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## The Sympathies of Religions.

BY

J. P. COOKE.

**I**N these days many followers of the Creeds and Churches are seeking to extend the work of philanthropy and base practical religion on good works.

It may be useful and helpful for Spiritualists to glance over the few great religions and to note their harmonies. The spiritual conceptions in which they agree are more fundamental than most people suppose.

Their discordant features are sufficiently dwelt upon by their over zealous members, who are frequently found reviling each other, while the doctrines in which they agree are but rarely spoken of.

"The evil that men do lives after them—The good is often interred with their bones." So let us for a moment resurrect the good and the true which abounds in some of these great religions, ignoring meanwhile the priestly work of ritual and formalism.

Let us take Pythagoras' conception of the Soul of the Universe. It is a good, clear, true statement, and will give us a standard. The perception of its truth depends on the spiritual and intellectual development of the perceiver.

Pythagoras said: "There is One Universal Soul diffused through all creatures; eternal, invisible, unchangeable; in all essence like truth; in substance, resembling light; not to be represented by any image; to be comprehended only by the mind. Not, as some think, exterior to the world, but in himself entire, prevailing the Universal Sphere." This is the inner conscious magnetic life of all creatures.

This Being has been seen and described by A. J. Davis, by the present writer, and several others. The Living Light, the Eternal Breathing Life and Controller of Immensity. St. John—so called—describes this Being, when he says: "Light is God." "Love is God." For it is the great attraction of the universe. The greatest

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Dr. Max Muehlenbruch.

## A FRIEND.

BY

Leslie Manchester.

'Tis he who stretches forth in love  
A hand to stay the wayward step,  
Whose guiding thought, like God's above,  
Another's soul estate has kept;  
A rock where wearied birds may fly  
From storms of passions ruling high.

Not he who turns in scorn away  
Lest he shall stain his righteous skirt:  
Professions with the years decay—  
Ashes to ashes, dirt to dirt—  
Unlike the gold of pure degree  
From mildew and from canker free.

Oh, in your keeping kindly take  
The burden of defenseless souls,  
The cause of Justice ne'er forsake,  
Lead gently to the higher folds  
Of character of Godly worth—  
The heritage of life's new birth.

Think kindly of man's changing lot  
And share unasked its joy, its woe;  
The rod of conscience, free from spot;  
An added beauty then shall know,  
For Angels will their garments lend  
To all who prove themselves a friend.

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A LETTER FROM

## Campbell Brothers FROM ENGLAND.

**T**O the Editor, and many friends and readers of THE SUNFLOWER. We send greeting from the old world to the bright new world.

We sailed on the morning of the 10th of October, from New York, on the steamship Servia of the Cunard Line. We had many friends to see us off and wish us God speed, a happy time, and hasty return.

There was, besides ourselves, 12 cabin passengers with a fair share of second class and steerage. We were rather afraid we were going to have a lonely journey, but our fellow passengers turned out quite a jolly set. Three of them were clergymen who could play well at shuffle-board, tell a good story, and sing a good song; in fact we were a jolly family for the first three days, and then a cloud came over us for the sea had forgotten its good behavior and therefore we decided to remain in the privacy of our staterooms with occasional calls from our steward, and a decided refusal to look at the menu he brought us at meal times. Our fellow passengers visited us (those who could) and tried to cheer us up, but we were too busy with other things that were coming up.

However after three days the weather improved and so did we. One gentleman, a splendid fellow, cheered us up by telling us all the stokers and sailors were green hands and knew nothing of their business, and they had been shipped because there had been a strike of seamen at Liverpool before the Servia left there. We called him Calamity for nearly every day he found out something horrible to regale us with. One day it was that one of the steerage passengers had taken something to prevent sea sickness and they found him nearly dead. Then the next day he cheered us with the news that one of the stokers was dying with heart failure, but however the stoker got better and the passengers did the same.

But one day he told us one of the

boatswains had suddenly died. It was, we regret to say, true. The poor fellow had an excellent record and it was decided by our captain to bring his body to Liverpool for burial. There was a collection taken for his widowed mother by the cabin, second class and steerage passengers and quite a nice little sum realized for her benefit.

On Wednesday we saw land, and it was a beautiful sight at night to see the signal lights from the shore and the rockets from our ship. We all sat up until past midnight to bid our fellow passengers who landed at Queenstown good by. On Thursday we landed at Liverpool and just managed to catch our train to London, reaching home a little after midnight. We need hardly say our friends were all up waiting for us.

On Friday morning our friends began calling, and since then it has been one round of visiting, dining out, and receptions. Tomorrow night we again dine out to meet a lot of old friends, and we expect if we keep on we shall need a steward more than we did on the ship.

We have given our first seance with most satisfactory results, and a few private sittings also. We find—thanks to the press—our names are quite well known here, and everyone meets us with kind words of welcome. At present we cannot speak from our own knowledge of the standing of Spiritualism here but judging by the Spiritualists we have met we find them a splendid class of people.

We hope in our next letter to you to be able to write a far more interesting one and give more details.

Let us through your paper, my dear sir, send loving greeting to all, and say, while we love to be here, we love still better the country we lately left and the country we hope to return to soon.

London, England. October 28th 1899.

#### Letter From

### The Secretary of the British Lyceum Union.

**I**PERCEIVE that since writing you last you have been able to double your beautiful bloom, an achievement which must have been hailed with joy and delight by your ever increasing circle of admirers. When you are able to repeat the operation you will have reached the acme of your capacity in that direction and will then have to multiply your petals as a means of further expansion. All of which the writer hopes to see realized.

The miserable "war fever" is at its height here. The mobilization fiend is tearing fathers away from their families with a ruthless hand and sending them to South Africa to shoot the Boers—or be shot by them. This war fiend intoxicates his victims with military display, glamor of war and tells them that it

is for Queen and country, home and glory, they are called upon to take up arms. Ah! but it is for homes that are ruined; homes tenanted by fatherless children; homes with widowed mothers weeping for the choice of her heart, the bread winner for her children; homes with empty cupboards, and grates that are fireless; Oh! for the mockery of such glory.

"Peace on earth, good will to men," is only a dream—an ideal which Christians, after nineteen centuries of effort are unable to realize. But, my young friends, it shall be our idea too, for which we will labor with all our might until it is achieved. May I ask of the N. Y. P. S. U. to make the gospel of "peace on earth, good will to all men" one, of their objects? Let us advocate arbitration for the settlement of all international quarrels instead of resort to gory arms. And by so doing we shall help to make such, not only possible, but a realized fact.

The work for the young is still making headway here in the Old Country. New Lyceums continue to be opened. And new members of the Union are being chartered; four charters have been issued since writing to you last. Sub-committees have been elected by the Spiritualists National Federation and the British Spiritualist Lyceum Union to draft a satisfactory basis of agreement between Societies and Lyceums. Judging from the results of their last meeting their efforts will be crowned with success long before they are called upon to make their report.

