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SCENES AND VISIONS.

Were they Hallucinations or a Historic Horoscope of the Hereafter?

ON OCTOBER 1897, I was visiting in Rochester, N. Y., where I vegetated into manhood. While there I was suddenly taken with pneumonia and sent to the City Hospital. It was generally believed by the officials in charge of the case the seventh night of my stay with them that it was to be the last of my earthly work in the body.

I did not close my eyes in sleep that night for I was deeply interested in a perfect kaleidoscope of events that occupied my attention. All night long, in a contented and most passive condition, I saw most wonderful visions. They were entirely foreign, not conjured in response to my thought, but came with startling effect because of their novelty and rapidity.

That I was not in an abnormal condition I know from questioning the attendants after all was over—although they saw not what I did. In my early life I studied medicine and on the eve of being admitted to practice, gave it up for other business. The descriptions in medical reading, given as visions and hallucinations, were not unlike those I saw, but my mind was wholly in a receptive state and had no connection in producing these glowing pictures. I will give but a few of the most attractive events that came for a lucid description of all would fill a volume of your paper.

At first I saw, perspectively, a long distance and several streets converging where I stood and passing onward. These streets were crowded with people going in different directions, without apparent room to slip in another person, and yet they moved like a panorama, each one seeming intent on his own business. They were dressed in quaint and gaudy colors, evidently not Americans.

The extent of this vast movement of humanity astonished and interested me; moving as they did, though like a swarm of bees, without a noise or clash of any kind.

I was in bed, facing a wall not over four feet distant. The wall was a drab color and the curtain before it was the same color although transparent and elastic. A rushing stream of water seemed to strike and resolve itself into small bubbles, which form was retained.

Directly in front of me stood a young

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GEO. W. WALROND.

THE TINY RAPS.

"Hark, hark, O friends!" said a sprightly child
Some fifty-one years ago;
"Oh, what in the world is this wonderful thing
That comes to startle us so?"

"Some little, strange, mysterious sounds,
Like echoes from over the lea;
What tidings to us can such things bring,
What can their meaning be?"

"And vocal is all our home here now,
Even cupboard and table and chair;
Ah, yes, and the wonderful voices come
Sometimes in the vacant air!"

"Coming, and coming, and coming again,
Like the waves of the restless sea;
Oh, how can we ever attempt to explain
This wonderful mystery?"

"And how shall we ever the problem solve
Whether these are friends or foes,
Unless they come in some other form
Their purpose to disclose?"

But ah! a querying thought now comes,
To question those tones, and see
If they might be consciously able to count
In numbers, from one to three.

And lo! the response is quick and clear
As the tones of a silver bell:
"Ah, yes, we are here from the spirit sphere
With a glorious truth to tell!"

Then flash the tidings athwart the skies
That heaven and earth are joined,
And the hallowed mint is all intact
Where the golden joys are coined!

And all the echoing chimes expand,
And grander the anthems swell;
"Ah, yes, we are here from the Summerland,
With a glorious truth to tell!"

'Tis told, and the joyous, sweet refrain
Has been on every hand,
All over the earth again and again,
And up in the spirit land!

—Selected.

CAMPBELL BROTHERS.

Their Work at Saint Louis.

IT HAS been the good fortune of the St. Louis people to be favored with the presence of those wonderful Psychics, The Campbell Brothers, for the past three months. I have attended many of their private seances and the two public seances at Howard's Hall, the first having been such a success that the people pleaded for a second, of which I will give a description in this article.

The good that has been done here for Spiritualism by these mediums deserves the highest praise, myself being but a slight echo to thousands of others who have seen the phenomena of Spiritualism in a high and pure light.

As for myself I sat for and received a portrait of my dear mother who has only been in Spirit life a short time. The portrait is perfect as she was in life, the coloring being perfect, and certainly produced by a masterly power. I am not alone in being blessed in obtaining a portrait, for many have availed themselves of the presence of these mediums to obtain portraits of some loved one, many of which I have seen, some being life sized—but I am drifting from the description of the public seance which I started to write about.

By the special request of many prominent Spiritualists in our city the Campbell Brothers held another one of their marvelous seances at the St. Louis Spiritual Association, Howard's Hall, on Monday Evening March 27. Although the night was stormy, snowing and sleet, the hall was crowded to its full capacity, at eight o'clock. Mr. Charles Campbell the younger brother stepped to the stage and made some interesting remarks relative to conditions etc. Mr. A. Campbell, the elder brother, then gave an invocation after which Mr. Thomas Grimshaw the able lecturer, presented a beautiful bunch of La France roses to the brothers, from their many friends here. In making the presentation Mr. Grimshaw spoke very kindly in regard to the good work that had been done by the brothers through their visit to St. Louis.

A piano duet by two brilliant pianists followed, after which the seance began in earnest. To the best of my ability I should judge over two-hundred people received messages, some type written, others written in pencil, both coming independently from the cabinet. The hall was brightly lighted.

Seven Paintings on slates and Porcelains, of an exquisite nature, interspersed these messages.

The climax to the seance occurred just as the clock struck ten, when the brothers called for some ladies and gentleman from the audience to come forward and clasp hands before the cabinet, which was done; in a few moments a canvas was handed out by invisible means, and lo! there was a life like portrait on it, one of the ladies, a Mrs. French, exclaiming, "Oh! that is my father!" which it was, a number of those present immediately recognizing it, having been familiar with the gentleman in earth life, and all pronounced it perfect. The gentleman, whose portrait it was, has been in Spirit life about one year.

This was the finish of the seance, and long will its memory last in the hearts of those present. Many sad hearts received comforting words and assurance from their friends in Spirit, proving without doubt a life beyond the grave.

In conclusion I would say, we hope to have these instruments again with us before long; I understand they leave here in a few days for Chicago and other cities, where they have engagements to fill, after which I believe they go to their home at Lily Dale, N. Y. (Camp Cassadaga) where they will be after May 1st., remaining the entire season. I should say many other beautiful tokens of flowers were presented on the above evening to those gentlemen, by their admiring friends.

Their private sittings while here have given the utmost satisfaction. Trusting this may prove interesting to your many readers,
Yours For Truth.

MRS. KATY HEWSON.

SOME GOOD WORDS FROM THE GUIDES OF

Dick Harvey, the Boy Medium of Texas.

"If some despondent soul to hope is stirred,
Some sad lip made to smile,
By any act of ours, or any word
Then has life been worth while."

How much better it is to always do right and then be glad. Did you ever notice that the whole world seems better and brighter when you have done some charitable, some noble deed? The sun shines brighter, the birds sing sweeter, all nature seems grander. If you smile the world smiles with you; if you speak a kind word as you go along in life's journey, give an encouraging smile, a helping hand, kind and loving thoughts, you will get interest on it all, not only in this existence, but in the one to come.

There is joy, hope, love and gladness in the world if we will but look up and be glad. Don't say hard things, that hurt, don't think evil thoughts,—they hurt. Thoughts are things. We have no room for anything like hate and there is no comfort in harsh words, no joy, no love. If you have alabaster boxes laid away, filled with fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection which you intend to break over the dead bodies of your friends, bring them out now, in their weary and troubled hours; open them that they may be refreshed and cheered by them. Don't keep your alabaster boxes of love and kindness sealed up until your friends are dead! Fill their lives with love, speak kind cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them.

