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## SPIRITUALISM, A PRACTICAL POWER.

By J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

GOD is spirit, and spirit is God. Causation also is God, as the Platonian proclus taught. Philosophically speaking there are but two isms in the world. Spiritualism and Materialism. In a certain sense idealism and the grosser sensuous realism are related to the foregoing definition of Spiritualism.

### Spiritualists Have the Truth

and yet few Spiritualists have reached the sublime altitudes of that positive or universal religion whose co-assistant is science, whose creed is freedom, whose psalm is love, and whose only prayer is holy work for human good. The best have not yet entered the vestibule of perfection. The ideal stretches afar into the golden distance.

While Spiritualism is the Grandest and divinest *ism* in the world, embracing the good of all phenomena and the true in all philosophies, there are extravagancies, frauds, wild theories, and moral excrescences sheltering themselves under the wide-spread wing of our Spiritualism. This is freely admitted — and it is common to all new movements involving the activities of the emotional nature.

### Swedenborg was Pronounced Insane.

Let only the sinless stone the erring. "Neither do I condemn thee," said the Nazarean, medium, and martyr, "but go and sin no more."

Because the millennium has not dawned during the first phenomenal cycle of fifty years of Modern Spiritualism; because the temple with its inner glories is as yet only seen in vision; because we have not splendid temples for worship, and collegiate institutions for education; because our fondest hopes are not realized, nor our lofty ideas attained, shall we go back to old creeds, to the beggarly elements of the ecclesiastical world, and seek spiritual nourishment from re-chewing old sectarian husks? Only in weakness and blindness does human nature seek a return to the flesh-pots of the mouldy past.

If Spiritualists are not free, tolerant, generous and prosperous — if they are not above the level of this age in reform, in good works, in beneficent effort, and general culture; if they are not the ready recipients of the precious fruits of science and philosophy, if they are not full grown, regal-souled, harmonial men and women, the fault is not in Spiritualism, but in themselves. "Examine yourselves" was a good old Apostolic injunction.

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J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

## REMEMBRANCE.

— ABBIE W. GOULD. —

I lost a laddie, a beautiful boy  
Who wandered away from me,  
A light joy laughed in his hazel eyes,  
He lifted them oft a swift surprise!  
At some message of love and glee.

The heart of my laddie was brave and strong,  
Though few were his earthly years,  
He kept in his heart a sweet, sweet song  
That trilled on the air all the hours long.  
He gave us more smiles than tears.

The speech of my laddie was quaint and soft  
He told of a world of love;  
He spoke of the steps that went to the skies  
Of children who climbed, with beautiful eyes,  
And I knew he was wanted above.

The feet of my laddie stopped one day;  
I knew 'twas his time to rest.  
He went from my sight a beautiful flower  
Who sweetened my life for many an hour,  
And I said, "My Father knows best."

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## WHO WROTE THE HISTORICAL BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?

By W. H. BACH.

WE HAVE been taught to believe that the Bible was a book of an altogether different nature from other books and that we must not investigate it as we do other books. But to-day, with the changed ideas brought about by the higher education of the people, it is conceded that truth will never suffer by investigation. This has prepared the way for the

### "Higher Criticism."

It must not be understood that the Higher Criticism is an Infidel affair. On the contrary, it is among the highest church authorities and among the best educated people that it has found its strongest advocates. It is the legitimate result of the extravagant statements of church people, extremists, whose absurd claims have made their doctrines a laughing stock among thinking people.

While so-called Free Thinkers have contributed much in the matter, it is among the more advanced of Christian scholars that the most systematic study is going on; the object being to learn just what it is, knowing that the true cause of humanity will be benefitted notwithstanding the result may be the downfall of some of their pet theories.

First, what is the meaning of the word Bible? Many suppose it to mean "The great book of all books." This is not correct: Its true meaning is: "The book composed of other books."

### The Old Testament

was not brought together until long after it was written in manuscript form, while the New Testament was not written in its present form until at least three hundred years after the events narrated are supposed to have taken place. Indeed, from the evidence presented, it is doubtful if any of the records were made until at least fifty to one hundred and fifty years had passed and some Christian scholars affirm that it was even later than that.

The Old Testament can be divided into two divisions: The *historical* and the *prophetical*.

### Upon the Historical

depends the proof that the events connected with the fundamental principles of the Christian Religion took place. If these historical records can not be demonstrated to be reliable, the fabric must fall as its basis has vanished. The prophetical are worthless if the basis of the



prophecies can not be sustained.

The question then is: "Who wrote the historical books of the Bible?"

We have been told that Moses wrote the five books of the Pentateuch; that Joshua wrote the book that bears his name; that Solomon wrote the Proverbs and David the Psalms. They either did or did not and the place to learn the truth is from the internal and external evidence of the Bible.

#### The Book of Genesis

purports to give a history of the world from the creation which, according to biblical chronology, took place 4004 B. C., up to the year 1635 B. C. Moses was born 1571 B. C. According to this, every event recorded in the book of Genesis took place from sixty four to twenty four hundred and thirty three years before he was born. If he wrote the book, how did he know anything about it except from tradition?

But was this all, the higher criticism would have no further need to study the book of Genesis. It could be explained in some way satisfactory to themselves. But there are other things which lead them to say positively that

#### Moses Was Not The Author

of the book and that it was produced by a much later writer.

In Genesis xiv, 14, we read as follows: "And when Abram learned that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and

#### Pursued Them Unto Dan."

This seems a most natural thing to do until we learn that, at this time, the city of Dan had no existence.

Judges xviii 26-29 reads as follows: "And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw they were too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house. And they took the things which Micah had made and the priest that he had and came unto Laish, unto a people that were quiet and secure; and they smote them with the edge of the sword.

And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon and they had no business with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Beth-re-hod. And they built a city and dwelt therein. And they called the name of the city Dan, after Dan, their father, who was born in Israel. Howbeit, the name of the city was Laish at the first."

Abram's chase took place 1913 B. C. and as

#### Dan was not Founded

until 1406 B. C., there was no such city until forty five years after the death of Moses and five hundred and seven years after the supposed chase of his enemies by Abraham. As the name was Laish until Moses had been dead forty five years, he certainly did not write it and the writer was someone who lived after the capture of Laish and its consequent change of name to Dan.

Genesis 36, gives a genealogy of Esau, who was the

#### Father of the Edomites.

The 31 verse reads: "And these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before there reigned any king over the Children of Israel." This passage is dated 1780 B. C.

It could never have been written until

kings had reigned over Israel and clearly implies that the author was one who looked back through long years at events that had taken place. It would have been ridiculous to refer to New York while the Dutch were still in possession of it and previous to the time when its name was changed. If you found a writing that spoke of New York you would never imagine that it was written previous to the time that the city was called New York.

For the same reason we know this passage was written

#### After Kings had Reigned over Israel.

But when was this? Again the Bible answers.

Saul was anointed king over Israel in 1096 B. C. Samuel was the last of the Judges and his subjects refused to receive his sons as his successors and demanded a king. Saul was therefore anointed. But even this date can not be late enough for the date of this writing as the passage clearly implies the plural. Therefore, there must have been more than one king. Saul reigned forty years and David succeeded him 1055 and was in turn succeeded by Solomon in 1015. It would be reasonable to suppose that at least two kings had reigned before this passage could have been written, but taking the date of Saul's anointing, it was not until 1095 B. C. or three hundred and fifty five years after Moses died.

(To be continued.)

## IS THERE A PERSONAL GOD?

Flora Pike Gates.