The scheme for founding a Lyceum Home for invalid children is in fair way for realization at an early date. A well furnished house, situated at Blackpool, has already being offered to the Union's Executive as being suitable for such a home. We are now waiting the completion of the deeds of transfer to complete the gift.

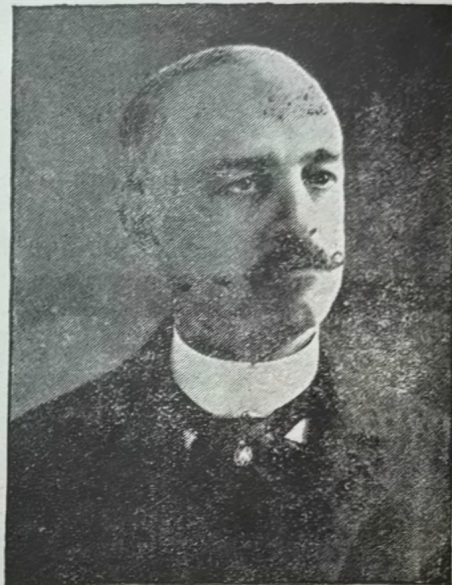
There is a praiseworthy effort being made by the "The Trefoils," Liverpool, to found an "Inter-Correspondence League." The principal object of which is to encourage Lyceum Children in different parts of the world to correspond with each other. This is a League which may prove both delightful and beneficial to the N. Y. P. S. U. Letters of enquiry should be addressed to "The Trefoils," 9 Sugnall Street, Liverpool, England, where they will receive prompt attention.

I am extremely sorry to report that the serious illness of Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten reported in your issue of the 15th inst. terminated fatally on October 2nd and she was interred in the Harpurley Cemetery the 7th. A tremendous gathering attended representing Societies and Federations east, west, north and south. Upwards of twenty carriages conveyed the relatives and friends to the cemetery, where Lyceum children dressed in white, carrying flowers, lined the carriage. The ceremony was participated in by Messrs. John Lamont of Liverpool; J. J. Morse editor of the *Lyceum Banner*, London; Walter Howell, Liverpool and E. W. Wallis, London Spiritualist Alliance. After the casket had been lowered the children filed past and dropped their flowers into it, in loving remembrance of so dear a worker.

Mrs. Britten was born in Stepney, London,

on May 2nd 1823. She was a warm supporter of the Lyceum cause in England. She was instrumental in bringing the writer and H. A. Kersey together at a time when the movement was languishing for Lyceum Manuals. The immediate result was the compiling and publishing of the Lyceum Manual. Mrs. Britten had the honor of contributing the first batch of Manuscript. From that time the cause has increased at a rapid rate.

She has now joined that band of inspirers whose faithful instrument she has been for such a long number of years. And those left behind live to call her name blessed among the nations of the Earth.



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## THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

**A**MONG the recent books that have been issued from THE SUNFLOWER Press is one by Campbell Brothers, entitled "Advice to those Seeking to Develop their Mediumship."

The book is divided into two departments. The first is an account of their development as mediums, contains directions and advice that will be of great benefit to the seeker after medial development also to all seekers after knowledge on these points. The second part consists of a description of some of the portraits produced through their mediumship, half tone pictures of the same, and some beautiful views of Lily Dale Camp. The frontispiece is a fine half tone portrait of the Campbell Brothers and the entire book is printed on fine enameled book paper and bound in leathrette cover. Price, 25 cents, and for sale, wholesale and retail at this office.

**Ideal Suggestion and Mental Photography** is the title of a book just received from Henry Wood, through the courtesy of Mess. Lee and Shepard. It combines the principles of suggestion with the mental photographs thrown upon the brain, thus producing diseases through mental suggestion and the consequent cure through reversing the suggestion. There is no question of the basic principles of Suggestive Therapeutics exist; how far do they go? that is the question. The book makes very interesting reading as is evidenced by the fact that it is in its ninth edition. Paper, 50 cents; cloth, \$1.25.

**The Political Economy of Natural Law** is another new book from the above author and publishers. It takes up the questions of the day, handles them in a simple, yet interesting manner and is independent of prejudice and sectional ideas. Fourth edition, paper 50 cents; cloth, \$1.25.

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is another book on the subject of Suggestive Therapeutics. It is an attempt to reduce a number of theories to some practical basis; it shows that there is a law common to all schools, underlaying their cures, and can be applied by any person of ordinary intelligence. It claims that all diseases and vices are amenable to the proper use of this law and seeks to enlighten the novice upon its use. Cloth, \$1.50.

Any of the above books can be had at THE SUNFLOWER office. Prices are post-paid.

### Poetry.

A correspondent asks us: "Why are not poems used more? Why do editors always look serious when they are mentioned?"

Poetry is the bane of the editor's life. No—that is not right. It is what people *think* is poetry.

Good poems are desirable. That is, a certain number of them. Many people do not care for them and consequently it is not desirable to have too many of them in any issue of a paper.

Poetry consists of three essentials: rhyme, rythm and metre. The greater proportion of productions do not combine them. There must be just so many poetic feet in each line, just so many lines in each stanza, and each line and stanza must bear certain relations towards the entire production.

If there are four poetic feet in the first line, five in the second, the same relationship should be carried out all through the piece. But if there are four feet in the first line, five in the second three and one half in the third and six in the fourth, the four lines making a stanza, it is not poetry—it is simply rhyme.

For example:

At last | the thread | was snapped; | her head |  
was bowed; |  
Low dropped | the dis | taff through | her  
hands | serene; |  
And lov | ing neigh | bors smoothed | her care |  
ful shroud, |  
While Death | and Win | ter closed | the Au-  
tumn scene. |

The above is a case of perfect rhyme, rythm and metre. The following will illustrate the contrary:

A po | et I | would wish | to be; |  
I would | sure | ly be | if I | could |  
But rythm | and me | ter get | mixed with |  
me |  
I won | dered if | they would. |

The first is perfect, like a piece of music. There are just so many beats to a measure. The last has nothing but rhyme; it lacks both rythm and metre.

If you want a piece of poetry to be published, there are several essentials.

First: Have a subject that will permit of some point or sentiment being carried out in the production and make it as short as possible.

Second: Set some metre and carry it out *all through the piece*.

Third: See that rhyme, rythm and metre harmonize.

But if you have an idea that you want to give to the world and feel inspired to write poetry, you will stand ten chances to one of getting it published if you write it in prose.

Poetry is beautiful. It will inspire as music inspires. But poets are born—not made.

Notwithstanding the foregoing remarks, there is a dearth of good verse. Every paper can find space for all of the really good verses that come to it. At least, that is the case with this office; yet we

receive many verses, five to ten, for every one we publish. One of our great poets said: "When you write a poem, correct it and put it away for a year. Then correct it again and see if it is worth publishing."

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### That Declaration of Principles.

THE question of the legal status of Spiritualism has been raised many times and has received as many different answers as it has had queries. The consensus of opinion has been that until Spiritualists had some definite statement of their ideas it could not have any legal standing. It was not in a position to claim a demonstrative science, as when it was attempted it so frequently failed, through a lack of proper conditions; these conditions not being understood or admitted by the people to whom it must be demonstrated.