"What do the dead care for the tender token the love, the praise, the floral offerings? But palpitating, loving hearts are broken for just such things."

So let us speak kind words, think kind and loving thoughts, do all the good we can in this world, for we will not pass this way again.

ASTROLOGY.

Heliocentric or Geocentric?

The Publisher of "The Adept"
Has a Word to Say.

I NOTICE in THE SUNFLOWER dated March 15, an article by one of the contributors of your paper concerning the controversy between Prof. Henry and myself in the *XXth Century Astrologer*, and in this article the contributor suggests that Prof. Henry and myself test the two systems of Astrology through the columns of THE SUNFLOWER.

Had the contributor of this article read carefully all of my replies to Prof. Henry in the *XXth Century Astrologer* he would have plainly seen that I offered to furnish the predictions for the *XXth Century* for any length of time from the Heliocentric system, if he would furnish the same calculated from the Geocentric system, but he did not accept the offer and as the *XXth. Century* has suspended publication we supposed the controversy ended. We will furnish a forecast for any month in the future for THE SUNFLOWER calculated from the Heliocentric system if Prof. Henry or any Geocentric Astrologer will furnish the same from the Geocentric system, and furthermore, we will allow them the privilege of referring to Raphaël's almanac or any other almanac which he may choose, to aid his predictions.

We will not write free horoscopes for any one; but if THE SUNFLOWER wishes to send myself and Prof. Henry or others the date of anyone, and guarantee that neither of us know about the party whose name we are using, then I will accept the offer for furnishing a test horoscope for THE SUNFLOWER, providing you will publish a true report as to which Astrologer is correct.

As to the \$1,000 prize offer of the *New York Journal*, we were not aware of, but we do know that about all of the daily paper prizes go to favorites of the paper offering them and those outside of the ring stand no show of winning. We would be pleased for THE SUNFLOWER to explain this offer, and also name the Astrologers who were in the contest; and if Prof. Henry was aware of this offer, why did he not avail himself of the opportunity to make a thousand, and at the same time, demonstrate the infallibility of the Geocentric system?

Should Prof. Henry desire to prove the superiority of the Geocentric system he has now the Golden opportunity, and I would be glad of the chance of proving that he cannot prove anything from the system.

If the Professor does not accept this opportunity, then we have no more time to waste with him, as he fails to back up his words when he defends any system of Astrology and then fails to demonstrate his ideas and beliefs.

FREDERICK WHITE.

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The Helio's are Ready.
Will the Geo's come Forward?

I was much interested in the article on Astrology in THE SUNFLOWER.

I have studied both systems, and I use them both, but I think the Heliocentric system so far superior and so much nearer the truth that I *never* rely now on the Geocentric position alone. I have many horoscopes on file of persons whose inmost lives are known to me. The result of my experience is that the Geocentric positions of ♂ Mercury, ♀ Venus and ♂ Mars are the source of many mistakes, just in proportion as they deviate from the true Heliocentric positions.

If you will select some friend known to you and whose whole life history you are well acquainted with, I will cast the Horoscope of that friend without charge to you; provided some Geocentric Astrologer will cast it also to the rules of Geocentric Astrology. I will use the Heliocentric positions and I only ask in return for my labor that you will print both readings with your comments. Of course the exact time of birth must be known, but that is absolutely *all* that is required. The result will, I am sure, be enlightening to many earnest inquirers.

To-day at 7.52 P. M. Chicago time the ☉ Sun enters ♈ Aries. The coming year will be an eventful one.

WILLIAM CANBY FERRIS.
The College of Occult Forces. March 20.

THE SUNFLOWER will do all that is possible to aid a controversy of this character, provided the principles of the science and not the personel of the different exponents of the art are involved. We have had good reports of the readings given by N. H. Eddy, through our columns, the Heliocentric system being the one used. We have also had good reports of the Geocentric system.

The above articles are from representative Astrologers of the Heliocentric system. Both of them have studied the Geocentric system and understand its principles. Now, if some Astrologer who prefers the Geocentric system will consent to a test, we will gladly aid it and lend the columns of this paper to it. Always provided that *principles* and not *personalities* are discussed. As Prof. Henry was involved in the beginning of the discussion, it would please us to have him represent the Geocentric system.

Everything is to be gained by a thorough exposition of the principles of the two systems. Let us have it. [Ed.]

Mrs. Kayner continues Work at Watseka.

The Spiritual Psychical Research Society of this city has just closed a series of successful meetings, including one fire test, through the mediumship of Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner of Chicago.

This gifted medium first came to us the week before Christmas and held several meetings in the different homes of Spiritualist residents, creating such a strong interest among strangers, as well as our society, that she was engaged to return the last week in January and, with increased interest closed last Friday evening March 24th.

Her good work here has resulted in our Spiritualists organizing themselves as a chartered society under the National Spiritualist Association, with dedicatory ceremony in our newly fitted up hall; also Ordination Service under the N. S. A., to Mrs. Margaret E. Skeels of Onarga Ills.

Mrs. Skeels was duly installed as our local pastor and medium for the coming year.

MRS. M. R. ALTER.
Sec'y., Watseka S. P. R. S.

THE STRUCTURE OF HUMAN BONES.

By PROF. W. M. LOCKWOOD.

AS suggested in our February letter on the structure of human bones, the *periosteum* covers a gelatinous substance containing the *osteoblasts*, which seems to possess the function of nutrition and repair of broken and splintered bones. These centers of nutrition, although small in size, have many of the characteristics of glands.

It is the office of a gland to attract from the blood an invisible substance, that builds up and supports the process to which the gland is attached. In analogous manner the *osteoblasts* generate a secretion containing all of the chemical qualities of bone and each bone contains a definite number of them, arranged in mathematical precision and connected to the arteries of circulation.

When a bone is broken, these centers of nutrition are aroused into greater activity by the electro-action induced by the shock and pour their osseous fluids into the broken and splintered parts. This stimulated action obtains not only in the external *osteoblasts*, but a similar activity for repair occurs in the internal medullary part of the bone also. The changes taking place by which we note the transformation of blood into fluids containing bone substances are additional testimony of the spiritual side of nature, and that man, *the invisible man*, is evolved a "formative principle," and his complex anatomy the phenomenon of those invisible changes, induced and promoted by what we call "chemical reactions."

Should the breaking of a bone induce those chemical reactions known in pathology as *periostitis* an inflammation of the periosteum the normal function of these *osteoblasts* become deranged, thence the broken tissues do not mend readily and serious hindrances to the healthy renewal of the parts follow as a natural sequence. Should the inflammation become sufficiently acute as to transform permanently the normal function of these centers, the fluids evolved by them will be wanting in concrete substance and the repair rendered imperfect.

Should the accident occur to a person of advanced years, the presence of carbonic acid in the general vascular system will so change the chemical and physical structure of these centers, as to induce calcareous deposit, rendering the broken parts brittle and insecure.

Look wherever you will, in the anatomical laboratory of man, and you will find special glandular organisms, structured with special organic function, the result of the development of an invisible formative force and entity which we call "the life principle;" and all of these complex and heterogeneous processes evoked by this life principle and its environment are the result of what the world in its ignorance of the spiritual qualities of combining elements, have carelessly labeled "chemical reactions." But however carelessly labeled, however meagerly understood, we are always obliged to note that these reactions occur in a spiritual spectrum beyond range of ocular vision.