GOD is not a person, but the vast, Infinite Consciousness, containing the universe, and contained in every particle of the universe, animating the whole. God cannot be limited, but a portion of this divine life descends into each soul and brings to it power and wisdom. In proportion as we are conscious of the voice of this divinity do we become wise and good.

That part of divine consciousness that takes up its abode with us is a personal god for us. It is our ruler, father, friend, guide, according to our need, and each individual needs, and each individual worships the God of his own idea.

The higher our spiritual development, the nearer our ideal comes to the truth; as we come to know God by degrees, our personal God is ever changing, but the eternal God can never change, and we cannot come to a full knowledge of Divinity till we are ourselves Divine.

We can know nothing outside of our own consciousness, therefore when we say we worship God, we really mean that we worship our own idea of God or as much divinity as has been revealed to us; and this definition of a personal God explains all the differences in religious belief in the world.

The heathen see God divinely through idols and nature-worship; the Christian sees him through the teachings of Christ, and the devotee through his hours of meditation. Everywhere the pure in heart shall see God.

God is life, love, light and truth, and to the human soul is given a ray from each one of these divine blessings by which it may be safely guided to the great ocean of love and light.

God is the grand harmony of which we are the smallest part; yet as a part we are uplifted and borne on by the grand melody. We have the ability to hear only the slightest sound of this musical harmony, but the sense of heavenly music that comes to us at times comes as a personal blessing, and may seem to be given by a personal hand. It is the voice of God to us. God is the sum of all his parts. God is all being. Oh! what a grand serenity it gives to the soul to be able to dimly comprehend the eternal presence of love, our safe and sure repose from any imaginary evil.

## LOIS WAISBROKER.

### A Tribute to an Able Worker.

Lois Waisbroker, the veteran worker in the cause of social reform, will reach the seventy third mile post in the journey of life the 21 of this month. This should be accepted as a favorable time for her friends, and the friends of the unpopular cause she has so long and fearlessly represented, to give her a practical recognition of their appreciation of the great work she has so ably championed for nearly two generations. This can be done by sending one dollar to her address, 28, 8, St., San Francisco, Calif., for her last book on social reform, entitled "My Century Plant."

This treatise is strictly in line with the needs of the age and, although radical in sentiment, it enlightens men and women on the true demand of their natures, the road to civilization and a nobler man and womanhood attained through the agency of an improved generation and a more natural and perfect education.

The material aid attending this recognition would no doubt be most acceptable and at the same time a tribute she has justly earned. SARAH J. GILL.

## BUFFALO ITEMS.

Maggie Waite, is located at 307 Niagara St. and is giving Sunday entertainments at a Hall on Connecticut St.

Mrs. Wreidt, trumpet medium, is holding seances at 310 Breckenridge St.

Moses and Mattie Hull hold meetings Sundays at the Temple at 10.30 A. M. and at 7.30 P. M.

"The Buffalo Spiritual Society," holds meetings Sundays, corner of Clinton and Cedar Streets, at 2.30 and 7.30. Miss Gussie Taylor, lecturer. John A. Black, President.

Mrs. E. V. Newman, psychic reader and magnetic healer, is doing well and is located at 879 Main St.

Mrs. Chase, test medium holds forth on Eagle St. near Pine.

Mrs. Dr. J. H. Mattison is ministering to a house full of sick ones every day at 248 N. Division St.

Professor J. Dustin, healing medium is at corner of Michigan and Glenwood Sts. and proves to be successful in his special line.

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N. H. Eddy, still holds forth at the Temple each Sunday, with his ample supply of books and spiritual publications.

J. W. DENNIS.



## SPIRIT MESSAGES

—Given in Automatic Writing—

By Spirit SUSAN B. FALES.

Through the Mediumship

of LIDA B. BROWNE.

With many of the readers of THE SUNFLOWER I am personally acquainted, as some of the older workers in the cause are patronizing the sprightly little paper which is destined to turn the thoughts of many toward the sunlight of truth and knowledge. I greet you one and all, and if in my humble way I can be the means of helping many an anxious one here to send a message to the friends left behind, I shall be continuing the work I left undone when I laid aside the flesh to don the habiliments of eternal life.

The first spirit who is ready to manifest is that of a child, a little girl of not more than nine summers, who says she is anxious to send a loving message to her papa and mama who are Spiritualists and live in the town of Benton, Iowa. She had the whooping cough and taking a severe cold as she was convalescing caused the passing out. She is glad that her playthings were given to her former companions, and says she is often in the home and also goes to play with her comrades, but they see her not. This makes her sad, but she is glad of this opportunity to send a message back to her parents. It is just two years since she left them.

The next spirit gives the name of Jacob Astor Thompson and says he was named after the millionaire but was not as lucky in life as he was, never having more than a competency, and many times hardly that; he was a shoemaker by trade and the machines crowded him out of work. He died of typhoid fever leaving a wife and four children, his home was in Scranton, Pa. He has changed his views since leaving earth life as then he was a blue Presbyterian and believed that nearly all mankind were foreordained to go to the place where the temperature is rather warm. Now he knows differently and is glad that his wife has forsaken old dogmas for the blessed truth of Spiritualism.

Charlie Brockman, says tell my mother that I am ever near her now and regret my leaving her alone in her old age to battle with life. I could not remain on the farm with contentment but little thought my father would be killed by the accident he met with and leave you to get along as best you could. If I had only been satisfied to remain at home and not seek to make my fortune as I then thought, I could have been a comfort to you now and been better off myself. When I left the old Empire state for Kansas it was with high hopes, but bad companions led me astray and the fever got hold of my wasted frame weakened by intoxicants and riotous living. I humbly ask your forgiveness and will try to undo the past by guarding over you now. Tell the neighbors that I did not mean to go wrong, but temptations were too strong for me and I believed too much in others and not enough in myself.

If the recipients of these messages will kindly acknowledge them, if satisfactory, it will be a kindness to the medium and other readers of the paper will

appreciate it. These spirits say the messages will reach those for whom intended and I have no reason to doubt their word. If they bring a crumb of comfort to any aching heart I shall be satisfied.

Mr. Bach,

My dear friend:

I was glad to know that you remember having met me in earth life. It is pleasant to know one is not forgotten although the mortal form is laid away.

Yes I will endeavor to send you regularly some messages for publication. My aim is only to let those communicate who will give truthful messages and those who know their friends read your paper.

With best wishes for your success.

SUSAN B. FALES.

## A MINISTER'S TRIBUTE

—TO—

—THOMAS PAINE.—

I sincerely trust that the Fourth of July orator this year will pay at least a meager tribute to Thomas Paine.

America may hate this man for his religious views, but it should hold him in reverence for the services he rendered his country. It is a crying shame that generation after generation of American boys and girls should be allowed to grow up into manhood and womanhood in ignorance of the noble, generous and disinterested labor this man rendered to the cause of American Independence.

Every member of the immortal band who made 1776 illustrious in human history has been duly honored, except this one soul, who did more than any other single man to create this nation. I simply speak what will some day be the sober judgment of history. He shared the religious convictions of Washington, Franklin, and Jefferson, but because he dared to publish his views and speak his mind frankly, the nation to which he gave his rich and unpaid services seemed to have formed a conspiracy to trample his unspotted name into the dust of obscurity.

They have remembered his "Age of Reason" with bitterness and contempt. They have forgotten his "Crisis" and his "Common Sense," that aroused and sustained a disunited and discouraged people in their hour of bitterest trial. Men constantly quote his burning words, "These are the times that try men's souls," forgetting even whose hand it was that wrote them.