As a religion, it must appeal to the world for rights and as advocates of a system of religious belief, Spiritualists must stand upon some principles or continue in the old way, without any standing of any sort.

An able jurist on the floor of the Convention stated that he "was not aware that the Spiritualists did not possess legal rights." With all respect to his legal knowledge we must refer him to the experience of those who have been unfortunate enough to come into contact with the law. It is a repetition of the case where a man was arrested and jailed on a certain charge. He sent for an attorney who, after listening to the man's story, said: "They can't put you in jail for that." Listening again to a further statement he repeated it over again. Becoming disgusted with the lawyer's statements the prisoner said: "But they have got me here."

Walter E. Reid, Theodore J. Price, Dr. Schlesinger, and dozens of others can repeat the statement. Perhaps they can not confine them and fine them for being Spiritualists and practicing mediumship, "but they have done it."

We object to special privileges being granted to any class of individuals; but as long as Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic Priests, Salvation Army and others have rights granted to them we would be exceedingly foolish if we refused the same privileges and paid them for doing the work for us.

These privileges must be obtained by conforming to certain customs. A system of religion must have a statement of its belief. That is what the Delegates to the N. S. A.

Convention have done.

"We believe in Infinite Intelligence."

What is there wrong in it? Ask anyone the question, even the strongest critic of this statement, and while he may say he does not believe it, you can not talk to him five minutes without making him acknowledge it. If you do not believe in intelligence you believe in chance. If you do not believe there is an intelligence in nature, do you believe all things happen by chance?

It does not personify this intelligence, does not attempt to give shape or form to it. If you believe in Natural Law, a law that is inexorable, a law that causes the water to seek its level, fire to burn, vapor to rise, trees to grow, die and decay, you believe in Infinite Intelligence that governs by an inexorable law.

It is this part of the Declaration of Principles that seems to fail to please the critics.

But in reading the criticisms one thing was very noticeable. With scarcely an exception the authors have failed to attend the N. S. A. Conventions and help to correct the "evils" of which they complain. An entire year's notice was given that a Declaration of Principles was to be adopted and it seems strange that these people, who are so quick to condemn the actions of others, some of them even becoming personal in an obnoxious sense, did not evince sufficient interest to attend and help to make the Declaration what they now say it should be.

The stay-at-home and fault finders have been the bane of Spiritualism.

They remind one of the "dog in the manger." They will not do anything themselves but they will stand on the outskirts and condemn all who will work. If Spiritualism had a tongue it could well quote: "Lord, protect me from my fool friends."

This Declaration was the result of the deliberations of the people who were sufficiently interested to do anything. At the Convention the committee was appointed, a number of sets of declarations were given them and they culled them. After making a form, they made public and personal appeals to every delegate to wait upon the committee in the committee room, hear the declarations read and offer any criticism that was desired. Some of them were acted upon, others were not. But when the report came in, it had the sanction of a majority of the delegates.

In substance what does it say? It says that we believe that all things take place in accordance with natural law; that the principles of justice underlaying this law, and an attempt to live up to them, constitutes true religion; that we have a knowledge of the continuity of life and communion between the two worlds of mortality and immortality.

The God question is left entirely out. You can believe in a personality or a principle, a duality, a trinity or an impersonal force. No two unite on it. But it gives us a statement of our belief and knowledge, it does not bind us to a creed and it will give us a standing in court that we have never had up to this time.

### Editor Newman Indisposed.

We regret to learn that Bro. Thomas G. Newman, of the *Religio-Philosophical Journal*, has suffered an indisposition that compels him to take a rest and may result in compelling a change in the *Religio-Philosophical Journal's* management. He has gone to the mountains and it is hoped serious difficulties may be avoided. All will join in best wishes for his recovery to perfect health. If *THE SUNFLOWER* can aid you to take this rest and still conduct the Journal, just call upon us.

### A TIMELY Publication on South Africa.

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## AN INVOCATION.

### It Breaks up a Meeting on Expansion.

At a meeting of expansionists on Mt. Washington, Pittsburg, John Sims, known, and often spoken to by the nickname, "Deacon" took advantage of an opportunity given him in the way of a joke.

It was suggested by a party in the meeting that the "Deacon" open the meeting with an invocation. No sooner had the suggestion been made than John Sims, being an anti-expansionist, was on his feet and responded; before he finished his invocation, one third of the audience left the meeting and the remaining ones were so chilled that the meeting proved a failure. The following is the invocation:

"Lord God, born in the Jehovistic age, re-born in the oriental age and largely worshipped in this, the modern age, we wish to make a few suggestions for your consideration and then have you transfer the same to the Filipinos. Tell the Filipinos they do not know what a good thing they are missing by not wanting to become citizens of this grand country of ours. There isn't anything like it under the Sun. Tell them to send a delegation over here to see us—this beautiful Christian land of the free; land of churches pointing skyward and 400,000 licensed saloons and speak-easies by the score; Bibles and guns; houses of prayer and licensed houses of prostitution; millionaires and paupers; clergymen and thieves; deacons and liars; Christians and cut throats; politicians and poverty; trusts and tramps; money and misery; homes and hunger; virtue and vice.

Lord God—born in the Jehovistic age, re-born in the oriental age and largely worshipped in this the iron or modern age—Thou who knowest everything yet knowest nothing, will you please be so kind as to transfer also to the Filipinos—that here in our land of the free, a bible can be bought for 25 cents and a bad drink of whisky for 5 cents; where we have men in Congress with three wives, and a number in the penitentiaries for having two; where we make canned beef out of horses and sick cows and corpses out of our soldier boys; where we put a man in jail for stealing a goose from off the common and put a man in U. S. Senate for stealing the common from the goose; where we have a congress of 400 men to make laws and a supreme court of 9 men to set them aside; where good whisky makes bad men and bad men make good whisky; where newspapers are paid for suppressing the truth and made rich for telling a lie; yes this Christian land where preachers are paid \$25,000 a year to dodge the devil and tickle the ear of the wealthy and the politician; where trusts hold you up and poverty holds you down; where the girl who goes wrong is made an outcast and her male friend—the prodigal, is made a gentleman, gold rings put on his fingers and invited into society—society men; where men vote for a thing one day and 'cuss' it 364 days; where we have prayers on the floors of our capitol buildings and whisky in the cellars; where we spend \$5,000 to bury a rich congressman and \$10.00 to bury an honest working man who

is poor; yes in this land where to be virtuous is to be lonesome, and to be honest is to be called a crank; where churches make Christians and honest men make infidels; where we pay \$15,000 for a dog and 15 cents a dozen to a poor woman for making shirts; where in four of our large cities 35,000 of our young ladies pay \$5.00 a week for board and are compelled to work back of counters for \$4.00 per week; where in New York City alone 37,000 women are making livings for their husbands. Yes, Lord God, have the Fillies come to us; we have more guns, more whisky and more bibles than we can make proper use of; we can give them a dose of religion and on that a dose of hell. Also impress them, that over here in our land of the free,

They will find where starving virtue  
Battles with beastly lust  
And hovels where famishing children  
Wrangle like wolves o'er a crust.

