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Pilgrim's Progress.

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My Dear Friends:

Your father and many other kind friends over here who are interested in your welfare and your development, have asked me to give you a brief history of my life, before and after.

I was born in Mansfield, O., in the year 1837; my mother died when I was but a youth; in early age I fell in with wayward companions and led a reckless life and as I will tell you how the transition was accomplished, it is needless for me to dwell on it now.

I was an earth-bound spirit for a number of years. A beautiful woman appeared to me one day and told me of the fairest visions, stately homes, and rest for the wandering souls in the land beyond, and created a desire and longing in my soul for something higher and nobler than I had ever felt before. As soon as those holy desires had taken root, I felt myself grow lighter. She smiled and took me by the hand, and said, "I will lead you." Our progress was very rapid; it seemed as though we were spinning through space. We traversed a vast extent of territory until we came to a clear crystal river, "The river of life," she said.

On my enquiry how we should get across, a lonely boat appeared before us sailing on the placid waters, as gracefully as a swan. We stepped into the boat and it glided across the river and landed us on a green bank strewn with flowers of many colors and kinds. I found kind friends awaiting me, among them, my dear mother, of whose love had I been conscious of I might have escaped many sad experiences of earth life. I now see her as a beautiful young woman. The marks of pain and sickness had disappeared, and what a happy reunion was ours.

I died a sad, disappointed man, but now I discovered I too was young again; how our cares and sorrows, disappointments and griefs slip away from us when we cross the shining river.

My mother took me to her beautiful home and said I would dwell with her until my own home was completed. Taken from the earth before my time I had many mistakes to rectify and much hard work to do before my home would be finished.

If I had had some one to tell me of this life beyond the grave, any one to take a kind and thoughtful interest in my welfare, I should have escaped that painful period in my first years of transition, but my friends were of the earth earthy, and now I am writing this so you will know the result of living too much for self and personal gain.

As I said, my friends were of the earth and we had no time to think of Heavenly things; we left that for future consideration. Alas! the blow fell before I had time to realize my sad situation. One day while my friends and I were in a drinking saloon, my sister went by. One of them not knowing that she was my sister, made an insulting remark about her. God knows she was a pure, innocent girl, and if I had only listened to her pleadings my tale would have been of a different nature, but I digress. I of course, could not hear my sister so lightly spoken of without defending her fair name. Harsh words and blows resulted and then a pistol shot rang out on the air and I was a spirit before I had time to realize the situation.

The first thing I was conscious of was a desire for revenge on my friend for taking my life—such deadly hatred I never experienced in earth life; 'twas like

a consuming fire. I haunted his footsteps by day and by night until it seemed as though my hatred of him would have consumed me.

But by degrees my passion began to wane, when I saw how earnestly he repented of his crime. I felt some sorrow in my heart and that made my burden lighter to bear. Every passion and every appetite acquired in earth life is only extenuated in this hellish place. Of all the filthy, slimy pools I ever saw or heard about the ones here are the worst. If one does not believe in hell, a few hours in this place will convince him more than all the preachers in the universe, but then it is not a literal hell, only as we make it ourselves. All the villainess and sin on earth has its counterpart in this place. You may be sure I was not long in trying to better my condition, but not till I had in some measure felt forgiveness in my heart, was my life made easier.

It took years of strife and endeavor before I was a fit companion to the lovely creature that I told you of in the beginning of my narrative. As low as I was there were others still lower—some one for me to help and try to cheer and that is the way I made my progress to the higher plains, and now I am in my mother's home, and am still helping those beneath me, trying to lift them up on a higher sphere of usefulness. And while I am helping I am also benefited. So you see it is a road of progression all the way along.

I will be pleased to meet you in my own home when you are permitted to cross the beautiful river. Hoping your progress will be more rapid than mine and that your earth life may be happy and your home-coming a grand ovation, I remain, Your Spirit Friend,
ALFRED MOODY WATSON.

THE WORLD'S HIGHEST IDEAL.

(For Xmas.)

The Star of Bethlehem which rose in the East nineteen centuries ago, not only signaled the physical birth of a redeemer, casting a spiritual illumination over his life and guiding him, but it also symbolized the dawn of a new era of greater progressional development for all future generations. There had been other eras of advancement and other great leaders; but, without doubt, Christ and the Christian epoch has been and will be the greatest this world has ever seen along a spiritual line, because the world was ready for it and needed it.

In remote periods of the earth's development, the propelling and the compelling power was a magnetic force. When the earth became capable of producing animals, this power was evolved into an animal magnetism. This in turn, gave place in the soul of primitive man, to an instinctive desire, a reaching out after better things. Then for long centuries the soul of man struggled to reach its ideal of Morality, finally succeeding in a measure, as is evidenced by the regard for public opinion. The immediate past has been noted for the wonderful attainments on mental and intellectual planes, wherein it seems that thought projected by reason and will (the attributes of the gods) knows no limit.

But our latest ideal is love. A spiritual love, such as Christ taught. The love which has been evolved from polar magnetism, and which Christ says is God. He gives us a new commandment, that we love one another; and he tells us that this is the fulfilling of the law and the prophets. Let us all strive after "that perfect love which casteth out fear." The millennium 'is in its attainment, and it may etherealize us enough to carry us out of the sphere of earth's attraction, into that of other planets.

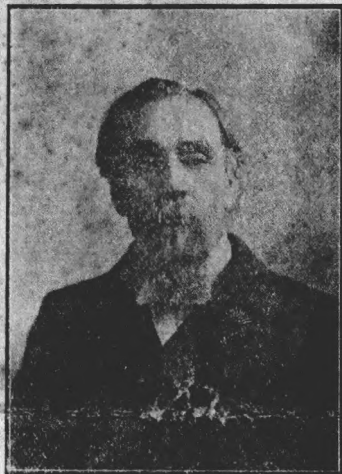
LILLIAN HALL BLAISDELL.

FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE.

A Sermon Delivered by D. W. Hull.