In every city and town we see memorials of the peerless Washington and the martyred Lincoln. Their statues stand under the matchless dome of the nation's Capitol. But Paine is one of his country's half-forgotten saviors. In the mind of that country his heresy has cancelled the years of loving and priceless service he rendered to a new-born nation. The clamor of bigotry has drowned the voice of gratitude.

—REV. JOHN SNYDER, in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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### VOLUME 2.

This number of THE SUNFLOWER ushers in volume 2.

No paper ever published in the interest of Spiritualism, Liberalism or Progressive Thought has been given a more cordial reception than

#### THE SUNFLOWER.

We began its publication with a paid up subscription list greater by far than many efforts of the same nature have received after several years work and from the day we announced that we would begin the publication of such a paper, up to and including the present time, nothing but words of commendation, accompanied by the more substantial tokens of appreciation in the shape of half dollars for yearly subscriptions, have been received.

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#### SPECIAL FEATURES OF VOL. 2.

Among the special features of Volume 2 we will mention the History of Cassadaga Camp, the continuation of Moses Hull's articles upon the Higher Criticism, Prof. Lockwood's articles upon the Construction of Human Bones, Who Wrote the Historical Books of the Bible, by the Editor, Astrology by N. H. Eddy and among the many additional features that will develop as time goes on, is the Spirit Message Department, in which messages, given through the automatic writing mediumship of Lida B. Browne, by Susan B. Fales, will be of interest to our readers.

We shall continue the publication of pictures of our prominent public workers, and from time to time will publish views of the principal camp grounds and buildings owned by Spiritualists.

We are prepared to publish books either paper or cloth bound at reasonable rates. Several have already been issued from our press, printed and bound in THE SUNFLOWER office.

We thank all for past interest and hope to merit its continuance in the future.

## BIGOTRY IN PUBLIC OFFICE.

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W. H. Bach,

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Does anyone believe that had it been to prove that the whale swallowed Jonah or that it rained six inches of water all over the earth each second, or that 468,039,800 car loads, of 600 bushels, of quails fell at the Israelites camp or that Jesus made 16,000 pounds of food out of the loaves and fishes, that it would have been found "unsuitable for the Library?"

No indeed! Then it would have been all right. It could have gone upon the shelves with the French Novels, the "beautiful love story of Ruth and Boaz" the accounts of the escapades of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Lot, Noah, Solomon and David.

Doubtless the people of Erie will be greatly improved in public morals by this extremely moral Examining Board.

## Spirit Message Department.

The attention of our readers is called to the Spirit Message Department which we introduce this month. Mrs. Lida B. Browne is an exceedingly fine automatic writing medium and her writings have been published in many of our papers, although up to the present time THE SUNFLOWER has been favored with but one of them. The friends of the East, especially the visitors to Lake Pleasant Campmeeting, will remember Susan B. Fales, whose cottage was a pleasant spot at all times and where loving messages were given, tending to bridge the chasm of death and open the eyes of the world to the beauties of a knowledge of immortality. We feel that we have been doubly fortunate in securing the co-operation of these workers, one on the earth side the other on the spirit. We would be pleased to publish verifications of the messages whenever they are recognized.

## MEDIUMS ATTENTION.

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## The Christ Question Settled.

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Dr. Peebles, appreciating the value of such an array of talent, compiled these articles into a symposium and with his own comments and criticisms of each has produced a book of more than ordinary interest.

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## KISSING THE BIBLE.

Probably no custom that has been continued by our courts is of a more barbarous character than that of kissing the Bible in taking an oath.

As a class, it is not the young and innocent, free from taint of disease, who are taken to the Courts of Justice; it is more frequently the depraved, those who have their systems filled with the poison of disease, intoxicants, tobacco and what not. This individual is instructed by the court to "kiss the book" in taking an oath and immediately afterwards, some one whose condition is different is compelled to do the same thing.

Many cases of disease have been transmitted in this manner, yet the barbarous custom has been continued in many of the courts of the land.

One of the saddest cases on record occurred recently in the Surrogate's office in New York City. A young lady having been called in as a witness in a case of law on taking the oath kissed the Bible. A few days later she was taken severely ill and, notwithstanding the efforts of the physicians, died in terrible agony of a loathsome disease.

These customs are merely relics of barbarism and it is pleasing to learn that, immediately upon learning the facts, an order was issued forbidding a repetition of that manner of taking an oath, in that court.



## THE STRUCTURE OF HUMAN BONES.

By PROF. W. M. LOCKWOOD.

EVENTUALLY it will appear that real spirituality does not have its inception in a boneless anatomy; in soft and weak fiber and tissue, nor in velvety, transparent cuticle that savors of transcendental errors of physical structure.

Modern science indicates that the cerebral organism is a complex electrode, containing special electrical avenues called "tracts of sensation," through which means conscious ego is impressed.

That this complex structure requires the highest mental tension possible, is self evident; that such tension necessitates a thorough support of healthful nerve and ganglionic organization, structured upon a strong and healthy osseous anatomy, is indicated, not only in the physical organization, of the greatest intellects of every age, but finds analogous expression throughout the varying types of animal existences.

While anatomists agree as to the general number of bones comprising the human skeleton, yet they vary somewhat in their order of classification. For instance, it is well known that the *sacrum* and *coccyx* have the elements of nine vertebrae, yet in general anatomy they are counted only as two bones. Then again, the bones of the ear and the small Sesamoid bones are seldom counted in the number contained in the human skeleton.

The cause of this omission is not known to the writer unless perhaps it has become a popular habit to say that "there are two hundred bones in the human anatomy." Transmitted habits of thought frequently contain the errors of uncounted past generations. We continually talk of the sun rising and setting, although it has been shown, since the time of Galileo, that the sun neither rises nor sets.

A close inspection of the mechanical structure and physical character of the bones found in the human anatomy, discloses many principles of mechanical art, comprising the locomotion and movement of the limbs and the graceful poise of the body.

Bones belonging to the human are usually "Classified as long, short, flat and irregular;" but this brief generalization does not convey, to the mind of the ordinary student, a proper comprehension of the complex osseous structure, upon which is supported the vascular system, and its inhering laboratory of functional life.

When basic principles and facts are demanded by the public mind, upon this data, a new page of truth will be added to the testimony of how invisible modes of motion enter into, and form, the varying expressions of bone organization as are found, not only in man, but in all types of vertebrate and invertebrate animal life.

It is not widely known that bones are composed of innumerable cells and that these cells, like other cells of the vascular system, ebb and flow with circulation of the arterial fluid. Old cells, are constantly being supplanted by new. A state of what the physiologists call "molecular death" is supplemented by "molecular life."

To carry on this constant transformation of cellular tissues, long bones have three avenues of arterial supply. But before we trace these avenues, we must understand that bone tissue has two distinctive characteristics, known as *compact and dense* and *cancellous and porous*.

The compact tissue is found in the main shaft or body of long bones, as well as in the external surface structure of all bones; while the cancellous tissue is seen in the ends of long bones and the central portion of other bones.

The leading or noteworthy feature of compact tissue is, its successive layers of concentric character. These layers are known in anatomy as *lamellar*. Cancellous tissue, on the other hand, is expressed by these layers, separating, diverging and interlacing; the fibers of which form arches, giving elasticity and strength and always found in normal bone structure, rhythmic to points of pressure and traction.