Yes, over here where labor  
Pleads at the feet of greed;  
Land of the free, where manhood  
Is forced to crime by need.

Tell the Fillies we have church spires  
Kissing the arching skies;  
While the starving beggar cowers  
On their marble steps and dies.

Our land where few gather millions,  
While millions cry for bread;  
Where palaces rise to the shuddering skies,  
Where famine heaps up her dead.

Where platform creeds are mockers,  
Where man has betrayed his trust;  
Where, woman to live, her soul must sell,  
Amen, Lord God, nothing's wrong in hell.

### Scripture Cake.

Following is a receipt for making "Scripture Cake."

"One and one-half cups of I. Kings iv, 22.

"One and one-half cups of Judges v, 25. (last clause.)

"Two cups of Jeremiah vi, 20. (sugar.)

"To cups of I Samuel xxx, 12. (raisins.)

"To cups of Nahum iii, 12.

"One cup of Numbers xvii, 8.

"Two tablespoonfuls of I. Samuel xvi, 25.

"Six tablespoonfuls of Jeremiah xvii, 11.

"Season to taste of II Chronicles ix, 9.

"One half cup of Judges iv, 19. (last clause.)

"A pinch of Leviticus ii, 13.

"Two teaspoonfuls of Amos iv, 5. (baking powder.)

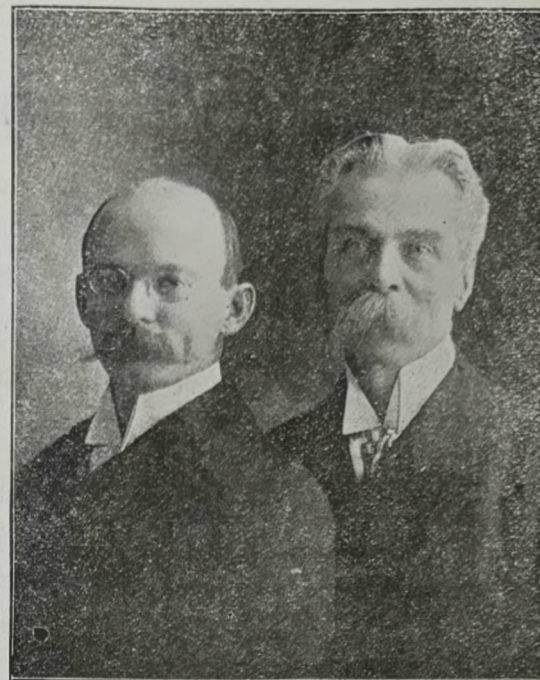
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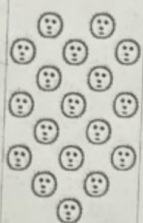
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"Never in the history of this country did a political situation bring so much excitement as awaits us in 1900, and never was our country in such danger. For the whole of the coming year our people will be kept in a whirl of hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, and at the end of the year they will have forgotten much of it in their wondering, as now, what will the next year bring forth?"

"President McKinley is in danger of assassination during the year of 1900, as is also Gen. Otis, or the man who may relieve him; also the Premier of Canada. It is more than likely that we shall hear of the death of the Pope, the Queen of England and the Czar of Russia.

"The Sun, when planets are in certain positions," continues Prof. Stowe, "exerts a more powerful influence on the earth than at other times. He rules the sign Leo, and stands for the father, king or ruler. But the Moon is exceedingly powerful. It effects our tides, and, under certain conditions, causes lunacy and moon-blindness in animal life. The Moon is known to have a powerful influence on animal and vegetable life. It stands for the mother, or lesser ruler, and governs Cancer.

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quakes. This, together with the unusual meteoric showers in the coming November, may so poison our atmosphere as to cause much sickness, aberration of mind and epidemics. Then, again, three of the great disturbing planets being in the sign of religion and wars, does not argue well for the peace of the world.

#### MOST TERRIBLE WAR IN HISTORY.

"Careful students of the Bible claim 1916 as the date set for the second coming of Christ, and the prophecies say his coming will be preceded by the most terrible wars the world ever knew. Although the nations were never before so well equipped for such warfare, still the whole lookout is fearful to those who desire Christ's second coming. Still, it is unnecessary to borrow trouble, for things are seldom as bad as we picture them and however terrible they may be, they will be spread over a series of years.

"But to come down more to details of events of 1900. The eclipse of the moon occurring December 16, 1899, must be taken into consideration as it bears a great influence on the first three months of the year. The Moon at the time will be on the sign Taurus, the bull, in the house of wealth, in opposition to Jupiter, the god of wealth in the house of death. Taurus rules Ireland, Persia, Asia Minor, the archipelago, southern part of Russia, the Islands of Cyprus and Samoa, also the Transvaal and South Africa. Thus to those countries we may look for the most excitement and stirring events for the next three months of the year. And the smaller powers must yield to the greater, but the greater powers will not escape severe punishment. In the financial and commercial world, the bulls and the bears seldom experience such excitement as they will during the close of this year and the first three months of 1900. This position also points to some failures of very large concerns, and the death of many people of note.

#### SUICIDES AND MURDERS, TOO.

"Let the public take particular note of what will happen before November 15. Here is something so near at hand that it will be easy to watch for proof of its truth. An unprecedented number of accidents will occur; war talk will run high; European powers will talk strongly of interfering with compacts and alliances made against England, if indeed not actually doing so; and the United States will certainly become involved later. My reasons for these statements are based on the fact that Mars, the god of war, entered Sagittarius, the sign of war and accident, October 15 and will remain 57 days. Mercury, the messenger of the gods, (good or evil) entered the same sign for 12 days. I claim that before England is done with its troubles, the whole world will be involved in war.

"An unusual number of suicides and murders will also take place before November 1 and again from Jan. 1, 1900 to Jan. 15 and so on every 88 days when Mercury enters and leaves Sagittarius. These prophecies may be included in the whole coming year but with increased violence at the period mentioned. A close observer will notice that the majority of people are more or less anxiously looking for wonderful events to be ushered in with the coming new century, and naturally enough are mistaking 1900 for the beginning of the

new century, though 1900 is really the close of the nineteenth century.

"It is impossible," concluded Prof. Stowe, "to give as full particulars for the whole coming year as can be given later, for the reason that all the eclipses are not yet figured out, but the predictions will furnish food for watchful study."

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Third; what governs them there to keep them from all sorts of pranks?

Are we not governed in the next sphere by the law of love, each one looking out for the other, and trying to help others to higher spheres? If so, why should any who are able to come back to earth and communicate try and injure any one on this earth plane? It would seem as if a man murdered another that the one murdered would come back and torment the murderer if it is true that the spirits can come back and show vengeance on the living.

I did not suppose that as soon as we drop the mortal body that we become perfect; but I did not suppose that we carry with us a feeling of malice. When a man passes over we forget what he may have done here that did not look right to us and look upon him as subject to mistakes of all kinds and are ready to overlook any imperfections in him. How much more ready the spirit which has passed to immortality would—we would naturally think—overlook our imperfections.