Rev. D. W. Hull, pastor of the Tacoma Spiritual church, delivered an interesting address last evening at Forester's hall, 592½ Pacific avenue, on the subject, "The Forces of the Universe." The speaker showed that in all nature was manifested an attraction he called love; or as God is love, God was in everything in nature. The piece of ore, gravitating toward the earth when let fall, was an evidence of this inherent love, of the presence of God.

He then told how the forces of nature were so immeasurably greater than any force created or controlled by man. That



D. W. HULL.

the work so easily done by the sun with but an infinitesimal part of its total energy, in raising to the clouds the rainfall of a year, was a greater work than all the engines and power generators of the whole country could do in 10,000 years.

The speaker dwelt upon the ages and eons of time that nature has required for the production of its mighty works. Of the many thousands of years, and the forces that have been required to bring the great rounded boulders to their present condition, the uplifting of mountain range, the construction of a coral reef, the forming of the great chalk beds of England.

The subject was then followed into the realms of the heavens and the immeasurable distances of the stars and their vastness of size, some of which, as of Vega, make the entire solar system sink into insignificance beside its one almost limitless mass. It is in nature and the forces of the universe that God has written with his own hand, the speaker said, and yet some would have us believe that he is constantly watching the people of the earth to see whether or no their every thought and action was just right, when there was so much and so many greater affairs for the supreme ruler to give his attention to, to better purpose.

Rev. Dr. Hull announced that next Sunday evening he would discuss the fall of Adam and would show how the account given in Genesis was impossible, but in the broad truth what a beautiful story it was.

Daily Ledger, Tacoma, Wash.

BIBLE AND SPIRITUALISM.

The Rev. Dr. B. F. Austin, editor of *The Sermon* magazine, Toronto, Can., is in the city for a week and is the guest of Dr. Wyant, 216 Cherry street. Last evening he delivered to a small but very appreciative audience a lecture in Curran hall 123 Indiana avenue, on the topic, "The Bible and Spiritualism." The following is a brief synopsis.

"The Bible is a book of spirit communications. It is, at once, the most highly praised, the most deeply censured, the most talked about and the least understood of all the great books. It is a col-

lection of books, rather than a volume, and reflects the thoughts and opinions of men regarding God, man and nature for about sixteen hundred years among the most religious of all nations. It claims no infallibility for itself, does not apply to itself the title, 'Word of God,' and yet is largely the product of inspiration from spirit spheres. When rightly understood, and interpreted it is full of instruction, inspiration and comfort to men. When interpreted according to the ideas of the past, and by the standards of orthodoxy, it contradicts science, bars reason, hinders human progress and becomes a joke and burden to progressive minds.

"The Bible is the 'word spoken by angels,' and the angels who come from heaven and inspire men and minister to men were formerly men and women of our earth life. Communications between the material and spiritual realms is a scientific and historic truth, and all the great advances in science and invention, like wireless telegraphy, are showing the purely natural character of spirit communication. All the phenomena of Bible times are duplicated through mediums today. Clairvoyance, clairaudience, telepathy, materialization are demonstrated facts, if we can believe the greatest of scientific investigators.

"The prophets of olden times, the apostles of the Christian era and the medium of today are one and the same class in material endowment and methods of development. All alleged spiritual phenomena was not genuine, but much of it was, and of this the only rational interpretation yet given to the world is spirit communication. This doctrine was full of encouragement, comfort and inspiration to men, and to the highest morality, as it taught our thoughts injure or bless our fellow-men, and that all our lives are read as an open book by our departed friends, who minister unto us."

—Toledo (O.) Times, Nov. 29.

TO STUDY THE OCCULT.

A "borderland" society is now in the process of formation in Ottawa. It will be known as the Psychical Research Society of Ottawa.

This society will take its place with the most active in the city. It will include a large number of solid and prosperous men and women who are not usually supposed to concern themselves with psychical problems.

In this city there are Spiritualists, a few Seventh Day Adventists, Christian Scientists and those of other so-called unconventional religions. It is likely that members of these faiths will join the new cult, with others who profess other, or in some cases no religions.

The idea of the society is to investigate all phenomena not readily explained by material law, in the Ottawa Valley, and get all data possible. Haunted houses, mysterious appearances and all such things that may be reported will be investigated and a true report made and it is expected this will have a powerful effect in separating the superstitious from the occult.

For instance, some few years ago a prominent newspaper man moved from a house he was in because he and members of his family had seen ghosts there. Had this happened recently the society would have at once visited the house and seen just how matters were, and would have stayed with the investigation till the ghost was seen, or till the proof was to hand that there was none.

Then too the society will hold sessions at appointed times and study mind reading, mental suggestions and writing with the planchette. The society will include several physicians who go in disbelieving that anything happens that is not explained by natural law and yet

anxious to give every phenomenon a searching investigation to prove this.

As is natural the members of this society do not care to say who is joining because they would in a measure be subject to ridicule by the materially minded. However, the meetings of the society are now about to commence with a good attendance.—Ottawa, Canada, Free Press.

FRIENDSHIP.

The angels, in all their sweetness, dwelling above;
And baptized constantly with God's Infinite Love;
And when they sighed, that they be born a mortal birth,
That they might seek and find, and know the lowly earth,
The Infinite and all-wise and good, sought to divine
Some way, some means, some law that they on earth might shine.
Knowing that love in the fullness of holy worth,
Belonged to heav'n, its vibrations would scarce reach the earth,
He sought some modified degree to bless the way
Of all those who might enter in to mortal day;
The chain was made of many links, shining as gold,
And 'twas decided that by this the story was told.
So He took them, and one by one the links laid down,
With each one placed likewise a cross and crown.
Unto each link He gave some sweet and tender name,
Hence all we mortals are the links, we are the same.
This endless chain, which linked in these surroundings here,
Leads us to labor side by side, quite true and near
This golden chain of Friendship, sacred as life.
And in peace or pain, in joy or amid the strife,
By sharing another's burden of hope or fear,
We are moulding these sacred links of Friendship dear;
And rising to the angel, Love, where we can view
The cross we've borne of sorrow and of burning tears;
The working, toiling, gaining, failing of this world here,
Since we can only gain the crown bearing the cross;
Since in a patient sigh or tear there is no loss;
And knowing that in this golden chain, Friendship, God-giv'n,
Will find fulfillment in pure love, in peace in heav'n,
Let us labor, in this old world, to closely bind
These links together, one by one, truly and kind,
So that standing on the heights, of the angel, Love,
Wearing the crown of happiness in realms above,
We shall share with all our brothers, Friendship's chain complete,
The crown just as we did the cross, life with love replete.

