles E. Winans and A. Normann with the hopes of getting more proof of spirit return but fearing failure. The result is as follows: On being called to the cabinet, an ancient spirit form appeared who claimed to be my guide. I asked if he could give me his name. The answer was "would you like my portrait when you sit for slate writing as per appointment with the medium?" I told him that I would be very much pleased to receive it and he said he would give it to me and also give his name at the same time.

On the Monday following—July 31 at 10 a. m. I had a sitting with Mr. Winans and Mr. Normann for independent slate writing. I washed the slates and in less than 15 minutes time on looking at them found them filled with messages in colors. On one, in the center of a message, was a perfect likeness of the guide whom I saw at the seance on the evening of the 29, the face, beard and drapery being a fac-simile of what I saw. The other slate contained three messages, one each from my father, mother and wife with full names. This pleased me very much as it was utterly impossible for the medium to know any of the names and the medium did not ask me for any names nor did I write any on paper. The slates were not out of my sight during the sitting.

I will further say that on the evening of July 30 I attended a seance of the Campbell Brothers and there received a message from my spirit father. The writing on the slates with Mr. Winans and the writing received with the Campbell Brothers are one and the same, a perfect fac-simile.

W. N. BRIGHAM,

Utica, N. Y.

The Spiritual Training School.

—BY—
MATTIE HULL.

I ask space in your valuable paper for the purpose of giving a little information respecting The Spiritualist Training School which closed its third annual session on the 13th ult.

The attendance was much larger than at any previous session, the pupils without an exception expressed their determination to attend the term of 1900.

There is some prospect that the school will be removed from Maple Dell, Mantua, Ohio, to Lily Dale, N. Y., Cassadaga Camp.

Mr. Hull and myself spent one week at Lily Dale in the early part of the meeting the present season and found the people anxious for a school at that point. The subject was introduced in one of the conferences and a general interest almost enthusiasm was aroused relative to planting the school at Lily Dale. Some of the cottagers commenced immediately to make a canvas to learn if the professed interest was so deep that it could be material-

ized into a fund to assist in defraying the expenses of the school.

When Mr. Hull concluded his engagement with the management of Cassadaga Camp he was earnestly requested by many, to return and see what might be done for the school. This was impossible, so at his request, Rev. A. J. Weaver—Superintendent of the School—and myself visited Lily Dale in the interest of the same. We found the interest had not abated. Generous pledges were made on the part of the cottagers and a committee has been appointed to do further work in the way of soliciting.

There is no pleasanter spot for a Spiritualist School than at Maple Dell Park, Mantua, Ohio. We shall never find a more congenial people with whom to work than those who are connected with the Camp Association whose meetings are held at that place, but thus far the school has received no financial support from them, not because they are not interested, but because they are unable to do so.

The teachers have given their services from the commencement of the school; in addition to this they have paid their own expenses, with the exception of the teacher in Oratory. Nearly all of the present officers are residents of the state of New York. This state is largely represented in the school. Mantua has furnished less than a half dozen pupils; there has not only been an earnest invitation to remove the school to Lily Dale but pledges on its behalf have been received to the amount of several hundred dollars. This will in part compensate for the services of teachers another year.

In reply to questions that have come from many, regarding who will be the teachers next term, I would say, the present corps of teachers will be retained, wherever the school may be.

Due announcement of the school will be made by circular and newspaper notices early in September in which all details will be given.

We believe the Spiritualist Training School is to be a permanent institution. It is to be hoped many more of the same kind may be founded. I believe if ever there was a movement urged by the spirit world it is the Spiritualist School.

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Spiritualism, Ancient and Modern.

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The various systems of religion, or rather of superstition, in the spiritual world, may be compared to so many different lakes each having a stream constantly flowing into them and another as constantly flowing out of them; for each of these systems are constantly receiving new adherents from earth and as constantly losing others whom the light of reason has awakened to the folly and untenability of the superstitious views they were accustomed, from erroneous teaching, to look upon as divine verities.

Spiritualism is supposed by many, from want of knowledge thereof, to be a superstition, whereas it is the extinguisher of superstition, for it proves that all occurrences, whether mundane or supernundane, take place through natural law, and that the terms miraculous and supernatural are merely words invented to conceal man's ignorance of occult causes. Through physical science this world has been proved to be a domain of law; consequently there is no room for a miracle.

All phenomena whether physical or spiritual are produced through the immutable and eternal law of cause and effect, every effect having its antecedent and adequate cause. That which rests on scientific demonstration and which courts the strictest investigation, cannot, for a certainty, be a superstition. This is what Spiritualism or psychic science does; yet its prejudiced opponents stubbornly refuse to investigate it, though they, in their total ignorance of the subject, have the effrontery to denounce it as a superstition and to declare those who, after years of earnest investigation, uphold it, to be credulous idiots fit only for a lunatic asylum. As said of old: "He that answereth a matter before he hearth it, it is folly and shame unto him."

Spiritual phenomena are as old as the human race. All nations savage and civilized have records of their occurrence. The sacred books of the Hindoos, the Chinese, the Chaldeans, the Assyrians, the Persians, the Hebrews, the Greeks and the Romans are full of accounts of spiritual phenomena, and they are referred to in the writings of Herodotus, Pythagoras, Epimenides, Zeno, Plutarch, Jamblicus, Cicero, Plato, Socrates and a host of other ancient authors. In our own day their occurrence is publicly attested, if not daily, at least monthly, in the numerous spiritual journals, published in every civilized country of our globe, not by ignorant and superstitious people, but by many of those holding the highest literary and responsible appointments; therefore the occurrence and the reality of psychic phenomena are no longer matters of conceit in the presumption that they have bounded all the laws of nature.

It is not surprising that materialists are opposed to Spiritualism—for its phenomena give the lie to their negative theories—but it was so in the case of those who believed in the occurrence of spiritual phenomena in ancient times. By their opposition to modern Spiritualism they are playing into the hands of the materialists who naturally argue, "If the phenomena in our day are all delusion and trickery, so must those recorded in olden times have been equally unreal and delusive."

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