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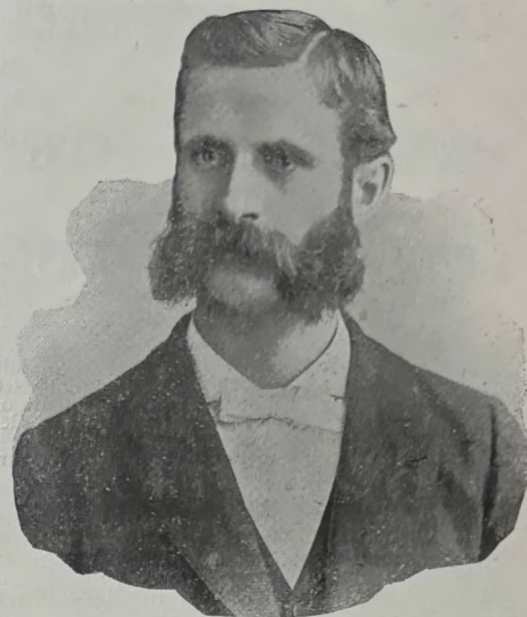
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Kate R. Stiles has an engagement in Wilkesbarre, Penn.

Miss Margaret Gaule is in New York giving tests.

Dr. J. C. Batdorf is located for the winter at Daytona, Fla.

Carrie Fuller Weatherford has been speaking at Flint, Mich.

Mrs. L. E. Sackett, of Springfield, Mass., speaks very highly of a reading received from Cora H. Moore.

Mrs. Clara Field Conant is located at Bartow, Fla. Friends in the South should take advantage of this.

The St. Paul Spiritual Alliance announce that they will open their hall November 12 with Carrie Tryon as speaker.

Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn will address the American Secular Union, in Paine Memorial Hall, Boston, on the occasion of the Secular Congress.

Dr. N. F. Ravlin has been engaged by the First Spiritualist Association, of Philadelphia, for the balance of the season. His address will be 1215 Seybert Street.

"The Orthopædian" is the title of a new 8-page paper that greets us from Liberal, Mo. It will be published semi-monthly, at 50 cents per year, by the Home Publishing Co.

The Progressive Spiritual Society, Grand Army Hall, South and East Diamond Streets, Allegheny, Pa., is in a very prosperous condition. Mrs. M. J. Crilly, is still serving as test medium.

Sneak thieves broke into the office of *Nya Tiden* in Minneapolis, stole the heading to the paper and several articles, among them, some Sunflower buttons which proved the clue to their capture.

J. W. Dennis of Buffalo is a regular ordained minister of the Gospel of Spiritualism holding ordination papers from three different organizations in the states of New York and Ohio; he will officiate at Funerals.

Elyria, O. Spiritualists have re-organized their society and selected the following officers: President, W. H. Tucker; Secretary and Treasurer, F. W. Martin. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague have been with them.

Our esteemed contemporary the *Light of Truth* announces that after January 1 the subscription price will be advanced to \$1.50 per year. The change is made necessary by the advance in the cost of materials for producing the paper.

F. A. Wiggin is filling an engagement at Berkley Hall, Boston. A letter from Mr. J. B. Hatch, Jr., states that the hall is filled to its utmost capacity. He also included eleven subscriptions to *Thought Gems*, our new Lyceum Lesson Leaf.

A copy of Moses Hull's Encyclopedia of Biblical Spiritualism to Brazil; Big Bible Stories to Alaska; Psyche and seven books to England, since issuing the last *SUNFLOWER*, shows how it is circulating and bringing returns from its advertising.

C. E. Winans and A. Norman have been located at Marshalltown, Ia. for about two months. They will answer calls for materializing seances, slate writing, physical phenomena, etc., at points west of Chicago, during the winter. They have bought the Rouse cottage on Library St., at Lily Dale and will attend next summer's camp.

We are just completing arrangements with the Star Publishing Co., to handle a complete line of their publications. They were mostly written automatically through the hand of Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing. While writing these productions Mrs. Twing engages in conversation and is apparently interested in everything excepting the writing. They are a line of pamphlets ranging in price from 5 to 50 cents. Full announcements in our next issue.

F. L. Cleal, Sec'y. writes: "The Buffalo Spiritual Society held a Progressive Euchar Party at the residence of Mrs. C. Lewis Chase 241 Eagle Street on Wednesday evening the 8th. A very pleasant time was spent, there being six tables occupied; after the game refreshments were served. We are happy to say that the Society is progressing very favorably and that we will be glad to welcome all strangers to the city."

Mattie Hull, writes from Buffalo: "We have a glorious Lyceum started here now. Yesterday was entertainment Sunday, the children did well. Several new members were given the Right Hand of Fellowship in our Temple last night. There is more interest apparently, than there has been at any time since we came here. It makes us glad."

Mrs. S. Augusta Armstrong, of Buffalo, N. Y., who lectured so acceptably many times during the Harmonical Camp-meeting at Los Angeles, California, and who officiated as chairman at nearly all the meetings, with much tact and efficiency, has been quietly enjoying a much needed rest, since the breaking up of camp, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Halfpenny's, 810 E. 6th St. Mrs. Armstrong intends visiting several points of interest in California before returning to her home in Western N. Y., and she expects to fill several lecture engagements already made, and more to follow. She leaves Los Angeles temporarily, October, 14, for Summerland and Santa Barbara, where she is booked for four lectures, Oct. 15 and 22. She will then return to Los Angeles, where she will deliver two lectures (timely notice will be given) and before she leaves for good she will be tendered a public reception at Harmonial Hall where the many friends she has made in Los Angeles may show their appreciation.

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## Lily Dale News.

November has ushered in its inclement weather, but we have had quite as many of its fine, balmy days as we could expect. There has been a dearth of entertainments but a number of quiet social gatherings.

Among these was one at Mrs. Densmore's beautiful home, Shadyside. It was in honor of Miss Beebe's birthday. The illumination of the grounds as well as other arrangements made a very pleasant social evening.

### VISITORS.

Mrs. Rouse, of Titusville, spent a day with her sister, Mrs. Champlin. A. Gaston and Miss Kate Peate sojourned here a few days. In addition to the above, many run in from the surrounding country and towns for a day or two.

### DEPARTURES.

We have to chronicle a number of departures this time. The improvement in business conditions has made opportunity for labor more plentiful and many of our citizens have secured employment in the surrounding towns, especially in the Brook's Locomotive Works, at Dunkirk.

Miss E. Keenan has gone to Bradford; Mrs. Davis and Miss Robinson have gone to Buffalo; Madam Helene, Miss Danforth and their father and neice to Hartford Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Cooper went to Philadelphia, where they will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox who will stop at Binghamton, N. Y. on their way, to give a few seances; Mr. and Mrs. Wright went to Cleveland where they will spend a few days. They will winter in Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Wildrick and Mart Champin are in Buffalo; H. S. Bennett has about completed his arrangements for going south. He has secured a position with the Wm. Gallaten Carrol Co. of LaPorte, Texas, near Galveston. Mr. Carroll Sr. is also going south, his health being such that he wishes to avoid the cold weather.