JOHN W. RING.

Galveston, Tex.

A Grand Mass Meeting.

The officers of the New York State Association of Spiritualists have called a Mass Meeting to be held in Odd Fellows' Hall, in the city of Rochester on the 12, 13 and 14 of December.

The speakers and mediums engaged are: Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, Prof. W. M. Lockwood, Rev. Victor Wylde, H. W. Richardson and others.

Prof. Lockwood announces his subjects as follows: For Saturday afternoon, 'Spirit schism, Spiritism and Spiritualism: The Three Eras of Spiritual Evolution.' For Sunday evening, 'A Scientific Demonstration of the Claims of Spiritualism of Continuity of Life and Spirit Association With The Mortal.'

Spiritualists in surrounding towns are especially invited to come and enjoy the flow of inspiration and spirit communion and of course, we expect the people of Rochester to come.

There will be three sessions daily at 10:30 a. m. and at 2:00 and 7:30 p. m.
H. W. RICHARDSON, Pres.
HERBERT L. WHITNEY, Sec.

"Live in the blessed Now if thou wouldst see visions of a blessed future."

MY FRIEND, THE PSYCHIC, IN SPIRIT. Ingersoll and a Jug of Whiskey.

A SEQUEL TO "MY FRIEND, THE PSYCHIC."

BY ARTHUR F. MILTON.

(Author of "Higher Realms," and "Psychic World.")

This was interesting in that it corroborated some of my own conclusions or intuitions of the past, and gave me an experienced understanding of the philosophy of knowing things intuitively and then to have them proved by the facts themselves—for reading a condition here is synonymous with living it, and that is the test.

When suffering with a sufferer, we are momentarily living it. What we experience is the proof. Pretension leaves us cold—unmoved—and betrays the sham—unless we are by nature unsympathetic. But lack of sympathy also bars out inspiration and is proof of our selfishness in some direction. Without love there is no gravitating center for the influx of love or light from the unseen—no originality of purpose—no delight in affiliating with conditions not our own. As in sympathy we suffer, in sympathy we enjoy life inspirationally—philosophically—intuitively—from the interior—the non-dimensional.

But a man may be awakened to sympathy, if he has the love element dormant or knows enough to know what love or sympathy means. Experience is not an uncommon teacher. "Falling in love," is another awakener, but is often perverted by passion or lust. Marriage, however, unfolds the true love, as it constitutes a doing for others *per se*. In this living for others, the interior is illuminated and the sunshine of spiritual love enters.

Reason often touches the heartstring. If a man is not buried in selfishness or is not cruelly heartless, he may be awakened to a sense of love by an understanding of himself—by showing him kindly where he is wrong. An object lesson is also of specific value, as given on the stage—whether in drama, tragedy or comedy.

But love has curious wrinkles under circumstances. One may love an object with such devotion that it degenerates into selfishness again—the equilibrium being lost. Its manifestations are jealousy, which is selfish love, all for self. Anger, resentment, hatred, are the outcome—suicide, murder, crime, its extremes. There is no nobility in jealousy. Like envy, it is love contracted. Jealousy wants all for self; envy begrudges others what they have. To say there is no love without jealousy means that where there is jealousy there is love—a truth perverted or inverted.

Love in its natural state is broad, liberal, high-minded, tolerant and generous under all circumstances. It never degrades itself by self-love. The man of letters, who manifests jealousy for a co-worker, contracts his inspiration to a limited sphere and gets intolerant. The jealous business man stands in his own light for extended qualifications in his line of development. The jealous lover undermines his own happiness—the jealous woman her own peace of mind. Envy embitters the heart and institutes self-torture—all degenerating effects on the heart and blood system, making the blood sluggish and laying the foundation for disease.

Love is vibration, vitality, life to the body and the only true physician in that it deals from the cause and not the effect. The medical science may remove these effects, but there can be no cure as long as selfishness is rampant. Man must become his own physician for perfect health. Disease is the soul's disgrace, whether we make it ourselves or others are accountable for it. Blood circulation stimulated or vitalized by an unpurged love stifles all disease germs and rejects them as unwelcome visitors—a mother's love, a nurse's devotion, a physician's sympathy for patients proving this; for love is health—selfish is ill-health all the world over. Inheritance is much to blame, of course, but that is not the fault of nature. She has as much sympathy for the innocent as for the guilty, and endeavors to cure them by bringing the discords out in that way. Ignorance of law absolves no one in material life. The same principle obtains in spirit. Health reform must begin with the grand-parents—teaching their children how to prepare for the coming generation; for health is happiness, i. e. spirituality. There is no disease in nature. The impurity of matter would not find lodgment in the human system, were it not for a self-created impurity attracting it—an infinitizing agency inviting it. Contagion is a social affection—like attracting like—a spontaneous combustion of coordinate elements—a combining of one class of impurities for one special effect—a purification of the human system by nature—an attack on a disease-germ inherent in a people of one characteristic as a whole, even though widely diverging in special traits. The best citizens may be possessed of a weakness characteristic to that locality—a conservatism or a pride that is not congenial to nature—a form of self-love that is not healthful to the body and be otherwise of a high and moral type. But the touch of fire will burn the

most careful. Only he who can rise superior to existing conditions can escape the law's verdict—nature's sentence.