The microscope reveals many wonderful and interesting facts in connection

with bone organization, bone spaces and their contents. These spaces are known under the terms of the *medullary cavities*, the *Haversian canals*, the *lacunæ* and the *canaliculi*.

We wish we had time to inform the readers of THE SUNFLOWER what these terms and names imply in plain English so that all readers might fully understand them but to go into this analysis would exhaust much time and require considerable newspaper space to express it.

There are many names occurring in anatomy and physiology that are given to certain parts and processes in honor of the discoverer; and the Haversian canal is such a name, implying that an investigator by the name of Havers made a close measurement of these minute passages and an analysis of their contents; hence the name, Haversian canal.

The medullary cavities are the canals of long bones. They contain a marrow, ninety-eight per cent of which is fat; found principally in all bones of concrete structure. The cancellous tissues also possess medullary cavities but these contain red marrow and are thought by some anatomists to contribute to the formation of red blood corpuscles. But this view of blood coloring in process of formation is not as yet confirmed by any analysis consistent with the general known facts of blood organization.

We believe that close investigation will discover that all marrows are deposits arising from the circulation of the blood through the osseous structure per se; and while these marrow deposits have their place in the support and economy of the parts to which they belong, they are not a fountain or storehouse for the evolution of color of blood corpuscles, since they are the result of blood formation.

The medullary canal is surrounded by a membrane called the *Endosteum* and it lines all of these canals and spaces.

The canals called Haversian are of microscopic character as on the average they measure only one five-hundredth part of an inch across them, yet the larger ones contain marrow and all of them are connected to or convey blood vessels.

Anatomists and chemist physiologists make a distinction between the characteristics of true bone matter and those calcareous deposits which frequently are found in bone organization, hence the term *lacunar* is used to represent the phenomena qualifying true bone structure, which are represented by insect shaped cavities and they present a very peculiar and interesting appearance under the microscope. If the reader can imagine that a great variety of insects had been moulded in these cavities, he will get perhaps a clearer idea of them. They are found between the arching and diverging fibers of the *lamella*, to which we referred in our former paper.

The *lacunæ* cavities are arranged in circles around the Haversian canals and as they are formed by the interlacing fiber of the *lamella*, they are arched or oval shaped and it is claimed that they are from one two-thousandth of an inch to one six-thousandth of an inch in diameter; but small as they are each cavity contains a soft uncleated substance called "bonecorpuscle," ready for use at a moments warning.

No thinker can study closely the art of

bone formation and its orders of crystallization, without asking himself the question: "Can we not find by close investigation of the elemental factors of bone structure, the inherent tendency to crystallize and organize as it does, from some potential quality evolved by virtue of the combination itself, rather from some external over-ruling intelligence *per se*? In other words, do not the spiritual forces entering into bone organization, in connection with the formative force gestating in the laboratory of the human matrix, account for all conditions of bone organization during the embryotic period, whether normal or abnormal?"

This view of the natural correlations entering into and promoting bone anatomy we believe will strengthen as people learn to think intillegently; and it saves God, as an ideal over-ruling intelligence from being the author of so many short legged, knock-kneed and deformed monstrosities, as our museums and human experience indicate are born to the children of men.

In our next and last letter of this series, we shall point out how some of these abnormal bone transformations obtain in the development of the human embryo.

(To be continued.)

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

The Governor of our State has received considerable newspaper criticism during the past month on account of the electrocution of Mrs. Place, who was found to be guilty of murder and the death penalty carried out.

We are opposed to capital punishment for any crime. We believe that it does not do any more to prevent murder than imprisonment does to prevent theft. But we cannot agree with our contemporaries who condemn Gov. Roosevelt for allowing her to go to the electric chair.

A governor, or any public officer, is sworn to uphold the laws of the community over whose destinies he is elected to preside. The law of the State of New York provides that a person found guilty of murder shall be electrocuted. We do not believe in the law, but we do not see how the Governor could consistently interfere. There were no extenuating circumstances; physicians pronounced her sane; her guilt was clearly proven.

Then why pardon her? "Because she was a woman" say many. Is there any sex in crime? Because she was a woman is not a basis upon which a governor could consistently base a pardon.

The execution of Mrs. Place is one link in the chain that will, in time, bring about a revulsion of feeling that will cause laws permitting judicial murder to be stricken from our statute books. Let us find less fault with those we place in public office because they do not do just as we would like them to do and spend more time in trying to secure the repeal of such objectionable statutes. We harp too much on what exists and do altogether too little to remedy the defects. The liberal element are too apt to say "they can't do it" until the laws are there. Then it is difficult to remove them.

The improvement noticeable in the Spiritualistic and Liberal Papers is one of the encouraging signs of the day. Thirty-three of them come to our desk regularly as exchanges and in each case is this brought forcibly to the front. The Liberal element should patronize their papers. They are our greatest missionaries. People who will not attend a meeting will read our papers and thus become imbued with the spirit of Liberalism.

THE UNITED CHRISTION PARTY.

THE SUNFLOWER has been asked to aid the movement in the interests of the above party. The following seems to be the motto of the party, judging from the printed matter furnished us:

"With Christian Voters all united at the ballot box in Christ's Name, and as our standard of righteousness 'What would Jesus do?' this nation will become a government from God, through Christ, by the people and for the people."

We are in favor of any reform that will be beneficial to the mass of people but we fail to see the applicability of the above platform to that end.

Who will interpret the question "What would Jesus do?" Some of us would not be willing to accept it no matter what he would do. For instance. Jesus made wine and it was served at a wedding feast. The United Christian Party must then be in favor of the liquor traffic. Jesus said: "Resist not evil." "If a man compel thee to go with him one mile, go with him twain." "If a man sue thee at the law and take away thy cloak, give him thy coat also." Does the party propose to abide by these select quotations from "What Jesus would do?"

Jesus said: "If a man come to me and hate not his father, his mother, his brethren, his sisters, yea, his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." Will the party apply this to themselves and do as Jesus did?

We are with you in any true reform but we are not with you when it comes to return to anything like the old Biblical laws in connection with our government. We have had the experience and it has not been desirable.

Speaking of secession, a statesman once said: "There are three methods of procedure; one is to proceed, which is to go forward; one is to recede which is to go backward; and one is to secede, which is to go hellward." The last applies to anything that will tend to produce a union between church and state.

No, we will not aid any such movement. We will aid all that we are able to in bringing about a condition where churches will be obliged to pay their proportion of taxes into the public treasury, all that is possible to make the church fill its proper nook, which is outside of the domain of politics. We will teach a higher principle of religion and will not seek to return to the days of darkness, ignorance and superstition that ruled during the days when this party's proposed leader was supposed to be on earth.

Our motto is "What is best for all of us today?" We do not care what Jesus or anyone else would do who lived, or is said to have lived, hundreds of years ago. Now is the accepted time. Let us unite on a liberal platform, for a secular education, compel attendance at school, educate our young people, teach the fine arts and the sciences, foster investigation in connection with everything and it does not make a particle of difference "What Jesus would do."

The season for campmeetings is now rapidly approaching. Many people will discuss the way they will spend the summer as soon as the sun shines and the birds give notice of the approach of summer. No better place can be found than at the various camps. As they are scattered throughout the country, each one can accomodate his or her purse and go far or near according to inclination and ability. Our camps are great educational centers as well as centers of psychic thought. Join with them and aid in holding a great number of them and have a joyous time yourself. The lists with speakers, programs, etc., will soon be in all of the papers.