The South Park House is closed, Mr. the Mrs. Wilcox having gone to Dunkirk to open a hotel. Mr. E. H. Wilcox will remain. Mrs. Page will visit her sister in Tonawanda, and will probably visit another in Canada before she returns home. Jack Ramsdell and family will move to Dunkirk where he has a position with the Brooks Locomotive Works.

### RETURNED.

Mrs. Toles has returned from her visit to Hornellsville. This makes Mr. Skidmore's family complete again. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and son, Ross, have returned from a visit to Mrs. Spencer's parents at Ripley. Mr. S. had an operation performed while away and his health is improved.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Winans and Norman have bought the Rouse Cottage on Library St.

Mrs. Gage, Jack Ramsdell and Miss Thacher have been on the sick list.

We have been informed that the reported sale of Myra Paine's Cottage was incorrect.

Mrs. Mattison, a Spiritualist of Cassadaga, passed to spirit life the funeral occurring on the 14th. Mrs. Clara Watson, of Jamestown, officiated.

Mrs. Libbie Witheral started a dancing school in Cushman's Hall, Cassadaga. We are informed that she had twelve pupils the first class. She will give a series of dances as well as the dancing class.

The South Park having closed for the winter, Mrs. Esther Dedrick has decided to open her house for the accommodation of transient guests. It is roomy, commodious and her patrons will be well entertained.

THE SUNFLOWER Office is busily engaged with several books and pamphlets, in addition to the work of publishing THE SUNFLOWER and preparing for the issue of *Thought Gems*. All of Moses Hull's publishing will be done at this office, as well as the work for the Training School.

The following from the Buffalo News explains itself: "There is all probability of a surface railroad being built between Fredonia and Lily Dale this winter. The board of trustees of Fredonia will act on a petition asking for a franchise through Winter and Temple Streets, at their next meeting."

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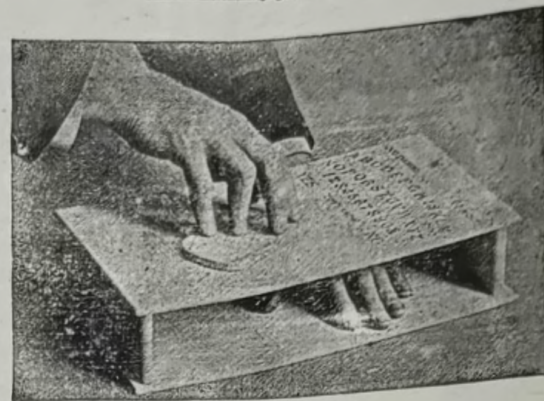
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Harry Dalton, 5955 State Street, Chicago, said, after having Psyche one week: "I would not take \$25 for my Cabinet if I could not get another."

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There is not money enough on this Globe to buy the gift she has received if it were transferable."—Mrs. Annie Godley, Chicago, Ill.

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## LESSONS IN LOGIC

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BY MOSES HULL.

There are three parts to Deductive Logic; the first is *Terms*; the second is *Propositions*; and the third, *Sylogisms*. A term is simply the name of a thing; or the mention of a thing without saying anything about it. It is a part of a proposition. A proposition is two terms joined together by a verb usually called a *copula*.

I may state here that the chief difference between Grammar and Logic is, that Grammar treats of language as a science merely, while Logic treats of language as necessary to express the action of the mind. Logic treats of the things as the objects of thought, and language as the necessary vehicle for the conveying of our thoughts to others.

I have stated that to reason is to infer something you do not know from some things you do know; I will now say that reason is the progress of the mind from one or more given propositions to other and different propositions. *Inductive Reasoning*, is reasoning from effects to their cause, and from parts to the whole, while *Deductive Reasoning* is reasoning from cause to effect or from the whole to a part.

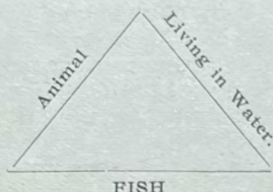
Here is a specimen of Inductive Reasoning; Our Earth, Mars and Jupiter move in elliptical orbits around the Sun. Induction would lead us to infer that all the planets in our solar system would move around the Sun in the same manner. Again, our Earth is inhabited; the telescope, spectroscope, and other scientific instruments reveal to us the fact that the same conditions obtain on Mars as upon Earth; therefore the induction that Mars is inhabited.

Gold was obtained in the mountains of California; it was found that the same contour of country existed in New South Wales, South Africa and the Klondike as in California, therefore gold must exist in these countries so they went to work and found these countries rich in all the minerals that were found in such abundance in California.

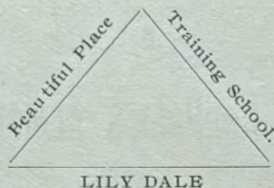
I gave a sample of Deductive Reasoning, but here is another.

All men are liable to err;  
The president of the United States is a man,  
Therefore the president of the United States is liable to err.

Deductive Logic will be first considered. I have said there are three parts to Deductive Logic. Some writers divide all Logic into trip-lets. Thus, if you think fish you think about as follows:



Should you think of Lily Dale, the place where you may have an opportunity to learn something of Logic, you think in the same manner.



Knowledge also has three parts; 1. Simple Apprehension; 2. Judgment; 3. Reasoning or Discourse. Simple Apprehension means apprehension apart from other things. Then comes Judgment, which compares one thing with another, then follows reasoning, discourse, conclusion.

### Just Out of Sight.

By Fattie E. Hull.

Aye, "just out of sight" my darling;  
How flimsy the veil must be;  
It seems that a hand out-stretching  
Would bring thy sweet life to me.  
The hours seem strange and silent  
Since that long and dreary day  
When thou wert dressed for thy casket,  
And I pressed thy lips of clay.

By a shelt'ring tree my darling,  
Thy form has been lain with care,  
But I know thy spirit lingers  
In home's sweet atmosphere.  
I sit and wait in the silence  
When my tired hands fold in rest,  
And feel the life of my darling  
To my sad heart closely pressed.

There are three dear little wee ones  
We count in our fold each night;  
Two pressing their downy pillows,  
And the one "just out of sight."  
Not "dead;" 'tis a word too cruel,  
I know such could never be,  
Nor "lost," for something whispers  
"Mine own is a part of me,"

The grass and the beautiful blossoms  
Will mingle over thy form,  
That we cherished in our household,  
But her feet shall journey on.  
And when we shall part the curtains  
That now screens the world of light,  
We shall know our precious darling  
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## The Mystery OF A PACK OF CARDS.

A private soldier by the name of John Orton was taken before a magistrate recently, for playing cards during divine service. It appears that a sergeant commanded the soldiers at the church, and when the parson had read the prayers, he took the text. Those who had a Bible took it out, but this soldier had neither a Bible nor a common prayer book; but pulling out a pack of cards, he spread them before him. He just looked at one card and then at another. The sergeant of the company saw him and said: "John, put up those cards, this is no place for them."