Such were the continued thoughts unfolding themselves to my interior self and illustrating themselves into scenes consistent with the thoughts—scenes of persons and places fitting the philosophy. In that way we live the past over again and understand the issue. What was once dark is thereby explained. In this intuitive meandering we obtain glimpses of ourselves as we were and thus learn to know why we were sufferers. All is revealed—elucidated—and we are satisfied that it was so. I often thought nature unjust, or, at least, the laws controlling us, but we cannot square injustice with the absolute. It would produce a quiver in the positive vibration of law, and the soul's immortality would no more be an assured fact—that is as an eternally exist ingentity.

Relative immortality—as a relative life of a material body—may exist eternally under the circumstances; but absolute immortality can only obtain under an absolute condition of nature—an eternally unchanging spiritual center of gravity, wherever that may be or how conditioned. It is here where the finite mind ceases to speculate, unless we can imagine it to be spirit as a whole, and matter its indwelling life, circulating as spawn to bring forth in miniature what exists in the germ—the cause. God in man and man in God then become comprehensible terms, and self knowledge does not rest, introspection being the only real theological institute extant—the only science of divinity there is.

As we know self, we understand human nature, and in this line a knowledge of the universe. One reveals the cause, the other the effects.

By this time I began to believe I was psychometrizing Uncle Sam—had got so entangled in his aura that my only hope of relief was a full reading—a punishment for my curiosity of encroaching upon his privacy—his seance chamber, from whence the country was governed.

I made several attempts to communicate with George, but always found myself caught by another influence or vibration that began to unfold its tale of woe into my consciousness.

I wondered whether I was obsessed or hypnotized?

The thought was sufficient to bring forth another vibration of intuitive responses as follows:

"Obsession and hypnotization are one. They may be for good or evil. It is a control of the stronger over the weaker. A national obsession is the spirit dominating its people—known as patriotism. In a party it is known as principle. In an individual as policy. Either may be right or wrong according to the spirit dominating—the spirit being the essence of that generated by the majority taking part. A man may have an evil spirit obsessing him in retaliation of evil sent out—whether in act or thought, design or intention. A party may have a foolish obsession, a deceiving one, or a great and good one or a diplomatic one. A nation may have an arrogant one, or a great and good one—all in accord with the fundamentals or heart's desires. An undertaking with pure intentions, noble impulses, or unselfish designs is generally successful. The reverse must fail. Or, if good, and it becomes perverted, it must go down. Only the good and pure can exist in spirit, and there is nothing outside of it. We are surrounded by it—enveloped in it. The purification of a bad cause means disintegration. Total depravity is not without issue, but its career is limited. Nature is not the only guard against its existence, but man is also, being the medium through which nature operates, and this, man feels as a duty. Thus the laws against intemperance and injustice or selfishness *per se*—the antithesis of love. Love creates, love individualizes. Love is happiness, is brotherly love and man's attunement with law!

To Be Continued.

A Canine Workman.

An Indiana dog, it is said, performs daily work with the utmost promptness and regularity. This consists in keeping the wood box filled. At intervals through the day he will report to the kitchen and view the wood box. Whenever the fuel is getting low, he goes out into the yard, grabs a stick in his mouth, and takes it to the kitchen, repeating the operation until the box is filled again. He keeps special look-out on washdays and other times when an unusual quantity of wood is being used, and never lets the box get empty as long as there is a supply in the yard. The dog is a large black and white Newfoundland.

Will you help to make "The Sunflower" a weekly? Read the notice on page 6.

A friend of THE SUNFLOWER wants to know if we can tell him the facts about Col. Ingersoll and what he wrote about a jug of whiskey he sent to a friend. We do not know about the matter, and as we have never heard of it, we are inclined to believe that it is to be put down with a great many stories about noted Freethinkers—never had any existence excepting in the mind of some overzealous preacher. The following will, however, show where one religious paper had the honor to correct an "error" of the kind when they found out it was not true.

TAKES IT BACK.

The *Illustrated American Magazine* of St. Louis, Mo. takes back the charge made in its columns by a Mr. Odell that Col. Ingersoll plagiarized his famous "temperance speech." It says:

The article by J. H. Odell dealing with Robert G. Ingersoll, which appeared in our October number, was written and published in perfect good faith. The writer bears a name well known in Primitive Methodist circles in England, and was well acquainted with the personality of John Stamp. The latter's magnificent paragraph on the evils of drunkenness early found its way into the American press, and was reproduced in the "Family Doctor." When Robert G. Ingersoll delivered his famous address in the Munn trial in Chicago in 1876, the paragraph he devoted to the evils of alcohol extended to less than half the length of Stamp's. An enterprising journalist, reminded of the other piece of eloquence, impudently inserted the longer paragraph in Ingersoll's address, and it was actually reprinted in Rhodes & McClure's book as Ingersoll's giving his master pieces. Hence all the misunderstanding, and the deplorable, and seemingly malicious detraction of the great orator.

With this explanation we express hearty regrets for the derogatory remarks contained in our October issue, and trust that all of our readers will do their best to dissipate the unpleasant misconception.

Like a great many other slanders, this one, as well as others, has been going the rounds of the religious press and is found emanating from the mouths of pulpit orators in every direction. Every noted advocate of Freethought in any of its multitudinous forms, has been slandered and maligned until it should disgrace even a hardened pulpiter. Paine, Voltaire, Ingersoll, have been defamed until their own can not recognize the thoughts they expressed and the sacredness of their death beds has not been sufficient to defy their defamers.

When we hear a Christian talk about an infidel dying calling on God, why not ask them if Jesus did not do the same? Did he not say, according to the Bible, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Who are the most afraid of death? Surely not the Freethinkers. It is usually the Christian who dies calling on his God for mercy that his religion teaches him he has little hope for expecting. If Christians want to convert infidels, they must learn first of all to tell the truth about things that infidels are usually well versed on. Lies go with the ignorant—not with well-informed people and our Christian neighbors have yet to learn that it is the intelligent portion of the community who are the prominent infidels in their acceptance of the revealed religions.

Christian friends, build your own house. You have no time to tear down your neighbor's. His may be built stronger than you think.