The three sources or avenues of arterial supply suggested above, are known under the names of "the periosteal vessels," "the medullary artery," and the "articular arteries." A thin, dense, membrane called the "*periosteum*" covers the external portions of all long bones, excepting near the ends, the main shaft, which is covered with cartilage.

On the inner surface of the periosteum, between the main body of the bone and the membrane, are located the periosteal vessels, furnishing nourishment and support to the compact tissue.

The inner cavities of the bones also have the periosteal membrane, to which is attached the *medullary artery*, supplying the marrow, and deeper inner parts, of the main shaft of the bone. The *articular arteries*, belong to, and function the cancellous tissues, and the red marrows found in the bone's extremity.

All of these vessels and arteries are freely connected together, each system possessing some functioning power, peculiar to itself, yet working in silent reciprocity, in carrying off waste tissue which is no longer serviceable and supplying invigorating fluids, promoting and functioning new cell structure, with the entire processes co-related to the life and vegetative economy of human existence.

The under layer of the periosteum is of gelatinous character. It contains what are called "*the osteoblasts*" which are centers of nutrition to the concrete tissues, besides aiding in the growth and repair of broken or splintered bones.

Let us here call the attention of the supermaterialist to the fact that the periosteum, containing, as it does, all of the functioning qualifications and characteristics, are the result of psychic, chemical, reactions; for if you change the rhythm of these reactions and co-relations, an imperfect bone organization results. This point we shall make clear in another paper.

(To be continued.)

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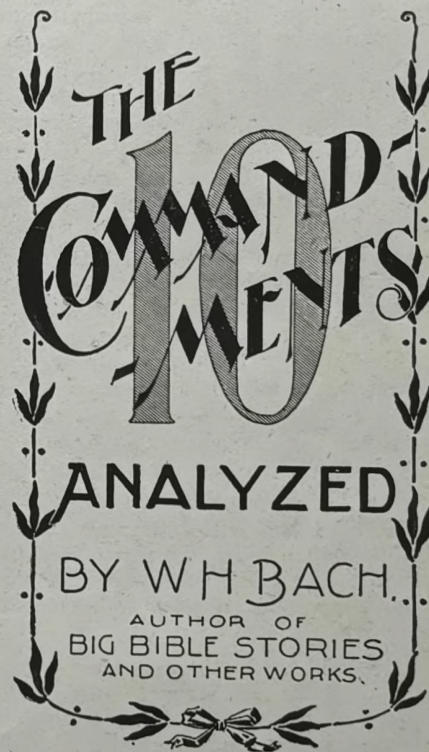
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Carrie E. S. Twing is at Norwich Conn.

Farmer Riley has been working in Ohio.

Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner is at Watseka, Ills.

Lyman C. Howe is at Cleveland, Ohio, speaking for the west side society.

J. Frank Baxter is engaged at South Bend, Ind. for February and March.

Bradford, Pa. Spiritualists have been given the use of the Universalist Church.

Julia Steelman Mitchell is serving the society at Chattanooga, Tenn. for three months.

Oscar A. Edgerley is speaking for the Berkley Hall Society in Boston. He goes to Canada next month.

The Michigan State Association of Spiritualists held a convention at Owosso February 10, 11 and 12.

Topeka, Kans. is again forging to the front. We would like to hear from "Father" Baker if he is still in the form.

Geo. P. Colby will winter at North Yakima, Wash. He is a good worker. Keep him busy, friends on the coast.

THE SUNFLOWER is mailed the 15th of each month unless that day comes on Sunday. If you do not receive your paper, let us know at once.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie still continues to hold successful meetings in San Francisco and Oakland. Mr. Lillie had quite a siege with LaGrippe, but is now able to assist in the work.

Dr. Peebles' address for the winter months is 3121 K Street, San Diego, Calif. We understand he is preparing for his fourth trip around the world, to begin next fall.

F. Corden White is at Hotel Rich, Fort Wayne, Ind. He will spend the month of March at Bradford, Pa.; April at Grand Rapids, Mich.; all the balance of his time is taken up to November 1899. He reports cold weather but much interest in Spiritualistic matters.

We wish to extend our thanks to the many friends who have aided us by sending in subscriptions during the past month. Look at our special offer on page 5 and see if we can not double our subscription list in the next three months. There are good things in store for our readers.

G. L. S. Jenifer passed to Spirit Life February 10. He was widely known, especially among the Spiritualists, having been President of the Illinois State As-

sociation for several years, and Conductor of the meetings held at Bricklayers' Hall. Mr. Jenifer died at his home in Chicago. His body was cremated.

This, understand, is an unerring rule  
That he who cannot reason is a fool;  
That he who dare not reason, is a slave,  
And he who will not reason is a knave."

The above lines came to us on a postal card, postmarked Buffalo, N. Y. but the writer "forgot" to sign it. We think it pretty good. Will the sender please explain the significance?

Indiana is considering voting on the question of Woman's Suffrage while Minnesota has adopted an amendment permitting them to vote in school elections; which state will be next? If some of its advocates had not been so high handed in their dealings with our state legislature New York would have considered the subject before now. Perhaps they will learn by past experience and the next effort will be more successful.

One set of people are condemning Mrs. Mabel Aber-Jackman, claiming that her phenomena is fraudulent and give affidavits to prove it. In California Mrs. Maud L. Freytag is passing through the same experience. In each case the State Association, after test sittings, has come out with a strong endorsement of the same phenomena. "Who shall decide, when doctors disagree?"

Mrs. Lora Holton, lecturer and platform musical test medium, has just closed a successful three months engagement with the Second Church of the Soul; Chicago, Ills. and will serve the Englewood Spiritual Society for the month of February.

She contemplates visiting Boston this summer and would like to make engagements *en route* to be able to arrive at Lily Dale for the June picnic. Societies desiring her services, at reasonable rates, address her at the Mediums Home, 3310½ Rhodes Ave. Chicago, Ills.

The Buffalo Spiritual Temple Society has, with indomitable energy, surmounted the difficulties of a beginning and has a building of its own. Like most efforts of the kind, be they Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian or Spiritualistic, they were unable to pay for it at the beginning. To enable them to meet these payments it has been customary to have a fair each year, at which several hundred dollars are usually raised to aid in meeting the necessary expenditures. March 1 has been selected for this year. Now will not the Spiritualists aid the Buffalo Ladies in this undertaking? Send something useful and salable that can be turned into cash to aid their project. All articles should be sent to Mrs. Nellie Whitcomb, 248 N. Division St., Buffalo.

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## DOINGS AT LILY DALE.

The past month has been the coldest weather experienced for some years. For some time it looked as though the ice crop might be a failure again as it was last year, but the cold snap has been a harvest for the ice men. Over three hundred carloads of ice have been shipped from here, the two ice houses filled to overflowing and at the present time there is a second crop of clear ice, fifteen inches thick, that is waiting for harvest. An order for five hundred cars in addition to what has already been put up is expected and work will proceed upon it immediately.

The ice harvest has made work for everyone who has wanted work and much of the time it has been impossible to secure enough help to properly attend to the work which has been in charge of Mr. Markham. Several thousand dollars have been distributed among the people of this vicinity.