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The fifty-first anniversary of Modern Spiritualism has been appropriately celebrated. Every state has had its gatherings and in all cases where reports have reached us, there was a good attendance and much interest shown.

The indications for future work seem brighter than they have for some time. A demand for a better class of both phenomena and lectures has marked the past two years especially, and with an increased desire in that direction, it is to be hoped that many radical changes can be made during the coming year.

The desire on the part of societies for settled speakers is a move in the right direction. No society can grow, thrive and build itself a suitable meeting place if it is continually changing its speakers, as a change of platform talent always implies a change in attendance, thus making our societies unstable and short lived.

Temples are being erected by a number of societies. They all report good progress and much enthusiasm. The campmeetings look forward to good attendances and taking it all in all, the prospects for active work the coming year seem brighter than for some time.

That Dr. Peebles should attempt to make Mr. Moody show the results of his line of work is not to be wondered at. "The Spiritual Pilgrim" has traveled extensively and has, through his habits of observation, learned the result of work in Mr. Moody's line not only in their country but in foreign lands as well. It is universally admitted by all, excepting the ultra church people, that missionary effort has been a signal failure; that attempts to convert people through fear and sensationalism has not been a success. Mr. Moody has had some difficult questions to answer and Dr. Peebles is not the only one who has caused him to wonder. A young Hebrew in Boston gave the Rev. gentleman some hard nuts to crack on the occasion of an abuse of the Jews. Why will not Christians—so-called—give us facts instead of abuse?

Official Program of the CASSADAGA CAMP FOR 1899.

JULY.

Friday,	14,	Moses Hull.
Saturday,	15,	Mrs. Clara Watson.
Sunday,	16,	Moses Hull and Mrs. Clara Watson.
Monday,	17,	Conference.
Tuesday,	18,	Moses Hull.
Wednesday,	19,	Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing.
Thursday,	20,	Dr. W. W. Hicks.
Friday,	21,	Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing.
Saturday,	22,	Moses Hull.
Sunday,	23,	Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Dr. W. W. Hicks.

Monday,	24,	Conference.
Tuesday,	25,	J. Clegg Wright.
Wednesday,	26,	Young People's Day.
Thursday,	27,	Dr. W. W. Hicks.
Friday,	28,	Mrs. Harnett.
Saturday,	29,	J. Clegg Wright.
Sunday,	30,	Hon. A. B. Richmond.
Monday,	31,	Conference.

AUGUST.

Tuesday,	1,	Hon. A. B. Richmond.
Wednesday,	2,	Charles Whedon.
Thursday,	3,	Swami Abhendanda.
Friday,	4,	W. M. Lockwood.
Saturday,	5,	Charles Whedon.
Sunday,	6,	J. Clegg Wright, Cora L. V. Richmond.
Monday,	7,	Conference.
Tuesday,	8,	Cora L. V. Richmond.
Wednesday,	9,	W. M. Lockwood.
Thursday,	10,	Cora L. V. Richmond.
Friday,	11,	W. M. Lockwood.
Saturday,	12,	J. C. F. Grumbine.
Sunday,	13,	Anna L. Robinson-Gillespie and J. C. F. Grumbine.
Monday,	14,	Conference.
Tuesday,	15,	Anna L. Robinson-Gillespie.
Wednesday,	16,	Woman's Day, Mary Ellen Lease.
Thursday,	17,	Anna L. Robinson-Gillespie.
Friday,	18,	J. C. F. Grumbine.
Saturday,	19,	Lyman C. Howe, Mary E. Lease.
Sunday,	20,	Conference.
Monday,	21,	Conference.
Tuesday,	22,	Lyman C. Howe.
Wednesday,	23,	Rev. Morgan Wood.
Thursday,	24,	Lyman C. Howe.
Friday,	25,	Lyman C. Howe.
Saturday,	26,	Mary Ellen Lease, Rev. Morgan Wood.
Sunday,	27,	Mary Ellen Lease, Rev. Morgan Wood.

George H. Brooks, Chairman.

The above is copied from *The Cassadagan*, the official paper of the C. L. F. A.

Detailed arrangements for the coming camp are still in an unsettled state and it is impossible for us to give them as we would like to. Arrangements for music are progressing with the prospects of the New York Quartette and Miss Wooster for vocal and the Northwestern Band for instrumental music.

We are informed by members of the program committee that some changes are likely to be made in the program as published. Francis Edgar Mason, Thomas Grimshaw and a number of others are being corresponded with and it is hoped that arrangements can be made whereby some of the prominent statesmen of the country can be put on our platform.

The June picnic will be held June 9, 10 and 11. The camp opens July 14, and closes August 27.

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The Buffalo Spiritual Temple Society held a most successful fair which netted about \$400.00. Mrs. Nellie Whitcomb, was voted the most popular lady.

Oscar A. Edgerley has met with great success in his work at Montreal, Canada. We learn that he is expected to again visit them at his earliest opportunity. Energy, vim and powerful influences back of him make Brother Edgerley a success everywhere.

A number of important items have been unavoidably left over on account of press of other matters. Also, the necessity of issuing the fifth edition of Mediumship has delayed filling some orders for that book. The new edition will be sent out within a few days. The fourth edition is entirely exhausted.

Mrs. Maggie Waite was called suddenly to her home in Detroit, Mich. on account of an accident to her husband and decided to permanently locate there. Her address is 278 Merrick Avenue, Detroit, Mich. All of her friends will join in wishing Mr. Waite a speedy recovery of his usual health.

As will be seen in another column, Campbell Bros. work has met with an enthusiastic reception both at St. Louis and Chicago. They are to visit Columbus, Ohio, Pittsburg and Titusville, Penn. and then home to Lily Dale about May 1. They will remain here until the end of the season.

Dr. J. Swanson writes us: "This morning THE SUNFLOWER arrived and I am much pleased with it, also with the arrangement of my advertisement." Dr. Swanson is one of the oldest and most successful healers in the great Northwest, having, by his success in treating the wife of one of the governors of Minnesota, prevented the passage of restrictive medical laws. We recommend him to our readers.

C. M. and Josie Folsom are serving the First Spiritual Church of Columbus, Ohio, during April. They are blessed with several Spiritual gifts. Mrs. Folsom is a speaker and test medium and also receives materialization. Mr. Folsom is a magnetic healer and trumpet medium. They have been laboring in the west for the last three years. Eastern societies can address them at 177 South 5 Street, Columbus, Ohio.

F. Corden White has met with great success in his work at Bradford, Penn. and Grand Rapids, Mich. The daily papers of Bradford gave him flattering no-

tices, the Universalist Church opened its doors for his meetings and standing room was at a premium. He also reports good progress at Grand Rapids. His present address is 409 Lyon Street, Grand Rapids, Mich. After May 1, he will be at Lily Dale until the close of camp.

The New York State Spiritualist Association will hold a mass meeting in the Spiritual Temple, Cor. Jersey Street and Prospect Ave., Buffalo, April 19-20-21. Moses and Mattie Hull, Mrs. Anna L. Robinson-Gillespie, Carrie E. S. Twing, H. W. Richardson, Frank Walker and other able speakers will be present. Conference 10.30 a. m. the 20 and 21. Lectures afternoon and evening each day. 15 cents admission at the evening sessions.