WHAT IS SPIRITUALISM?

In the issue of November 15th we requested our readers to answer the above question; several replies have been received which will appear in this column.

In its generally accepted term it constitutes the communion of the spirit with the mortal world.

As a science it establishes the proof of immortality *per se*.

As a philosophy it defines the meaning of this communion.

As a religion it accepts the idea of a universal intelligence, leaving it to the individual to term it God, spirit, law, force, mind, love, or any other term that will best convey to his intelligence a ruling principle. As a cause it agrees on one fact—spirit communion through sensitives known as mediums.

As a dissenter it respects faith *per se* as a saving grace and substitutes self-reliance, self-knowledge, self-culture, self-respect, temperance in all things and justice towards all instead.

As a system it adopts all truth in aid of progress, sifts, analyzes, studies human character and builds on that for its own advance.

As a whole it feels entitled to recognition as a world's revelation that only asks a hearing, demands no sacrifice of freedom from the convert, makes conscience its highest object of reverence—the Deity to whom all can appeal without fear or favor—for, I the fear of offending in own conscience rests justice.

ARTHUR F. MILTON.

Spiritualism is the religion of religions.

It is the guiding light; a beacon of splendor in the darkness of Materialism. Spiritualism teaches us that we are immortal; that the death of the physical body sets free the life principle; the soul or spirit which is the thinking individual, the real man. Through the phenomena of Spiritualism, we receive direct evidence of a life beyond the grave.

Spiritualism is the philosophy of life; it takes the sting from death and destroys the terrors of the grave. Spiritualism teaches us that we will, after death, enter into a condition of conscious life, which will be eternal. We will take up, or continue the thread of life, broken during the short time of transition; and after expiating our sins by prayer, and unselfish labor for other struggling ones; we will progress for ever, receiving knowledge and truth continually, from the fountain of life; the grand, mighty creator of the universe; the incomprehensible God or Great Spirit.

Spiritualism teaches us that we will receive rewards and punishments for deeds done in the body. Our punishment will not proceed from a lake of fire, but form our remorse, when once we see, in their true light, the sins we may have committed. Our rewards will be in beautiful surroundings, and in the companionship of blessed beings who are free from evil.

When conditions are right, the spirit friends are able to communicate with those still in the physical form. This is where Spiritualism gives more comfort than any other religion; for where we have the knowledge; they have but faith. Faith is good but knowledge is better. Spiritualism teaches us the Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man; the immortality of the soul; spirit intercourse; ministry of angels; rewards and penalties for deeds done in the body; eternal progression and eternal happiness for all.

We cannot die;

For death is life,

The grave has no more terrors,

But frees us from all earthly strife.

LEWIS R. HILLIER.

Ghostly Figure Stops A Train.

Geneva, N. Y., Nov. 29—As the south-bound train on the Lehigh Valley railroad was approaching Marsh Creek last night the engineer and fireman heard a scream ahead of the engine. They looked in the direction of the sound and saw a tall white-robed figure standing at the east side of the bridge frantically waving its arms.

The engineer brought the train to a standstill, and as he did so the figure gave another cry and disappeared.

An investigation of the track and bridge disclosed no trace of the mysterious figure but as the train passed over the bridge the same shriek was heard. The crew reported the experience at the station, where it was learned that every year about Thanksgiving day the figure appear.

A fireman once lost his life in the quicksand there when an engine went off Marsh bridge and the body was never recovered.—Ex.

A Cheerful Face.

Next to the sunlight of heaven is a cheerful face. There is no mistaking it. The bright eye, the unclouded brow, the sunny smile—all tell of that which dwells within. Who has not felt its electrifying influence? One glance at this face lifts us out of the mists and shadows into the beautiful realms of hope. One cheerful face in the household will keep everything warm and light within. It may be a very plain face but there is something in it we feel, yet cannot express, and its cheery smile sends the blood dancing through our veins for joy. Ah, there is a world of magic in the plain cheerful face, and we would not exchange it for all the soulless beauty that ever graced the fairest form on earth!—Ex.

SPIRITUALISM

Become a Genuine Medium and Clairvoyant in 30 days. Get direct communications from your loved ones (supposed to be dead) who are constantly with and helping you in every event of life, protecting you day and night from the hypnotic control of the evil minded of this and the other world. Through

SELF-HYPNOTIC HEALING

I have lately made a wonderful discovery that enables all to induce the hypnotic sleep in themselves instantly. REND THE VEIL, and

SEE YOUR SPIRIT FRIENDS

and talk to them direct through this phenomenal trance at your own home privately, awaken at any desired time and thereby cure yourself of all known diseases and bad habits.

ANY PERSON CAN

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The News at Lily Dale.

Mrs. Pettengill is in San Francisco, Cal.

Jake Schen was home Thanksgiving time.

Mr. Jackson has recovered from his illness and is out doors again.

Mr. Alfred Winchester has recovered from his fall and is around all right.

Lulu Hearn, has gone to Union City to spend a few months with her mother.

The Dayton family have returned and are occupying their cottage on Third Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wildrick and Ada Davis of Jamestown, spent Sunday here Dec. 7th.

A whist club is being organized which is to meet once a week at the homes of its members.

Signs are being made for our streets by Ed Shultz, and next season we will be able to tell people where we live.

A letter from Mrs. S. S. Lutes informs us that she and Mr. and Mrs. Woods and baby Woods are at Spokane, Wash.

F. Corden White made our sanctum a brief visit recently, he is looking well, and says he eats regularly. He is in Buffalo for this month.

Mr. Massot, a machinist from the Lanston Monotype Co., of Philadelphia, spent a week with us getting our type casting and setting machine in operation.

There is a rumor that Dr. Hyde has sold out all of his interests here; it has been mentioned in some of the local papers, but no information to that effect has been received at this office.

Fay Griswold has been added to to THE SUNFLOWER staff and is at present occupying the position of "Devil" or, as THE SUNFLOWER does not have anything common, we call him our "Sanctified Satan."