## VISITORS

have been rather scarce this month. Most of us preferred a fire to travel and doubtless others felt the same way. Mr. A. Gaston made his usual visit but it was cut short by news that he was wanted at home to look after his Congressional interest. Mrs. Kelley of Fredonia, also Miss Blanche Kelley and Mr. W. J. Heath, of Jamestown, were here visiting Miss Bertha Kelley who has been at Dr. Hyde's for treatment for some time. Mrs. A. E. Read, who has spent the most of the time since camp visiting friends in Ohio returned for a few days and after seeing that everything was snug around her cottage, went to Jamestown to spend the balance of the winter with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Judge Cook. Miss Kate Peete made her monthly business trip to look after local items for the Cassadagan. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Kelley of Fredonia, called upon us and inspected THE SUNFLOWER office. Like most of the callers, they were surprised to see what a complete office has been established. Dr. Lee-O-N-Netto Dodge, Indian Doctress, has been looking up a location upon the grounds with the intention of making permanent headquarters here. Mr. Dodge visited the grounds and is looking for a cottage suited to their purposes. Miss Crandall of Brocton, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Allen. Miss Catherine Mugridge, has been visiting Miss Lottie Schen. Mrs. Greene has been visiting her sister Mrs. Dedrick.

## AWAY FROM HOME.

Mr. T. J. Skidmore has gone to the Hydetown Sanitarium for a few days. He has had some difficulty with rheumatic troubles this winter and is in hopes that "Uncle Sam" Ridgeway can help him. Mrs. Bostwick visited Cambridge Springs for a few days. Mrs. Eliza Page is visiting her sister at North Tonawanda and incidentally viewing the Ice Palace at Niagara Falls. Will Spencer has gone to Chicago. Fred Spencer takes his regular business trips. He has just returned from Muncy, where he has business interests.

Anna Spencer made a short visit to Jamestown. S. S. Jones and J. H. Binney made a hunting trip to Pennsylvania. Mr. Binney has bagged seventy five rabbits this winter. Mrs. David Ramsdell, is visiting relatives at Fredonia.



## MISCELLANEOUS MENTION.

We regret to learn that both Mr. F. H. Neelin, Editor of the *Cassadagan*, and Mr. A. Gaston have been seriously ill with La Grippe the past month. We understand that both are now convalescent.

Willie Cook, so well known to visitors at Cassadaga Camp has been sick the greater portion of the winter. We understand that he is now gaining. Frank Hoard and family have returned to Lily Dale and secured the cottage next to the Octagon.

Mrs. Starr has returned to her home in Warren, Pa.

The quiet of winter life was broken by two dancing parties in Library Hall the past month. One was in the form of a reception to Mrs. Eliza Page who has done a great deal of the arranging and work for the social gatherings upon the grounds, during the winters for several years. It was a surprise to Mrs. Page and proved to be a very enjoyable affair. A masquerade is now talked of.

Several of our people are getting interested in the medicine business. Mr. Dalton continues his trips, selling quite a quantity and we learn that some others who have allowed their preparations to remain idle have about concluded to begin working them again.

THE SUNFLOWER office has turned out three books the past month.

## A HISTORY OF CASSADAGA CAMPMEETING.

WHEN the board meeting of August 30th, 1879 adjourned, there was much work to be done. It had been fully decided to purchase the grounds, that they be called "The Cassadaga Lake Camp Meeting Grounds and the President, Mr. A. S. Cobb, was authorized to secure the services of a surveyor and have the grounds platted in order that lots could be disposed of, and arrangements made for permanent improvements. The land purchased was about 20½ acres and the price paid was \$1845.12.

With the spirit of enthusiasm that has characterized the entire history of this camp, the officers laid their plans and went to work. They were ably seconded. The following Saturday was selected as the time when the work was to be inaugurated and at that time, men, women and children gathered upon the grounds, not afraid to work, but all ready to do their share in clearing the grounds and preparing them for future meetings.

The first tree was cut down by Mr. A. S. Cobb, after which all joined in and with light hearts and their merry laughter joining with the sound of axe and saw, the work of clearing proceeded.

Men, women and children worked. None were idle. None were afraid to soil their hands and at that early day, the Cassadaga Camp Ground became what it has since been, a place where woman has held equal privileges with her brothers. This was but the beginning for many such gatherings were held, in which all joined, and the pleasure of picnic dinners aided the work as many hands made light of the hardest tasks. The men felled the trees cut the branches and sawed the logs up into lengths, while the women piled and burned the refuse, or put it into the hollows where it was covered with earth and grass seed planted.

Soon after this the first assessment upon the stock which had been subscribed was called for; it was for twenty-five percent of the amount subscribed. The first person to respond to this call was Mr. N. N. Whitaker, who also loaned the Association the necessary funds to make further improvements. This loan had been authorized by a meeting of the stockholders at the residence of Mr. T. J. Skidmore, October 23, 1879.

The first list of stockholders was composed of the following individuals: Albert S. Cobb, Abbie C. Cobb, Milton H. Goodrich, D. S. Ramsdell, N. N. Whitaker Mrs. Kate McCormick, Mrs. Almira Allen, Benjamin Baldwin, A. A. Straight, H. H. Thayer, Freeman Lake, Mrs. Mary A. Leach, Linus Sage, J. B. Hall, A. G. Purple, Lydia Sage, O. G. Chase, Mrs. O. G. Chase, T. J. Skidmore, M. R. Rouse, M. J. Hull, J. E. Holly, Geo. C. Rood, W. P. Baxter.

The next question was that of the disposition of lots for tenting and building purposes. Some were disposed to sell lots outright while others contended for a

lease which would always keep the control of the ground in the hands of the Association. The latter idea prevailed and it was decided to decline to sell lots but to rent them for a term of years at the nominal price of three dollars per year. This action has been of great benefit to the camp as it has allowed the greatest freedom in the use of lots, while the plan adopted of compelling improvements upon them within a reasonable length of time has prevented them being held for speculative purposes and has resulted in many more cottages being built.

At this meeting it was also decided to fence the grounds in order that they might be more fully under the control of the Board of Directors. The three sides not fronting upon the lake were accordingly fenced. This meeting was held December 27, 1879 at the residence of David Ramsdell, in Laona.

These preliminaries being arranged, it was necessary to wait until spring opened to continue operations. May 6, 1880, a meeting of the Board of Trustees was held for the purpose of making arrangements for the formal dedication of the grounds. This was set for June 15, and the time for the first Camp Meeting was announced as July 31, to August 22, 1880. A committee consisting of O. G. Chase, A. A. Straight and Joan Carter was appointed for the purpose of engaging speakers, also committees for other necessary arrangements.

Realizing that it would be impossible to conduct a Campmeeting without a suitable place for eating and sleeping, a meeting was held June 1st at which President Cobb was authorized to arrange for a suitable building for a hotel. He accordingly arranged with Mr. Benjamin Baldwin for the erection of a two-story Hotel Building.

From early spring until the opening of camp, preparations for the meeting went steadily on. Trees were cut, some of them burned, others used to fill swamp holes while others were taken to the adjoining mills and made into lumber for the manifold uses found for it.

The Grounds were dedicated Tuesday, June 15, the speaker of the occasion being Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson. The speakers' stand was located in the hollow between the Auditorium and the Grand Hotel, was sufficiently large to accommodate three or four people besides a small stand and chairs and was covered with evergreen boughs. The people brought their lunches and all joined in a picnic dinner while every conceivable plan was used in improvising seats. Probably no more enjoyable June Picnic was ever held upon the grounds, notwithstanding its many drawbacks.

(To be continued.)

Visitors to Cassadaga Camp will remember Mr. Frank A. Smith, who was engaged as a healer for a number of years and afterwards had charge of the Leolyn Hotel.