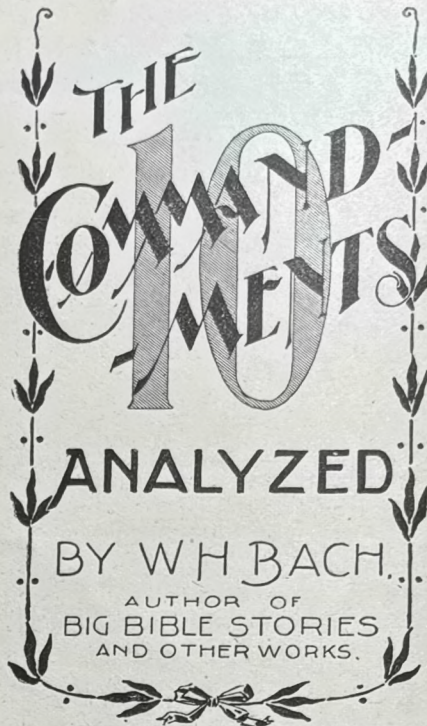
Edward Jones writes from South Bend, Ind.: "In behalf of the First Spiritual Church of this city I extend thanks to you for publishing the notice regarding our chain letter. We are receiving responses and we hope it will grow to proportions that will enable us to build a fine temple in this city. We have just completed a two months engagement with J. Frank Baxter and will have Oscar A. Edgerley the last two Sundays in April and the Sundays of May. We are in hopes to greatly extend our membership during the stay of Brother Edgerley."

Fred. P. Evans writes: "THE SUNFLOWER for March is at hand. I consider it a very bright, newsy sheet and a credit to the cause." He also sends us an aid in the line of subscriptions. Speaking of "Ten Commandments Analyzed" he says: "I sold four copies to lawyers in this city (New York) who say it is a fine production and just what is needed. I like the idea of using the enemy's sword to slay him with." Mr. Evans has met with great success in his work as an independent slate writer and is doing great good in connection with the Occult Book Store which he conducts at 103 W. 42 Street, New York City. THE SUNFLOWER and all of our publications can be found there.

George W. Walrond, whose picture we print on our first page, writes: "The work goes on in Denver very much as usual. I hold meetings every Sunday and Wednesday nights and always have crowded houses; some Sunday nights I turn away fifty to sixty people. I do not know of any previous time when there was such a great demand for occult knowledge, Astrology in particular. I am glad THE SUNFLOWER is booming. It is a bright, sparkling, wholesome paper and at the small rate for subscription it should reach thousands of homes. Your thoughts and scientific expressions are beyond doubt most valuable to the truth seeker. When we speak, we should speak plainly and that is what I admire in your publication."

LATER.

As we go to press we learn that no regular action has yet been taken by the board relative to music for the camp during the season of 1899 and changes are contemplated. Offers have been made by orchestra leaders and vocalists at a great reduction from previous prices paid, which will no doubt please C. L. F. A. Stock holders, quite as much as new music will please the people, if the change is effected.



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IMPROVEMENTS.

The past few days have been bright and with the prospects of returning summer everything is on the move. Many improvements are going on and the prospects for camp are exceedingly bright. Mrs. Lutes is renovating the inside of her home and painters and paper hangers are busily engaged there. Mrs. Helen M. Sage contemplates the addition of a neat kitchen to her home on Third Avenue. Three bath rooms are being arranged in the Sage Cottage on Cottage Avenue and visitors to the camp can be accommodated with hot, cold and shower baths this summer. Mrs. Pettingill is improving her cottage on Melrose Park. The Leolyn Hotel is being entirely renovated. The dining room has been enlarged, a large double window added and a new polished maple floor put in, while the walls are made resplendant with new paper. Other internal improvements will make it one of the finest hotels to be found. The Leolyn Barn will be moved back and a neat front, with a carriage house, will be built. A dancing pavilion is one of the probabilities.

The Association has removed the out houses on South Street and the place they occupied will be cleaned up and improved. The streets will be graded and some of the surplus trees cut out, while a number of little conveniences will be added which will be appreciated by the visitors.

ARRIVALS.

Mrs. E. H. Thompson, Mrs. B. M. Purple, Mrs. Densmore and grand daughter and Miss Beebe, all of whom have been away for the winter, have returned. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White, who have been at Mantador, N. D. for the past year, have returned and are engaged at the Leolyn. Frank Fisher and family, of Cassadaga, have rented the Mahler Cottage on South Street and will be residents of the Dale. Madame Helene (Miss H. H. Danforth's sister) and niece, Wealthy Snow, have arrived and expect to remain with us this

summer. She will open a branch of the New York Beauty Parlors during the open season. F. Corden White and the Campbell Brothers will return May 2.

VISITORS.

Our usual number of visitors have greeted us the past month. F. W. Foote, Mrs. Maggie Wildrick, Miss Kate Peete, Mr. Samuel Skidmore, F. E. Cooke, F. Corden White, Mrs. Conant, A. Gaston, James DeMilt, Mr. Carroll, Mr. F. G. Neelin, D. B. Merritt, Mr. Arnold and others.

Mrs. Babbitt, of Corry, Penn. has been here in attendance upon her father, Mr. Henry Skidmore. Mr. A. W. Lewis has been visiting his mother Mrs. Grassie.

DEPARTURES.

The ice harvest completed, the employees of the company have returned to their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Gransbury have gone to Bradford, Penn. for the summer. J. H. Mahler and wife have gone to Buffalo where he has secured a situation. S. S. Jones spent some time in Rochester.

Social Events.

Quite a number of social events have taken place recently. A Hard Times Party was held in Library Hall March 17, at which many grotesque costumes were worn. Mrs. Nellie Warren and Bige Wilcox took the prizes. Mrs. Blanche Foote and Mrs. Eliza Page entertained the committee in charge of the Masquerade, at the home of Mrs. Foote. The Anniversary brought a fine dancing party as well as a literary and musical entertainment. A sleighing party was an attractive feature of one evening while "thought classes" and "parliamentary practice" take up quite a little attention.

THE ANNIVERSARY

of Modern Spiritualism was celebrated by a three days program. The dance and literary have already been mentioned. The speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Clara Watson of Jamestown, N. Y. who delivered a stirring address and the occasion was enjoyed by all.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There has been quite a little sickness the past month. Mr. Henry Skidmore and Master D. Foote have had quite a serious time with pneumonia but are now convalescing.

There is a movement on foot to build a Community Hall. Committees are at work looking up locations and securing

subscriptions and it is hoped to make a beginning very soon.

Among the additions that will be appreciated is a notion store that has been opened by Miss Deemer at Nellie Warren's cottage, 4 First Avenue. It should be well patronized.

Miss Danforth has about completed the purchase of the Lord Cottage, 12 Cleveland Ave. and will take possession at once. She will visit New York in a few days to take charge of a class in palmistry and psychic studies. She contemplates starting a "laughing class" upon her return.

Through Death to Life.

The Angel of Death has called upon four, since our last issue, who have been closely connected with this camp. Mr. R. T. DeMilt, passed away from the residence of Mrs. Dedrick where he has made his home for the past two years. The cause being general weakness from old age. The services were conducted by Mrs. H. T. Stearns.