It may not be generally known that we have an excellent photographer located permanently here. Mr. Clarence D. Griswold is as good a photographer as you will find in the cities. He built a gallery in connection with his home, and is prepared to take all styles of pictures and finish them up in the latest and best style. Bear this in mind and when you want some pictures wait until you get here and patronize him.

Lily Dale is again dressed in white. We have snow enough for pretty good sleighing and the weather is cold enough to go with it, the thermometer falling as low as 15 degrees above zero several nights.

The question of coal is quite a serious one. Our coal merchant over town got in a small quantity of furnace and nut coal and distributed it among his customers, but those who were fortunate enough to get hold of any of it are most out now, and he does not know when he will get hold of any more. Those who have wood stoves are all right for we can get all the wood we want, and the rest will have to make the best of it and "cuddle" up some way and keep warm.

Note From Mrs. Pettengill.

Dear Editor:

I find myself today in Denver, Col., a beautiful city. Yesterday I saw a little snow for the first time this fall.

My thoughts are as keenly alive to the needs of Lily Dale as though I were not so many miles away.

I can never forget the kind words and smiles I have received from yourself and Mrs. Bach and all of the other dear souls at Lily Dale. Nor can I ever forget the words of congratulation and encouragement received by me from all parts of the country, and I thank you all more than I can tell.

ABBY L. PETTENGILL.

Nov. 26. 1902.

Printer's Pi or Farmer's Pie?

A printer recently tried his hand at farming, but couldn't make things work right, and is now back at the case. He had a wrong "font" team—a horse and a mule—and this would not "justify." He said the farmer fired him after he had "pied" three of four "columns" of potatoes. He showed his limited experience in farming by asking the farmer's wife if she wanted the hens set "leaded or solid."—Ex.

"From the depths of thy soul cometh thy real strength to overcome error, ignorance, superstition, transgression and self-worship."

Buffalo News.

Lady Loretta is meeting with success in her clairvoyant work.

Miss Gertrude Bragg, of Cleveland, O. has been spending a few weeks in Buffalo, with friends.

Mrs. D. H. Rogers, who has been sojourning in Buffalo; has returned to her home in Cleveland, O.

The Lyceum workers, under the direction of Miss Bessie Starr, are preparing to give an entertainment about Christmas time.

Mrs. Waldow, a resident of Buffalo, who has been a regular attendant at the Lily Dale camp, has recently passed to spirit life.

Mrs. M. E. Lane, a psychic and healing medium, is kept quite busy in distributing her magnetic forces and remedies, for the good of humanity, both from a material and spiritual standpoint.

Monday evening, Dec. 1st, Prof. Lockwood gave the closing lecture of his first course on "Natural Philosophy, the First Principle or Truths of Spiritualism, and Their Relation to all Humanity." His lectures are very interesting and instructive.

Sunday evening, Nov. 30th at the Spiritual Temple, before Mrs. Twing began her lecture, Miss Parker held the audience spell bound during her recitation of the poem entitled "He and She," much ability was shown in the rendering of the poem.

Nov. 3rd Mrs. Carrie Twing closed her month's engagement with the First Spiritual Church society. Mrs. Twing puts a great deal of earnest soul-force into all of her labors and her genial sympathy reaches out to all with a desire to benefit humanity. She has a manner and method that touches the hearts of those who listen to her teachings. She gave psychic readings at the close of each evening lecture.

Sunday, Dec. 7th, F. Corden White commenced his services with the First Spiritual Society, cor. Jersey St. and Prospect Ave. A good audience greeted him in the evening to hear his lecture on "Immortality," also the tests and descriptions given through his psychic powers. Names and descriptions were acknowledged correct, some close evidences and details were given by the spirit intelligences manifesting. Some skeptics were reached, and admitted the accuracy of the statements through Mr. White's mediumship.

Sunday Dec. 7th J. W. Dennis read a very kind letter to the audience at the morning service of The First Spiritual society from Mattie E. Hull. The letter was full of kindly feelings and remembrances for all of the co-workers and friends who labored with her during her sojourn of four years with the society. Mrs. Hull spoke very touchingly of her interest in the society and its friends and that she oftentimes seemed to see faces of those she had met and mingled with during her pleasant stay in Buffalo. Many thanks, Sister Hull, for your kindly feelings of sympathy and in the welfare of our society.

Tuesday evening, under the direction of the Harmony Circle, of which Mr. Chas. Hulbert is president, a grand musical and literary entertainment was held in Union Hall, Mohawk St. cor. Main, and much credit is due both to the managers of and to the participants, in the entertainment for the ability expressed in each part of the program which was successfully carried out to the great satisfaction of the audience as manifested by their continuous applause. A large number were in attendance and each one on the program done remarkably well in their musical and literary achievements during the evening. The last selection on the program was carried out by Mr. Hulbert, who called for subjects from the audience for a poem, the subjects given were, Harmony, Good Will, Truth, Home and Friendship and his guides wove a beautiful line of thought into expression from the subjects. After the close of the entertainment refreshments were served in an adjoining room, and dancing was enjoyed by those who desired to participate. The entertainment was a grand success in every way. Harmony which is the name of the circle, was certainly a great factor manifested and all enjoyed the evening.

N. H. EDDY.
Special Correspondent.

"The beauty and power of language is its power to economize words—to speak great truths in a few simple words. Thus the soul always speaks, while the mind and intellect incline to a multiplicity of words."

GREENBACKER LOGIC.



Winter has got here sure. It took hold with a will and put a mantle of white over the ground in a short time. Now it is white all over and we wonder how that coal is going to hold out. I am beginning to get a little bit scared even in my warm corner by the SUNFLOWER furnace. But I have one consolation: They have got to get the metal hot to make type and I can get near that type casting machine and get warmed up even if they don't have any fire in the basement.

I wrote my last letter and then went into hiding. I heard someone say that Thanks giving Day was coming. Well, I just humped myself and got out of sight. I thought that someone might be hungry for frog's legs as well as turkey, and as I have grown fat since the paper has adopted me, I thought I had better look out.