Two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Smith decided to join the South Jersey Colony at Risley, N. J. and accordingly moved there. We understand that Mr. Smith has been selected as one of the editors of the *South Jersey Colonists Weekly*, a paper published in the interests of and by the Colony.

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## National Young Peoples Spiritualist Union.

### The President's Quarterly Report.

#### The Second Annual Convention of the N. Y. P. S. U. The Question Propounded of Low- ering the Age of Admission to Membership.

THOUGH I am unable in this report to definitely enumerate the progress made during the last quarter, nevertheless the young people have not been idle, but have been energetically pushing the work forward in every way possible. We are pleased to note the active interest recently taken in the Y. P. S. U. movement in the cities of San Antonio, Tex., San Jose, Cal., Seattle, Wash., Philadelphia and Titusville, Penn., and Columbus Ohio, where direct efforts have been made to start up local unions, with much promise of success. At other places the work has been earnestly supported and we hope, before the meeting of our Second Annual Convention, to be able to show a marked increase in our numbers. The Unions in the above named cities desire to strengthen themselves locally before joining the National, and we would prefer this than to have them weakened financially before they have been firmly established.

Within the next six weeks it will be necessary for the Board of Trustees to decide upon the place of holding our Second Annual Convention, and we ask the members to carefully consider this question and immediately notify the Secretary if they desire it held in their respective cities, or have relative recommendations to make, in order that their propositions may be carefully considered. We desire an expression of opinion as to whether it should be held at some camp meeting or city, or where.

Another important proposition should be carefully considered by all the members: The question of lowering the age of admission. In some places it has been found advantageous to lower the age to twelve years, and the question arises shall the National Union conform to these local requirements and change the age of admission to membership from sixteen to twelve years. Your officers desire to receive advice from the members before official recommendations are made. We believe, as far as possible, in carrying out the recommendations of the many instead of being guided by our personal views and inclinations, and therefore urge that the question be agitated in THE SUNFLOWER in order that the consensus of opinion may be generally known.

The question of obtaining a suitable charter has been a perplexing one, owing to limited means and the determination not, under any circumstances, to go into debt; but after considerable trouble and many disappointments a charter has been received which we believe will prove eminently satisfactory; those heretofore solicited will be promptly sent out, and the Secretary is now ready to issue others

as required. The work has been carried out as far as your officers could do so and, as was told the writer a short time ago, by one of our friends on the other side, it now remains for the members and others to do their share.

We think the time has now come to carry forward to success the work which has been so auspiciously begun, and we should all go at it with a determined effort for success while we are endowed with the joys, blessings, vigor and happiness of youth.

The following poem occurred to me a short time ago, while riding in one of our jostling street cars, and being somewhat appropriate to our movement I recorded it on the back of an envelope and append it herewith.

#### While We Are Young.

O Youth, thine is a joyous time,  
One filled with happiness sublime;  
No pen can picture, tongue can tell  
The thoughts thy youthfulness impel;  
And thou shouldst not a chance abuse,  
A minute waste, a second lose,  
But win thy way, by hand or tongue,  
Whilst thou art young.  
Whilst thou art young.

There is a work for us to do,  
A work for me, a work for you,  
A work for each and every one  
Whose duty 'tis to see it done;  
We should not let a day pass by  
Without an effort made to try  
To finish that which we've begun  
While we are young.  
While we are young.

Our elders, ever and anon,  
With eyes bedimmed, as years roll on,  
With faltering voice bemoan their fate,  
Their time had gone, it was too late;  
They'd let their chance in life slip by—  
Some paltry cause the reason why—  
They failed to push the work along  
While they were young.  
While they were young.

Then let us not procrastinate,  
Tomorrow, friends, may be too late,  
But do to-day what'er we find  
May be of service to mankind;  
And when we come to pass away  
We'll look back from that Better Way  
With gladsome thoughts of deeds well done  
While we were young.  
While we were young.

I. C. I. EVANS.

### Second Quarterly Report of the Secretary N. Y. P. S. U.

The work of the second quarter, November 1 to February 1, has been less arduous than the preceding one, but strenuous efforts have been made in various sections of the country for the organization of local Unions. In this particular we feel that too much stress cannot be laid on the importance of forming numerous Unions for therein depends the strength and permanency of the National Body: hence we are impelled to urge each and every member to take an active and working interest in that work to the end that the next three months will see the formation of at least a dozen Unions. This office will be pleased to assist you in every way possible, as will also our agent in your State.

No new charters have been granted this quarter and the individual membership has increased by two, making a total of 139 individual members, one being an honorary member.

The few reports received from state agents have been encouraging. The following agents

have been appointed since the last report was made.

Miss Amelia Rohrbach, for Illinois.

Lloyd M. Norris, " Maryland.

Miss Jennie DeLong, 2nd agent for Ohio.

We are pleased to note that a number of our members are readers of THE SUNFLOWER, as they can in this way keep informed to a great extent of the condition of the Union and at the same time receiving a spiritual paper freighted with edifying and helpful thoughts.

The result of the vote of the members in regard to joining the N. S. A. was a large majority in favor of uniting with that body, which will be done as soon as our circumstances permit.

As will be seen by the financial report here-to appended, our income has been very meager and we would venture to suggest that the members attempt to interest their friends either to become members or to lend a helping hand to our work.

We wish to thank the friends who respond promptly to our communications. The interest manifested thereby is encouraging and we take this method of expressing our appreciation.

Respectfully submitted.

ANNA MAEBELLE STEINBERG,

### SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

#### SECOND QUARTER,

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## ASTROLOGY.

N. H. EDDY.

At the present time there is a wave of force that is causing the people of the world to look into all matters pertaining to the occult, which accounts for the great interest in the study of Astrology that has manifested itself during the recent past.

East, west, north, south, wherever you turn, the eyes and minds of the people are turning towards the finer forces in nature, all intent upon solving some of her numerous problems.

Under the law of cause and effect, these people are being born and the combination of the stellar forces, with the psychic emanations of such sensitives, is causing what will result in great progress in the fine arts and an understanding of the finer forces.

As before stated the Zodiac represents a circle of 360° and is divided into twelve divisions which refer to, and influence, different parts of the human body and life. They also represent the different seasons and by combinations of quarters, or three signs or divisions, refer to and influence the seasons and the four divisions of life, viz.: childhood, youth, man or womanhood and old age.

The section of ♈ Aries ♉ Taurus and ♊ Gemini are termed the quarter of love. ♋ Cancer, ♌ Leo and ♍ Virgo the quarter of wisdom, intellectual and spiritual forces. ♎ Libra, ♏ Scorpio and ♐ Sagittarius, the quarter of wealth and construction and ♑ Capricorn, ♒ Aquarius and ♓ Pisces, the quarter of labor or serving signs.

These sections, divided into the twelve divisions and four sub-divisions also represent the sections of the human organism and complete life — the grand man or woman.

The Earth revolves on its axis once in twenty-four hours which causes the ☉ Sun, the giver of life, during the four seasons, to appear, *geo-centrally*, for a portion of the time, in each of these divisions. *Helio-centrally* the ⊕ Earth gives the representation; that is, during the twelve months makes its cycle or transit of each division.

Then, by taking the date of birth and as near as possible, the exact moment, the polarity of the different stellar forces is determined, their aspects and relations towards each other and towards the individual, the ☉ Sun and the ⊕ Earth. Thus we are enabled to learn the section of the Zodiac which is effected by these combinations, the section of the human body, and, from analogy, the probable effect upon the individual.