Mrs. Pond an old resident of this place and former postmistress passed away in Colorado and was buried at Cassadaga Sunday April 9.

Mrs. Henderson, of Erie, Penn. suffered a stroke of paralysis and passed away at her home in Erie, April 6. She was one of the early workers and has always been heart and soul in the work of making Cassadaga Camp a success. Both by her work and purse, she has aided it for years past. Her face will be greatly missed among the attendants during the coming summer.

Dr. E. K. Prettyman passed away from the effects of an apopleptic stroke April 3. He had been a Spiritualist and medium for many years and was thoroughly imbued with its teachings and principles. His remains were brought to Lily Dale for burial. The services were conducted by W. H. Bach.

C. L. F. A. Board Meeting.

The Board of Directors of the Cassadaga Camp met at the residence of Mr. T. J. Skidmore, March 30-31 for the purpose of attending to business connected with the coming camp. There were present Messrs Gaston, Neelin, Merritt and the resident Directors, T. J. Skidmore and Dr. Hyde.

Routine business connected with the camp was attended to and arrangements made that it is hoped will aid in securing a large attendance during the open season. We were pleased to receive a number of pleasant calls from Mr. Merritt and extend an invitation to all of the Directors to call at THE SUNFLOWER office when here on business or pleasure.

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HISTORY OF

CASSADAGA CAMPMEETING.

THAT none of the originators of the camp had any idea of the proportions to which it was destined to grow is evidenced by a number of incidents.

Among the necessities of the camp was a barn. Several of the prominent workers started out to locate the site of this important building. As they went, they discussed the matter and all agreed that it must be so far away from the camp proper that it would not be obnoxious. They went to the lake shore, then started through the woods until one of their number planted his foot on the ground and said: "Here is the place for the barn." It was so far away from the lake that even the water could not be seen through the trees and underbrush and all agreed that it was so far away that it would not interfere with the meetings in any way.

Accordingly a small structure was erected. It was boarded up and down—but it was added to and built on and today it is called The Grand Hotel.

Like all other organizations, this one met with its reverses. Although about \$1,200.00 was pledged at the organization meeting, on one plea and another only about \$500.00 of these subscriptions was paid. All of the rest of the money had to be raised from the people by donations and through renting lots, etc. The first money received from the rent of lots was from Mr. M. R. Rouse, of Titusville, Penn., amounting to \$3.00 which was paid April 17, 1880. When Mrs. Skidmore took charge of the arrangements, which she did in 1882, she freely advanced what money was needed. Without this valuable assistance it is doubtful if the movement could have outlived its infancy.

The June Picnic for 1882 was held on the 10 and 11 of June, the speakers being O. P. Kellogg and Cephas B. Lynn. The Board meeting was held June 24.

At this meeting Mr. A. S. Cobb, who served the Association so faithfully as its president, tendered his resignation. At first it was not accepted but upon its repetition and the wish expressed by him that it be accepted, the board acquiesced. Thomas J. Skidmore was selected President, although his business kept him away a great deal of the time, but his place was ably filled by Mrs. Marion Skidmore. The arrangements for the camp of 1882 were carried to a successful culmination principally through the efforts of Mrs. Skidmore and Joe W. Rood. It opened July 29, and continued until August 27. The platform talent consisted of Hudson Tuttle, Prof. Bradford, Mrs. A. H. Colby, Mrs. Clara Field, Mrs. Clara Watson, J. Frank Baxter, O. P. Kellogg, Giles B. Stebbens, George W. Taylor, R. S. McCormick, Lyman C. Howe, A. B. French and Mrs. R. S. Lillie. The Lyceum was conducted by Thomas Lees, assisted by Miss Hattie Myers. Vocal

music was furnished by the A. Grattan Smith Family.

While the "Bough House" was a fine place for speaking when the weather was fine, it was entirely unsuited for a place in which general meetings were to be held as a slight shower or chilly weather made it very comfortable. The advisability of building a suitable Auditorium was considered during this camp and plans for one were drawn by Mr. J. B. F. Champlin.

The election of 1882 resulted as follows: It was decided to reduce the number of the the Board of Trustees to seven which consisted of T. J. Skidmore, Linus Sage, O. G. Chase, C. B. Turner, George C. Rood, M. R. Rouse and J. B. F. Champlin. T. J. Skidmore was selected President, Mrs. Marion H. Skidmore, Vice President and Thomas B. Buel, Secretary. The receipts were \$2,190.06, expenses \$2,413.43.

At a meeting of the Board held May 8, 1883, the plans prepared by Mr. Champlin were approved and he was selected to superintend the erection of an Auditorium. It was completed for the camp of that year and has been in constant use ever since.

Report from Canton, Ohio.

Through the good work recently done here and at present being done by George C. Day of Philadelphia, Pa. as speaker and Frank Burk, of Pittsburg, in the way of clairvoyant readings and materialization, the Spiritualists of Canton have awakened from their long Rip-Van-Winkle sleep, the liberal minded church people greatly interested and, at present the cause of Spiritualism in Canton has an upward tendency with flattering prospects for a society to be formed within the near future.

The fifty-first anniversary of Modern Spiritualism was fittingly celebrated here on Sunday March 26, with services both in the afternoon and evening, during which services the large hall was crowded to its upmost capacity. During the entertainment in the evening a special baptismal service was held during which, seven persons, six adults and one child, were baptised according to the rites of Spiritualism, lovely wreaths of the sweetest flowers were used instead of water and the ceremony as a whole was beautiful and captivated many of the church-going people.

E. R. KIDD.

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God is invisible to mortal man because he is spirit.

Light, more light, should be our constant prayer.

God is the intelligence, force and power of the universe.

Man is one with all the intelligence, force and power of the universe.

God did not create but is the soul of the universe whose body nature is.

There is no Spiritualism in Theology. Faith without a knowledge is a delusion.

Sky pilots do not lead the way but point out the supposed path, blind leading the blind.

The "Old Philosopher's" Sayings.

LAKE HELEN

The Southern Cassadaga.

YOUR bright little SUNFLOWER is a welcome blossom in this extreme Southern State. It is redolent with the Psychic odor of unfolding life and is growing in interest as well as in size.

Perhaps some of your readers would like to know something about the Southern Cassadaga—named by our beloved Marion Skidmore after her cherished Northern Camp. We have just closed a very harmonious session. We paid all our bills and are full of courage for work for next winter. Since the commencement of the meeting the weather has been unprecedented in the State of Florida; cloudy, rainy and cool, but not so cold but that with the exception of a very few days, meetings were held in the open Auditorium.

The freeze of February 8, discouraged many who had made plans to be with us; sickness in the North kept others away. The hotel will be equipped for heating before another winter so that guests can be made comfortable. The Dhorn brothers as managers of the hotel have given perfect satisfaction. The speakers and mediums worked with the greatest interest for the good of the Camp and invariably gave satisfaction. The volunteer choir under the supervision of Prof. Peck, sang sweetly and were at their post regularly. The conferences have been exceptionally interesting and many subjects of vital import have been ably discussed. The dances and entertainments have been well attended.

The many hindrances to this movement are gradually being overcome and there has never been such a general feeling of confidence in the permanent success of camp. Money is being volunteered to extend the progress for the winter of 1900 and many improvements will be made.