Isn't it strange that people will have such tastes about eating? I often wonder why they should not eat one of their own kind as one of my kind or the flesh of an ox, cow, deer, bear or pig. Take me for instance: I am of the same family as a serpent, although the majority of the people do not have such a horror of me, but the people who eat frog's legs would not think of eating the flesh of a serpent. But I am harmless and so are snakes with the exception of a few kinds and they would not hurt you but would be your friends if you would let them.

Then I hear that there are a number of people in France who eat snails. They say they are very nice. Perhaps they are, but couldn't they find a better and healthier kind of food?

Talking of food, my old friend Dr. J. M. Peebles, has just returned from his fourth trip around the world. I saw a letter from him a few days ago and he says he is well and hearty and attributes it to a great extent to what he eats and the way he takes care of himself. While I will admit that may be part of it, I think that it is partly the Doctor's, nature then his busy life has kept him so that he has not had time to get sick and have the ailments the rest of us have. He came of good old stock, ate hard, coarse, healthy food, as a boy, had lots of outdoor exercise, and that, with the assistance of his spirit friends has made him the hale, hearty man he is at eighty years of age, and able to do all the healing work he does. Anyway, I am glad to welcome him back to this country and hope he will live to take four more trips around the world—if he wants to.

He writes that he is going right into the harness again and is going to reissue some of his books that are out of print and put them all on the market again. Everyone will be glad to welcome him and I hope he will write some more letters to THE SUNFLOWER for publication as I like to read them.

I have just been looking over the subscription list. We certainly did get in a lot of new subscriptions on account of the special offer and the assistance of our friends. N. H. Eddy sent in the most, then comes Mrs. Saville and Mrs. Cooper. The editor told me that if I said anything about it I was to thank everybody and to tell them that every little had helped.

My friend Corden White came down between trains. That was a pretty short call but it was long enough for him to attend to some business matters connected with fixing up his cottage. He intends to make it one of the pleasantest on the row next summer. He is working in Buffalo now and reports successful work there in all lines.

I see by the other Spiritualist papers that Hudson Tuttle was appointed as editor-at-large for the National Spiritualist Association and that he has announced that he will reply to all attacks on Spiritualism through the press and otherwise. But I wonder why he omitted sending a notice to THE SUNFLOWER seeing he sent it to all the other papers—at least they all published it at about the same time. The N. S. A. or its representatives cannot afford to show any favoritism. Every friend it is possible for them to get is necessary, and in a public matter like this all should and must be treated alike if they want to retain that friendship and support.

Before another issue of this paper comes from the press Christmas will have come and gone. I hope every reader of THE SUNFLOWER, and everybody else will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Those of you who subscribed for this paper will get the first number of the weekly for a New Year's present. Then it will come oftener and its blossoms will cheer you all through these cold winter days and evenings. You have only ten days more in which to take advantage of the 50 cent price, then it will be \$1.00 per year.

With this I will close my series of writings for the present year and if it is not too cold you may hear from me next year.

A. GREENBACKER

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FOR INDEPENDENT WRITING: Take a w.-oden frame school slate and scrape pencil dust over the face of it; break off a small piece of pencil and put it on the slate, after which place index and against the top of the Cabinet, holding it with the right hand flat on the under side of the slate. throw a piece of black sateen over the Cabinet to enclose it and lay the left hand on top of the Cabinet. The slate will be moved, marks appear dimly in the pencil dust and finally writing. This development requires great patience and perseverance, but is the most desirable of all psychic phases.

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HELL ON A STRIKE.

Written Sunday, 1:00 A. M., Nov. 30, 1902, by Rev. Andrew J. Stout, Sheridan, Ind.

From Adam to Christ was a heathenish gloom;
And millions passed, to a Christless doom;
The skies are too small, to record the names;
Of souls consigned, to orthodox flames;
Hell was so black, and terribly smoked;
That men and women were almost choked;
The fire did crack, and smoke did roll;
While an angry God, howled in coal;
A breeze from Heaven has softly blown;
And brought us books like Creeds Outgrown;
Now men and women both alike;
Are out on an everlasting strike;
The angry God, has left the place;
Because deserted by the race;
Preachers can't damnbody or soul;
Because that hell is out of coal;
O, Gabriel! strike you harp and shout;
"That down in hell, the fire is out!"
This being true, that the fire is out;
There now is hope, for Andrew P. Stout;
He will not in a burning hell, be thrown;
For writing a book, on Creeds Outgrown;
'Tis said, "this book was born in hell!"
If so, it would have a fiery smell;
But Saints, who fire and smoke can smell
Can have no heaven, without a hell;
We pity those, in love, not ire;
Who can't see God without a fire;
Praise God, who everywhere doth dwell;
For sending Heaven down to hell.

REVISED DOXOLOGY.

(LONG METER.)

Let all freethinkers on this sod,
Praise the one true, and only God,
Unite with all the Heavenly hosts,
In leaving out all human ghosts.

—Amen. Amen.

DEVIL DODGING.

Of pseudo teachings I have heard
Within the church's wall,
This one shines forth as most absurd
Friends, Jesus paid it all.
The simple folk within this fold
Reflect the pastor's thought,
With faith sublime in fables old,
Reason availeth naught.

The blood atonement is a dream
Of some fanatic brain,
Reason rejects so vile a scheme
Immortal life to gain.
The man so basely crucified
Was not God's only son;
To truth alone he testified
The human race is one.

That man has fallen, is a myth
As old as priestly rule;
The present is man's greatest height
Tested in reason's school;
Man has ascended from the mire
And won his present state
He does not fear that hell of fire,
'Tis long gone out of date.

Accept salvation, it is free
The devil dodgers shout,
Cast all the sins on Jesus, He
Will wash the stains all out.
We do not hear the parsons preach
The brotherhood of man;
The fairy tales they love to teach
Explain a simple plan.

Henry M. Edmiston.

Let's Have Xmas Every Day.

(For Our Little Folks.)