Each wave force operates upon humanity and therefore all humanity is the result of these combinations, operating in regular cycles, animated by natural principles and the results shown are their magnetic impress materialized in a manner that will enable us to take cognizance of it.

The ☉ Sun is the giver of light by day and the ☾ Moon and stars by night and all life, of whatever form or expression, is but the out-working of natural laws and forces.

DR. WHEELER

### Engaged in South Carolina.

As I am the recipient of a little gem called THE SUNFLOWER, I will say I am much pleased with its contents, and as Shakespeare once wrote, "Knowledge is Power," and he who seeks it will be able to span the stream of ignorance always running between the seen and the unseen. Your little paper gives great promise of an eventful career and I for one wish it a prosperous and successful New Year.

My wife and I arrived here Nov. 30, to fill an engagement and we are now dom-

iciled in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burdge whose hospitality we have enjoyed since our arrival in this eccentric old town on the coast of the Atlantic.

At a short distance and within sight of here is the U. S. Naval Station at Port Royal, S. C. This port is a new one, and bids fair to become a very popular seaport. This is an orthodox stronghold, but we have found a few liberal minds and have created quite a bit of comment and no end of interest among officials and private citizens.

Mrs. Addie Burdge displays remarkable powers as an inspirational and automatic writing medium, and great credit is due her in bringing us into the field here to scatter the beautiful gems of knowledge that may help our brothers and sisters into an unfoldment of their Psychic powers. Among our investigators, we have the English, Scotch, Rhode Islanders, and fair Virginians, and our little society is on the increase. The climate is lovely. Trees and grass are green, roses in bloom under my window and the violets and narcissus are beautiful and fragrant. I wish that the Editor and many of our readers could enjoy our winter here. Oysters and clams are in abundance and there is plenty of wild game.

Please give this letter space in your valuable journal so that our many friends may know where we are located. I must cancel all engagements for an indefinite time, as I am now employed by the Government. Will answer all letters as soon as time permits and will notify the different societies when I am again at liberty.

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# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

### National Spiritualist Lyceum Association.

*The following is the Constitution of the National Spiritualist Lyceum Association of the United States of America.*

#### CONSTITUTION.

##### ARTICLE I.

###### *Name.*

The name of the Society shall be the "National Spiritualist Lyceum Association of the United States of America," which Society shall be incorporated.

##### ARTICLE II.

###### *Objects.*

The objects of this Association shall be to centralize the various Lyceums into one National Organization for the purpose of educating the children in the higher truths of Spiritual Culture, and to establish a uniform method of teaching the higher principles of Spiritualism.

##### ARTICLE III.

###### *Seal.*

The Seal of this Association shall be circular, two inches in diameter, with a Sunflower design and monogram initials in the center, the title and date of organization appearing in large type around the outer edge.

##### ARTICLE IV.

###### *Officers and Executive Board.*

The Officers of this Association shall be a Conductor, Assistant Conductor, Secretary, Treasurer, Guardian and Assistant Guardian, who shall be members of the Executive Board and with three others shall constitute an Executive Board of nine, who shall be elected by ballot at a regular Annual Convention of this Association, by delegates assembled.

##### ARTICLE V.

###### *Duties of Officers.*

Section 1. *Conductor.* It shall be the duty of the Conductor to preside at all meetings, both of the Association and Executive Board; to countersign all charters issued to the Chartered Lyceums, and all papers bearing the Seal of the Association, subject to the approval of a majority of the Executive Board.

Sec. 2. The Conductor shall have general supervision of the officers of the Association and the transaction of its business, the approval of all bills before payment of same by the Treasurer, and shall make a yearly report of the progress of the affairs of the Association at its Annual Convention.

Sec. 3. *Assistant Conductor.* It shall be the duty of the Assistant Conductor to perform the duties of the Conductor in the absence of that officer, always subject, however, to the approval of a majority of the Executive Board.

Sec. 4. *Secretary.* It shall be the duty of the Secretary, under the direction of the Conductor, to prepare and keep all records and accounts of the Association; to attend to its correspondence; to sign all charters and papers bearing the Seal of the Association under the direction of the Board; to keep an official record of all meetings; to be the custodian of the Seal of the Association; to keep a faithful account of all monies received, and to turn the same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor.

Sec. 5. The Secretary shall also perform such other duties as the Conductor may direct; shall make a yearly report to the Association at its Annual Convention, containing a full statement of the membership of

all Chartered Associations, and such other items and statements as the Executive Board shall deem necessary, and shall give such bond as required by the Board for the faithful performance of the duties of the office.

Sec. 6. *Treasurer.* It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies through the hands of the Secretary, and to properly account for the same. He shall pay all bills against the Association, upon order duly signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the Conductor, and shall deposit all surplus funds in such bank as the Executive Board may designate, and shall give suitable bond for the safe keeping of all funds of the Association that may come into his or her hands, and the disbursement of the same.

Sec. 7. The Treasurer shall furnish a statement of his account when called for by the Conductor or the Executive Board; shall keep such books of account as they shall direct, and at the close of the year shall make a full report to the Association, at its Annual Convention, of all the funds received, disbursed and remaining on hand, the statement of disbursements to be accompanied by an exhibit of vouchers therefor, duly approved by the proper auditing committee.

Sec. 8. *Executive Board.* It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to fill, by appointment, all vacancies that may occur in said Board, such appointees to hold office until the next annual convention, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, approve the appointment of missionaries and other representatives and have the general management and control of the business affairs, property and funds of the Association; approve and direct the issue of charters, and cancel the same for cause. The Executive Board shall also be empowered to solicit and accept gifts and bequests in the name of the Association.

##### ARTICLE VI.

###### *Membership.*

Section 1. The membership, or primary units of this Association shall consist of all Spiritualist Lyceums chartered by it, and they shall send delegates to the annual conventions upon the following basis, viz.: One delegate for each Chartered Lyceum, and an additional delegate for each fifty members, or major fraction thereof.

Sec. 2. The secretaries of all Chartered Lyceums shall prepare and transmit to the Secretary of the National Association an annual report in writing, giving the number of members enrolled, and such other information regarding their respective associations as may be required by the Executive Board of the National Association.

##### ARTICLE VII.

###### *Means of Raising Revenue.*

Section 1. The Executive Board of the National Association shall be authorized and empowered to raise funds by the following methods.

By collecting two dollars (\$2.00) for each charter issued to each association of lay members, and two dollars (\$2.00) as annual dues from same.

Sec. 2. All monies received from the above named sources shall be payable to the Secretary of the National Association, and shall constitute the general fund, and shall be used to meet the general expenses of the Association, and the same shall not be appropriated to any of the special funds by less than a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

##### ARTICLE VIII.

###### *Annual Convention.*

The Annual Conventions of this Association shall be held during the first week in August. The Conductor of the National Association shall preside, and the Secretary of said Association shall be Secretary of the Convention. The authorized voters shall be the duly elected delegates from the various Chartered Lyceums. At this convention the

regular election of the officers and Board of Trustees for the ensuing year shall take place, and all necessary business be transacted.

##### ARTICLE IX.

###### *Amendments.*

Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any Annual Convention of this Association by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

#### — BY-LAWS —

##### ARTICLE I.

###### *Annual Convention.*

Section 1. "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall be authority, and govern this Association in all matters not provided for by the Constitution and By-Laws.

Sec. 2. The standing committees of the conventions shall be appointed by the Conductor as occasion requires, and shall be as follows:

- On Credentials.
- On Rules.
- On Resolutions.
- On President's Report.
- On Secretary's Report.
- On Treasurer's Report and Auditing.
- On Delegates' Reports.
- On Amendments.
- On Finances, Ways and Means.