To those who desire a healthful winter home in a warm climate there is no place more perfect. To those who wish to advance a worthy cause, let them seek this chosen Mecca and work heart and hand with the loving humanitarian spirits who are its leaders and inspirers.

Emma J. Huff.

A Queer Calender Complication.

Thomas Jefferson Was Not Born on April 13th, the Day Set for His Birthday Dinners.

There will be many dinners in honor of Thomas Jefferson, April 13. Yet he was not born on that day. He was born on April 2, 1743 old style; owing to the new style of time computation beginning with the introduction of the Gregorian Calendar 1752, at which time the Equinox had retrograded eleven days since the Council of Nice in A. D. 325, when the festival of Easter was established and the equinox occurred on March 21, the dates of anniversaries originating prior to Pope Gregory's Calendar are determined by adding eleven days, hence Thomas Jefferson's birthday is properly observed on April 13. This interesting fact is pointed out on pages 24 and 35 of the NEW YORK WORLD ALMANAC a most interesting statistical book of over 500 pages. That newspaper offers to send the volume, postage paid for 25ct.

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Another Letter From The Secretary of the British Lyceum Union.

JUST now all seems to be full of the forthcoming Lyceum Annual Conference to be held at Nottingham, on the 13 and 14 of May. The fact that Nottingham has the honor of being the birth-place, as it were, of the Children's Progressive Lyceum in England, lends additional interest to the occasion. The local friends have taken the matter up with great energy that augurs well for the occasion being a record one.

They have engaged the Mechanic's Hall, a large building which we hope to see well filled at the Sunday evening demonstration. The joint Lyceums, supported by the delegates, will form a procession through the principal thoroughfares, headed by the South Nottingham Temperance Brass Band, both Saturday and Sunday. This will be sure to attract attention and cause inquiry and comment and so set the good people thinking on the subject.

Cheap rates have been arranged with the principal railway companies so that delegates may have every facility. In order to add to the pleasure of the journey saloon carriages have been arranged to be attached to the Lancashire and Yorkshire express trains for Nottingham. Just now I am busy trying to get in the returns from all Lyceums showing their real strength and average attendance.

More Lyceums are being opened. A Lyceum District Council for Bradford has been formed. The officials of the same are already missioning their unrepresented Lyceums, trying to infuse more energy and "go" into their ranks. No doubt they will do much good in that and other directions, as there are several societies in their District who have made no provision for the education of their members' children who will need interviewing on the matter, all of which forms excellent propaganda work.

The North-east Lancashire Lyceum District Council decided at its quarterly meeting held March 11, to hold another Prize Essay Competition the same to be open to all Lyceums in the District. The competition is to be divided into three classes as follows:

(a) For those under 14 years, subject, "Our Lyceum;" (b) over 14 years and under 21 years, subject, "How to improve our Lyceums;" (c) for 21 years and over, subject, "The best methods of working Lyceums and Societies in unison." One prize to be given for the best in each class.

Some helpful hints are anticipated on the second and third subjects. It will be pleasing to have our young people help in the solution of these problems.

Your scribe was honored with an invitation to visit the Darwen Lyceum on the 12 of March to present the members with their prizes for good attendance and good conduct. All the books were on Spiritual lines. "The Life in Two Spheres" being among the number. It was quite refreshing to see the enthusiasm of the young men and young women. The Hall is too small to accommodate all its members. The Lyceum has a gymnasium club attached to it which is well patronized by the young men.

ALFRED KITSON.

Annual Dues of the Members of the N. Y. P. S. U.

The question has been asked several times, and I take the occasion now to advise the members of the N. Y. P. S. U., as to when the annual dues are payable. Article vii of the By-Laws require that the dues be paid on or before the 1 day of August, of each year. The dues therefore are payable at any time after the Convention up to the First of August next following, and acknowledgement of receipt will be promptly forwarded at any time to those who transmit their dues to the Secretary. The dues of all individual members are fifty cents a year, and to members of societies that have joined the National Union twenty-five cents. It is to be understood that those members of local Unions who also desire to become individual members of the National Union, and be entitled to representation upon the floor of the annual convention, may do so at any time upon the payment of the necessary additional dues of fifty cents. We ask that each member make a special effort to obtain at least one new member to the N. Y. P. S. U. The better and safer way to transmit the dues is by a post office order, which can be obtained for the small sum of three cents.

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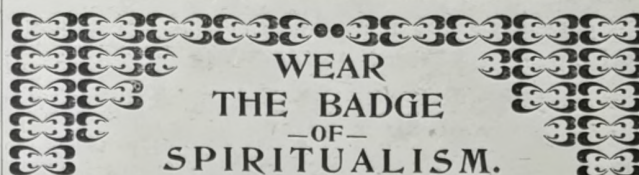
Y. P. S. U. Day at Cassadaga Camp.

At the last meeting held by the Lily Dale Y. P. S. U. last summer action was taken to make an application to the Cassadaga Lake Free Association for a day to be devoted entirely to the young people. At their meeting held March 30, this privilege was granted and Wednesday July 26, 1899 was appointed.

I desire to call the members attention to this and hope they will manifest an interest and offer suggestions in regard to it. The morning will be devoted in a manner seemingly appropriate, a lecture in the afternoon and the regular Wednesday evening dance, which will be controlled by the Y. P. S. U. similar to the dance held on Woman's Day. Let us each endeavor to make this one of the banner days of Cassadaga Camp.

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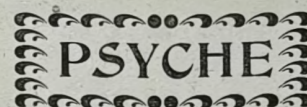
The center of the design represents a human face; the highest type of intelligence; the face is encircled by a band of darkness, symbolizing the ignorance and superstition of humanity; this is broken by the rays of light from the center of intelligence which pierce the darkness and lead out into the light of the golden leaves beyond. Each leaf symbolizes one of the principles of nature upon which progression is based. This design is set in the center of a pure white field, symbolizing purity, while its position in the center of a square, is a symbol of justice. The whole is enclosed by a solid band, representing the unity of humanity, while the ornamentation of the band symbolizes the kindnesses extended to others.

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HATTIE FULLER

is the first one present and says she lived in the town of Waukegan, Ills. and was known to many readers of this paper. She used to go the Camp Meeting held at Clinton, Iowa and had a cottage there at one time. She left a husband and two children who are now grown up men, but they will be glad to know their mother found a loving welcome over here and often returns to them and brings them thoughts of an uplifting character and tries to guide them aright. She says tell her husband, who is now nearly eighty years old, that she will soon welcome him to the home she has prepared for him.

CORA PHILLIPS

the next spirit says tell her husband William of Plattsburg, N. Y. that she can come to him and often is in his room at night when he is thinking sadly of her and tries to cheer his lonely hours and make him look more contentedly upon her absence from his fireside. She is anxious for him to know that she met their little child that passed away from them in her infancy, now grown to be a beautiful maiden and that they are happy in each others society and wish he would think of them as near him instead of far away.

ESTHER WALLACE

wishes to be remembered by all her former friends and relatives. She says that only cousins remain in the form, as her parents died when she was young and she had no brothers or sisters. Her home was in Tennessee and near the beautiful mountains where she grew up tall and supine like unto one of the lofty peaks. She was an adept at singing and many will remember her in Memphis as she often sang there in public.

PETER ECKLER

says that he will be remembered by many as he was a teacher in his day and he loved to instruct the youth. He was known as the man with the hump back all along the winding river, the Ohio, as he would go from place to place teaching singing schools and would form classes which gave entertainments for charitable societies.