"Never mind that," said John.

When the service was over the constable took John before the mayor.

"Well, soldier, what have you to say for yourself?"

"Much sir, I hope."

"Very good. If not, I will punish you more than man was ever punished."

"I have been," said the soldier, "about six weeks on the march. I have neither Bible nor common prayer books. I have nothing but a pack of cards, and I will satisfy your worship of the purity of my intentions," and spreading the cards before the mayor, he began with the ace: "When I see the ace, it reminds me there is but one God; when I see the deuce, it reminds me of Father and Son; when I see the trey, it reminds me of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; when I see the four spot, it reminds me of the four Evangelists that preached—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; when I look at the five spot, it reminds me of the five wise virgins who trimmed their lamps—there were ten but five were wise and five were foolish, and were shut out; when I see the six, it reminds me that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth; when I see the seven, it reminds me that on that day He rested from the great work He had created and hallowed it; when I see the eight, it reminds me of the eight righteous persons that were saved when God destroyed the world, viz.: Noah and his wife, with three sons and their wives; when I see the nine, it reminds me of the nine lepers that were cleansed by our Saviour—there were nine out of ten who never returned thanks; when I see the ten, it reminds me of the ten commandments which God handed down to Moses on tablets of stone; when I see the king, it reminds me of the King of Heavens, which is God Almighty; when I see the queen, it reminds me of the Queen of Sheba, who visited Solomon, for she was as wise a

woman as he was a man. She brought with her fifty boys and fifty girls, all dressed in boys' apparel for Solomon to tell which were boys and which were girls. King Solomon sent for water for them to wash. The girls washed to the elbow and the boys to the wrist, so King Solomon told by that."

"Well," said the mayor, "you have given a good description of all of the cards but one."

"What is that?"

"The knave," said the mayor.

"I will give your honor a description of that too, if you will not be angry."

"I will not," said the mayor, "if you will not term me to be the knave."

"Well," said the soldier, "the greatest knave that I know of is the constable that brought me here."

"I do not know," said the mayor, "if he is the greatest knave, but I know he is the greatest fool."

"When I count how many spots in a pack of cards, I find 365, as many as there are days in a year; when I count the number of cards in a pack, I find there are 52, the number of weeks in a year; and I find four suits, the number of weeks in a month; I find there are twelve picture cards in a pack, representing the months in a year; and on counting the tricks, I find thirteen, the number of weeks in a quarter. So you see sir, a pack of cards serves for a Bible, almanac and common prayer book."

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O lost delight! How chill and gray  
The breath and bloom of summer day.  
In robin's song there lurks a moan,  
The breeze takes on a sobbing tone,  
Since baby died.

O vanished joy! The hours thrice blessed,  
When closely to my bosom pressed  
The flaxen head. And now the smart  
Of lightened arms and weighted heart,  
Since baby died.

O mother love! To dream, to wait,  
To hope, to bear, to bless my fate.  
Then death. Of what avail to save?  
There still remains the little grave,  
Since baby died.

O pure sweet life! Thy fragrance rare,  
Still lingers on the silent air.  
Like voiceless prayer it lulls my pain,  
And frozen grief drops down in rain,  
Since baby died.

—IDA WORDEN WHEELER.  
—Ladies Home Journal.

Note. While copying the above poem for a friend recently bereft, my thoughts seemed to fall into a similar vibration, only in a more hopeful tone as follows:

O blessed child! thy radiant face,  
With beck'ning smile, and winsome grace,  
Makes heaven seem nearer by far,  
And lights my way like some bright star,  
Since baby lives.

O risen star! no longer seem  
The nights like an unbroken dream  
Of pain and grief, for I can see  
That I shall never childless be,  
Since baby lives.

O perfect joy! to know thy life  
Can ne'er be marred by sin and strife;  
But blossoms like a perfect flower,  
To greet me at the last, sweet hour,  
Since baby lives.

O treasure mine! magnet intense,  
To draw me from the world of sense,  
And anchor me to things above,  
Where I shall have my fill of love,  
Since baby lives.

O flower of love! my perfect prayer!  
Ascended to the world more fair,  
Downward along the years will roll,  
The answer to my waiting soul,  
Since baby lives.

O risen soul! no longer lone  
Can seem the way to meet mine own,  
For radiant with a light divine,  
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He was, like myself, a Hierarch, *not* a Messiah. He came mainly to the submerged Jupiterians, as it is written: "I am not come but to the lost sheep of the House of Israel."

At that time the Jews were nearly all submerged Jupiterians, and to them was his special Mission.

The reason a great architect was chosen was this; all architectural work is carried on by *will-force* not by manual labor, on the Uniistic planets. Those who apply their mentality to this pursuit become great phenomena producers, and can cause the atomic aggregates of immense masses of solid rock to shape themselves as ordered, and levitate to their positions in the building under construction. It required very little additional study on the part of the Hierarch Jesus, to apply this vibrative power to the abnormal human organism, hence his great healing power, his production of bread from the ethero-atmospheric solution, and his transmutation of water into wine from the same source.

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Moses Hull's Wednesday evening conferences at the Temple are quite interesting.

Some 400 to 500 people attended the funeral of Madam Zympher, at the Temple on Prospect Avenue, Wednesday October 25th.

Mrs. L. H. Eggleston, pianist at the Temple is an adept at the piano and furnishes good music at the meetings.

There is a report abroad that the Woman's Progressive Union contemplate erecting a larger and more commodious building on the site of the Temple, corner Prospect Avenue and Jersey Street.

On Sunday November 5th a christening took place in the Queen City Society's Parlors, the Rev. J. W. Dennis, assisted by Mrs. Jennie Ehle, President, and Miss Gussie Taylor, the speaker, christened Baby Jennie Adeline Platner, in due form. This occasion filled our hall full and brought flowers by the armful.

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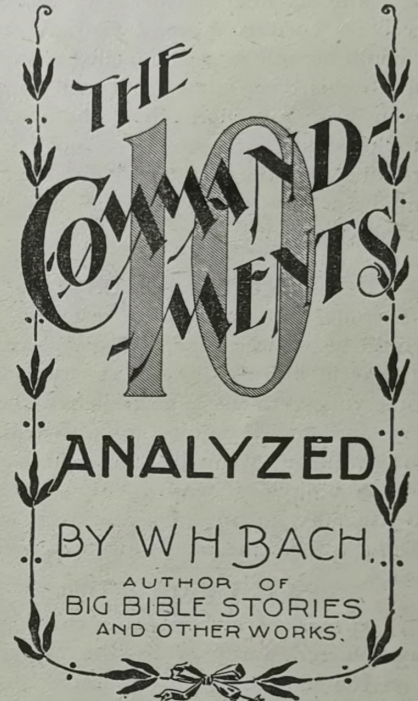
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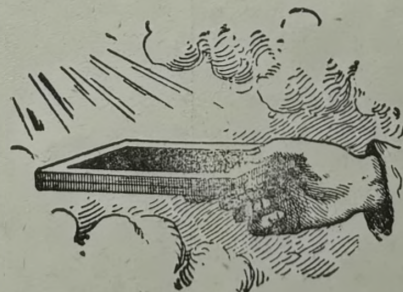
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WALTER J. TITUS.