These committees shall consist of not less than three, nor more than five persons.

Sec. 3 The Conductor shall appoint the following officers for each Convention: a Sergeant-at-Arms, a Stenographer, an Assistant Secretary, a Reading Clerk, a Musical Director and a Door Keeper, and other special officers as occasion may require.

Sec. 4. No delegate shall speak on any question before the convention more than ten minutes except by unanimous consent.

Sec. 5. All delegates' reports shall be rendered in writing and referred (without reading) to appropriate committees.

Sec. 6. All reports of officers and committees shall be rendered in writing and read before the Convention; provided, said reading may be dispensed with by a two-thirds vote.

Sec. 7. The election of officers shall take place after all other business of the convention has been transacted, and all nominations shall be made from the floor of the convention, and elected by written ballot.

Sec. 8. The Executive Board shall prepare a general program for each convention in advance of the assembling of the same.

##### ARTICLE II.

###### *Officers.*

Section 1. The Conductor shall appoint such Missionaries, and other Special Representatives as hereinafter provided. All such appointments shall be submitted to and approved by the Executive Board and shall expire with the term of office of the Conductor so appointing.

Sec. 2. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the headquarters and principal office of the Association; shall procure all necessary supplies for the same, and render an account therefor from time to time as required.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall whenever called upon to do so by the Executive Board or any committee thereof, or the officers of any Chartered Lyceum in good standing, submit any or all accounts, records, or other books, memoranda, or documents, in his possession, and belonging to the Association, for their inspection, at the headquarters of the Association.

##### ARTICLE III.

###### *Board of Trustees.*

The Executive Board shall have power to make all rules and regulations for the conduct of the business and affairs of the Association not provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws, and not in conflict therewith.



## ARTICLE IV.

*Membership.*

Section 1. Any seven or more persons may apply for a charter by paying the proper fees and filing an application therefor, setting forth the following particulars: The full names and residences of the applicants.

Sec. 2. The Executive Board shall, at its earliest convenience, pass upon said application, either by full board or committee, and if said application is approved by a majority of the entire Board, a charter shall issue accordingly.

Sec. 3. Said charter shall set forth all of the particulars enumerated in Section 1, and shall entitle the applicants, their associates and successors to membership as a body in the National Spiritualists Lyceum Association, and to all the rights and privileges accorded the same, by its Constitution and By-Laws, and shall also obligate them as said body to perform all the conditions of said Constitution and By-Laws, and observe all proper rules and regulations of said Association.

Sec. 4. The Executive Board shall have power to issue, at its discretion, certificates of contributing membership to such persons as shall contribute to the general fund of this Association.

Sec. 5. Said certificates shall expire one year from the date of issuing the same and shall not confer any special rights upon the holders thereof, nor be considered as an endorsement of the holder on the part of this Association or its officers.

## ARTICLE V.

*Revenue.*

Section 1. The annual dues of a chartered society shall be due and payable on or before the first day of October in each year.

Sec. 2. In the event of failure to pay such dues, such defaulting society shall not be entitled to representation in the convention on behalf of its membership.

## ARTICLE VI.

*Delegates.*

Section 1. The delegates to the annual conventions of this Association shall be elected by their respective Lyceums at least four weeks prior to the assembling of the said convention.

Sec. 2. The Secretary shall, at least sixty, and not more than ninety days prior to the time of the general convention of this Association, transmit to the secretaries of each Chartered Lyceum, blank credentials in duplicate and blank reports, together with a copy of this Article of the By-Laws.

Sec. 3. The secretary of each Chartered Lyceum shall make and forward to the Secretary of this Association an annual report, which report shall be forwarded at least thirty days prior to the annual convention of the same, and shall contain the following information: The number of enrolled members, list of officers, and addresses of same, and such other information as especially requested by the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VII.

*Missionaries and Special Representatives.*

Section 1. Missionaries may be appointed by the Conductor with the approval of the Board, whose duty shall be to organize new Lyceums, to solicit Lyceums to charter, to solicit contributions to the various funds and otherwise promote the general interest of the Association, under such rules and regulations as the Board may prescribe.

Sec. 2. Special Representatives and Attorneys may be appointed by the Conductor for special purposes, whose commissions or powers of attorney shall specify the purpose of their appointment, and be approved by a majority of the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VIII.

*Amendments.*

These By-Laws may be repealed, suspended

or amended at any annual convention of this Association by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the delegates present.

## RULES OF THE

## EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE N. S. L. A.

RULE 1. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held quarterly, on the last Tuesday of January, April, and July, of each year, at the headquarters of the Association, beginning at the hour of 4 P. M.

RULE 2. Special meetings may be called by the Conductor at his discretion, or shall be called upon written request of five members of the Board, filed with the Secretary.

RULE 3. It shall be the duty of the Conductor or members, upon calling a special meeting of the Board, to state the purpose of said meeting in the call, and to give due and timely notice of the same to each and every member of the Executive Board through the Secretary.

RULE 4. Reports shall be rendered to the Board, at each regular meeting of the same, by the Conductor, Secretary, Treasurer, and each standing committee, of all matters done and performed by them since the last preceding regular meeting. The Assistant Secretary and the Official Stenographer of each annual convention, shall prepare and file with the Secretary of the N. S. L. A., a correct type-written copy of their reports, of the proceedings of the Convention, the same to be kept as part of the records of the office. Payment for the services rendered by these officials shall not be made until these reports are duly filed.

RULE 5. The Secretary shall seal, with the seal of the Association, all charters, commissions, organizers and beneficiary certificates, receipts, and all other documents having the signature of the corporation, or signed in its behalf by the officers thereof.

RULE 6. All donations, contributions, gifts, or bequests for the benefit of any fund of this Association shall not be receipted for by any organizer, representative, or attorney in behalf of the Association, unless he is especially authorized under the seal to do so. But the same may be transmitted by some other party directly to the Secretary, who shall receipt therefor under seal, specifying upon such receipt the particular fund for which it is intended, and if not specially directed by written instructions, all funds thus received by him will be turned into the general fund of the Association.

RULE 7. All members of the Executive Board approving any application shall affix their signatures to the same, which application shall then be filed as a part of the records of the Association.

RULE 8. In the event of disapproval of any application, the same shall not be signed by any of the Board, but said application shall be returned to the applicant, together with the fees paid thereon, if any.

RULE 9. The Secretary shall provide and keep on hand at the principal office of this Association a supply of the following blanks:

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- Application for Organizer's Commissions.
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Spiritualism must never adopt any measure for cramping the unfolding intellect. It must have no pope or popes, nor strive to utter the shibboleth of any man-made form or faith. In this modern wave of spiritual truth, the angels purposed the formation of no new sect — no iron-clad creed. Their aim, higher and holier, was to demonstrate a future life for man, and to educate, enlighten, and spiritualize our common humanity.

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others; seek no praise or fulsome flattery; intrigue for no office; partake of the bread of honest labor only; administer reproof in gentleness and love; forgive as you would be forgiven; be kind to the poor; the unfortunate, the sick, the dying; live to lift others to higher planes of health and happiness; live to brighten the chains of human friendship; live to educate mind, heart, and soul for the realization of a heaven on earth; plant gardens of love in unhappy bosoms; scatter gems of good-will and roses of kindness along your daily walks of life; think only good thoughts; and ever welcome the angels to your heart and to your soul as the loved messengers of God.

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