EDDIE CHAMBERLAIN

wishes to let his mother know that he is near her often and can come and sit in her lap when she feels so lonely and sad. That a beautiful lady took him from his sick bed and carried him to her lovely home and has cared for him ever since and that she brings him often to her to comfort her. He says he has all the playmates and toys he wishes and is very happy except when he sees her cry and then he is sad also. His earth home was in the beautiful valley of the Hudson in a town known as Rhinebeck.

GEORGE WILLIAMS

wishes his folks to know that all is well with him. When the horse ran away and he was thrown out and injured on the skull causing his death he felt no pain, all

was so sudden. If his wife did not feel so sad over the affair he could progress onward but her grief holds him back. He says, "I am well now and am glad to get into better conditions than I had while on the farm near Madison, Ind. Now I can read and study in the schools and have other advantages denied me before."

THE FUTURE.

Estelle Howes Baillet.

I met a little prattling child
In spring, when Nature sweetly smiled,
I questioned it, in accents mild,
What thought it of the future.

It stopped its play, much pleased to tell
A story that it loved so well;
Joy caused its little heart to swell,
When thinking of the future.

"Do you not know" it said to me,
"That pleasant summer, full of glee,
Warm, joyous, summer, bright and free,
Is coming in the future?"

"I found it out some time ago;
The singing birds have told me so;
That summer, with its pleasant glow,
Is coming in the future."

"The snail is crawling from its shell,
The flowers are springing in the dell,
And Nature surely doth foretell
More sunshine in the future."

I passed — but came that way again.
A little grave was new and plain,
And in it that sweet child was lain;
It there had found its future.

The happy birds were sweetly singing—
The grass, the flowers, the leaves were
springing—
Upon my ear that voice was ringing—
But death was in its future.

I felt no sorrow for its fate.
I knew it lived in happier state.
That, with an angel for its mate,
In Heaven it found its future.

BUFFALO ITEMS.

The fair held by the First Spiritual Church Society, on the 22 of March netted about \$400.00.

Moses and Mattie Hull are the auto-crats of Buffalo Spiritual platforms.

Mrs. Arthur Brewer is the attraction at the Buffalo Spiritual Society's Hall as a trance speaker.

Mrs. Lewis Chase is the test medium for the East Side Society.

Buffalo has a host of mediums just now of all grades and phases.

The Queen City Society, a new one, opened Sunday April 2, in our old quarters A. O. U. W. Hall, corner of Court and Main Street with Mrs. Jennie Ehle as president and Miss Gussie Taylor as permanent speaker. Miss Taylor and J. W. Dennis occupied the platform at the opening exercises. This new society is the third regular Spiritual Society in this city and it has come to stay.

The Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism was duly observed by both of our regular spiritual societies.

Moses Hull spoke at the East Side Society celebration in their hall on Eagle street Friday the 31st.

Mrs. S. Augusta Armstrong read some very fine quotations at the Buffalo Spiritual Society's Anniversary celebration on the 31st.

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"We are spirits clad in veils;
Man to man was never seen,
All our deep communing fails
To remove the shadowy screen."—

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SCENES AND VISIONS.

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lady who was being clothed (by a number of attendants) with a lace in which she was artistically draped. Little animals, resembling Badgers, were gathering the bubbles in their mouths and arranging them on her feet and ankles as if for stockings. The toilet completed, the lady arose, faced the multitude, and they began to move in an orderly manner of which she seemed to be the master spirit. There passed before her many civic societies, with their badges, and military organizations with all their belongings.

Then came a procession of men, many miles in length, without any mark to distinguish them. These were the last to move in large bodies. All saluted the lady as they passed her, which she acknowledged by a gentle wave of the hand.

Occasionally laughable and funny scenes took place which seemed to lift me up in strength, both physically and mentally, above the ills and distress, to comprehend the coming scenes.

Then came the crowning act of the great pageant. Angel faces that lifted me out of the hands of death. Poverty of words makes it impossible to describe these angelic beings, but I feel that I must make the attempt and clothe my experience in such words as I can find, whether satisfactory or not.

There were several of these intensely interesting faces, whose forms were clothed in loose, dark brown draping who floated noiselessly and gracefully in a circle just outside the other scenes. They moved slowly and stately and with an apparent expression of sympathy, truly seraphic and entrancing.

As they came down the circle, in line with my face, they approached laterally, very nearly in touch and halted for an instant, then with a smile, though never a spoken word, they passed slowly on to reappear in a higher part of the circle. I could scarcely resist trying to clasp them in my arms when they came near, but feared, if it was an illusion, to break the beautiful picture. Certainly they exceeded, in rare and glowing charm, any faces I ever saw in earth life or on canvas and their memory will remain until I meet them again in the land of joy and flowers.

In looking backward I still think the angel faces were incomparable and I feel but little interest in the other events. Still, I will record my deductions. I saw many other faces that came, all of which were pleasing in expression, and, although I spoke to those I recognized, I got nothing but smiles and nods. All these visions were as real to my senses as they could be under any circumstances. All night long I witnessed these constantly changing scenes, filled with credulous and staring wonder. Excepting when the nurses came, every two hours, the light was burning below the foot of the bed, but I could see the scenes with my eyes open or closed. I saw nothing that portended evil. I said to myself, the revelations are beyond the power of my mind to create.

It was a seeming paradox to believe it true, yet after, through mental examination, I could not doubt. "God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform." Hence, a searchlight of mental proportions were needed to unravel the

mystery. A persistent purpose of the mind leads to the fulfillment of a rational desire, and Montgomery wrote, more than a century ago, these inspirational words: "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed."

There are healing gifts in the mental and magnetic forces yet to be utilized, that will be greater factors in healing than all the other factors of the medical faculty.

With the morning light the visions passed away. For a moment I was bewildered and wished them back—but they did not return. Suddenly I felt an uplifting of the inner man, emanating from the brain, which filled me with delight and for a short season I was supremely happy, though extremely weak, yet conscious that I had found a panacea to invigorate my vitality.

I had intended to close this paper here, but think I will add a few corroboratory words. Soon after my return to my home in Milwaukee, I called to see a friend who had a board eighteen inches square, on its face the alphabet and another board six inches square with a two inch hole in the center. Father and son placed their fingers upon the small board and immediately the message came that someone, giving the name of Henry, wished to communicate with me. I have a brother Henry, who was a physician in earth life and he quickly said: "I am glad, brother, to be able to speak to you. I watched you when ill last fall but your work on Earth was not complete. I helped the Earth Physicians to keep you here a little longer. I saw the faces you saw. They were those of dear ones long since departed from Earth Life, who have acquired that beauty beyond the conception of Earth bound souls."

Not a word had been spoken of him, not even a thought; in fact, it was the first message he had sent since his transition in 1889. Other personal matters made the message very convincing. I now fully believe the scenes were visions of the spirit land.

"Oh, voiceless, yet audible sounds! Oh, millions of souls that come thronging out of space! Ye speak with a sound more mighty than the surging of the sea; more vocal than the voice of the thunder of Niagara; more potent than the sweeping winds over myriads of forests; more Divine than the rushing melodies of the many mighty masters, attuning their harps in sublime oratorios of existence. Death and life are one, and these voices are the voices of your loved ones."

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