I want my dear mother and father to receive a word from me. I wish my mother could become more reconciled to my going to this life. I trust she will soon be much more contented than she has been in the past; for, mother, dear, if you would only try we could come to you and I am sure you will be much happier than ever before.

BERT BLANCHARD.

I come not to give test as that would be unnecessary, for my dear one of Earth knows the great truth; but come to give a message of help and comfort and want you to go onward and not think but we will stand near to help you in a physical way. You shall gain so you may go on with your own work. Mabel is with me and sends you love.

IRA P. LANGWORTHY.

I am glad of an opportunity to reach my son and family of Earth. When we pass the change to this life we then try to reach those left behind, try to find some door open to give them light from this life beyond. My wife, Asentha, and your companion, Lucindia, are here with me and I know how often you have asked for some light from the world beyond. So we come in this way, my son.

BENNY VAIL.

I want to reach my sister Mary Harry, at Watseka, Ill. We are all anxious to see you go on in your own unfoldment. Grace and all the rest of us will do our part to carry on matters as they should be. Our father B. N. is with me also Annie Pritchell who wishes to be remembered to you for the good old days passed and gone.

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Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader of Philadelphia spoke of the young people's movement in England and the work of the Junior Club of Great Britain, a similar organization, and extended a word of greeting from them to their "American Cousins."

Mrs. Loe F. Prior, of Atlanta, Ga., spoke of the movement in the South and West, with especial reference to the Indianapolis Union.

Miss Alice L'Hommedieu, President of, and delegate from the Chicago Union, briefly outlined the progress made by that Union during the past year and their plans for the future.

Other remarks in behalf of this important movement were made by B. B. Hill, of Philadelphia, Geo. W. Kates, Minn. and President H. D. Barrett of the N. S. A.

The formal business session was held in the parlors of the Leland Hotel, during which most important work was transacted.

The question of joining the N. S. A. and securing from that body a charter, giving the National Young People's Spiritualist Union national jurisdiction in the formation of Young People's Unions was favored and immediate action urged. Miss Amelia J. Rohrbach, treasurer of the National Union was chosen as our delegate and she was duly accorded a seat by the N. S. A. and the privileges of the convention, Thursday morning.

The question of music was taken up and Longley's song book No. 1 was adopted for universal use among the Young People's Unions. Copies of this book should be procured from the Secretary of the N. Y. P. S. U., (Mr. Walter I. Prentiss, 314 Park Ave., Worcester, Mass.) at the price of 15 cents, or arrangements may be made to sell in quantities of a dozen or more at special rates. The Union will receive a commission on all books sold by it.

The question of a badge was referred to the incoming board for such action as they deem wise and best.

The election of officers resulted unanimously as follows:

President, H. F. Arnold, Burr Oak, Mich.; Vice President, Miss Estelle Metzgar, Evansville, Ind.; Secretary, Walter I. Prentiss, 314 Park Ave., Worcester, Mass.; Treasurer, Miss Amelia Rohrbach, 3640 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Trustees: Lester Teagarden, 708 Huron St., Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Evie P. Bach, Lily Dale, N. Y., Miss Jennie DeLong, Columbus, Ohio.

### Letter From The New President of the N. Y. P. S. U. To the Officers and Members of the National Young People's Union.

It is with the greatest surprise that I learn from our retired National President, Mr. I. C. I. Evans, of Washington, D. C. that I have been elected as his successor for the coming year.

I hardly know how to express my thanks for the honor you have conferred on me though unworthily bestowed. I cannot help feeling that the choice is an unwise one, but if an earnest whole-soul desire to see the Young People of Spiritualism at the front, and the cause which embraces every needed reform, championed by the youth as well as by those who have passed the prime of life; if a sincere longing to see an organization which shall be a *living* example of being good and doing good; if these aspirations are of any value, then with your help and that of the ministering angels, I shall endeavor to prove loyal to the trust you have given me.

Remember it is individual work that counts. The officers cannot do it all. We ask for your active co-operation and support in carrying forward this great work.

From time to time I shall endeavor to present the needs of the society through the spiritual press, generally, but THE SUNFLOWER is our official paper and in order to keep in touch with the National it is necessary for you to have this paper.

Yours for the work,  
H. F. ARNOLD.

### HE MADE A DAISY.

He was an earnest minister who, one Sunday in the course of a sermon on the significance of little things, said: "The hand which made the mighty Heavens made a grain of sand; which made the lofty mountains made a drop of water; which made you made the grass of the field; which made me made a daisy."

—Ex.

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## The Sympathies of Religions.

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attraction that man knows.

The Spirit perception or idea, that the Inner Life is a living substance of Light is also well emphasized by the Buddhists of India, in the great verse of the Vedas called the Gayatri.

The Mohammedans, in the second "Lura" of the Koran, have a beautiful description of that Great Spiritual Sun, in Allah. "That slumbers not nor sleeps." The universal attraction that holds and controls all,

The Buddhists, too, know well of the Heavenly Light of Nirvana, which is the Atmosphere of God's presence. Familiar to Buddhist Ascetics—and religious mendicants. A very similar idea may be found in the "Light of Far," "The Divine Way," of the ancient Chinese sages, although they principally dwell upon its power of reason, i. e. to them intuition.

They say, Reason is the First Cause, which dwells in eternity. Nor is this at all illogical; for only the events having a beginning in time require an explanation through prior causation. A cause is that without which a thing would not begin to be, and without the power of intelligence of this Eternal Sun Light, things would not have begun to be. Things or materialities are effects, and they as effects do *begin to be*. What we call matter is a series of effects. Uncaused material phenomena are inconceivable.

The Incas of Peru and the ancient people of Yucatan were worshippers of the Sunlight and were a happy and virtuous people before the advent of the Spaniards.

The Parsees or Ancient Persians and followers of Zoroaster, were worshippers of the Spirit of Light; their descendants hold fire as a symbol of Light.

The ancient Hebrews have a text—"My God is a Sun" and the word Jehovah, is a union of the past, present and future tenses of a Hebrew verb signifying *Being*. That is, Eternal Life of Being comprises the entirety, the Central Controlling Intelligence.

For Liberal people, it is not enough to believe that there may be a God, an order or a Controlling Force. The up-to-date Spiritualist requires a knowledge of a spiritual or harmonial philosophy in its large lines, at least, sufficient for him to give a reason for his name and for the faith that is in him. For this, he requires to know that the Inner Life of everything from kosmos to the cat—from Macrocosm or the Big Universe, to man, who is the miniature of the Big Universe, is *Light*. Intelligence is the manifestation of this Light.

If Spiritualists would fasten this verified conception in their minds and use the word God or its equivalent as a verbal sign for this idea,—the Living Cosmic Intelligence, it would be very helpful. Words are meant to be signs for thoughts, and we should use words with the right meaning.

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