Nineteen hundred and two years ago Christ was born, and we keep a holy or hol-i-day in honor of his birthday; the day upon which God or Good gave to the world the most perfect gift of a life among mankind which could help and teach them the way to do and be better in this world and the next. So we make gifts to each other to show our love and good will for one another, as did God and Christ on Christmas day.

The Angels in the spirit world had told the wise men or mediums of the East that Christ was to be born, and told them to follow the light of a certain new star, and they would find him.

They did so, and found him and his mother in a place called Bethlehem. His parents were traveling at the time, and were so poor that they had no money for a bed, so they took shelter in a barn, and Christ was born in a manger, where maybe horses or cows had often been fed. They had no clothes for him and so wrapped him in blankets.

Although Christ was so poor, he was always giving his time, strength, help, and finally his life, teaching the world how to live and die. You see one does not need to be rich to give or do good.

If we can't buy costly presents for our loved ones, maybe we can tend the baby while mama takes a rest; or run an errand for some one, or share our toys with some little child who has none, and so make them happier. Sometimes even a pleasant word or a smile will make someone glad, and we can all give that if we will.

Try to do as Christ did follow his example. He thought not of himself but only for others. By doing every little act of kindness we can, and being pleasant and good ourselves, we make so many others happy, and help to build a beautiful home for ourselves when we have passed through death, and are ready for it.

LILLIAN HALL BLAISDELL.

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METAPHYSICAL.

Conducted By EVIE P. BACH.

SING A SONG.

If you'll sing a song as you go along,
In the face of a real or fancied wrong,
In spite of the doubt, if you'll fight it out,
And show a heart that is brave and stout,
If you'll laugh at the jeers and refuse the tears
You'll force the ever reluctant cheers
That the world denies when the crowd cries,
To give to the man who bravely tries;
And you'll win success with a little song—
If you'll sing the song as you go along.

If you'll sing a song as you plod along,
You'll find that the busy, rushing throng
Will catch the strain of the glad refrain;
That the sun will follow the blinding rain;
That the clouds will fly from the blackened sky;
That the stars will come out by and by;
And you'll make new friends, till hope de-scends
From where the plaid rainbow bends;
And all because of a little song—
If you'll sing the song as you plod along.

SUNSHINE OF HOPE.

The great soul overcomes all obstacles with the sunshine of hope. To be strong and happy we must learn not to give way to despair. Love, Faith and Hope are the weapons to use in fighting life's battles and bearing its mysterious burdens.

Kate Sanborn says in her cheering and optimistic way: "We all must hope or flop and fall down into the slough of despond, and nothing can be more useless or uncomfortable or repelling to others as such a senseless proceeding. Hope may seem at times as fleeting and illusory as the rainbow itself. But believe me, the pot of gold is at the foot of the beautiful bow is more than a myth. It is certainly found by those who determine, come what may, to live in the sunshine of hope, hoping ever, not forgetting full faith in a bright beyond. Be like the grass, though often trampled on and crushed, rises elastic and serene, a daily blessing and a daily lesson."

The sunshine of hope can only flood our whole being when we pause for a moment in the worriments and distractions of the mind and commune in silence with the Silent One, who is in truth the sunshine of hope. Let us cease to be arrant cowards! Let us be men! "Be every minute, Man, a full life to thee. Despair anxiety and wishing, the future and the past."

If you are sour and bitter and murmur and complain, you cannot expect the bright and sweet sunshine of hope to flood your mind, heart and soul.

Thoreau truly said: "Man is the artificer of his own happiness. Let him beware how he complains of the disposition of circumstances, for it is his own disposition he blames. If this is sour, or that rough, or the other steep, let him think if it is not his work. If his looks curdle all hearts, let him not complain of a sour reception; if he hobbles in his gait, let him not complain at the roughness of the way; if he is weak in the knees, let him not call the hill steep. This was the pith of the inscription on the wall of the Swedish inn: 'You will find at the Trochate excellent bread, meat and wine, provided you bring them with you.'"

"The possible stands by us ever fresh, Fairer than naught which life hath ever owned."

Cheerfulness and patience at all times, under all circumstances, clears the atmosphere of all the clouds of despair and despond and lets into our souls, hearts and minds the sunshine of hope.

In the sunshine of hope the soul soars to its God and is in a holy calm and borrows no care, anxiety or trouble. "Hope is the wing by which the soul ascends."

Hope on, then, weary soul! Your only hope is hope. Hope is the divinity within you and will give you peace and calm in a little while. True hope—strong hope is swift.

—Magazine of Mysteries.

SAYINGS OF HELEN WILMANS.

Failure is success if there is a growing intelligence in it.

Failure is the negative pole to success at all times. Whether the person involved has the brains to understand it and to patiently feel along the line until the positive pole is reached, is another thing. All one needs is the vitality and intelligence to keep moving. Push ahead is the watchword of attainment. Nothing

can possibly come between failure and success but the man himself; there is no impediment between those two extremes but just him. To take himself out of the way and keep on going is all he has to do.

Funny isn't it? Never in the world do I feel so strong as when I have made a failure. It takes the wrong road to point out the right one. But for the wrong one we would not know the existence of the right one. Oh! life is a delicious thing anyway. It is movement; it is vitality; it is something to do. Thank the Lord for plenty of work. What is that part of Genesis that talks about the curse of work being pronounced on man because of his disobedience? Thanks to Adam for his transgression and to Eve, too, for eating of the tree of knowledge. Clever people those progenitors of ours, in spite of the fact that they have undergone thousands of years of misrepresentation. We are growing big enough at last to understand the wisdom of their actions.

SAYINGS OF T. J. SHELTON IN

"CHRISTIAN."

"I know your time is precious." I read these words over and over until I am weary of their reputation. My time is not precious! All my time has been merged into eternity; therefore, it is not cut up into parts and dealt out in splinters and pieces. I refuse to run through life like a scared rabbit. My work is not hard and it wouldn't be hard if I carried the hod. I would joyfully lift the hod and carry it with my mind as well as my muscle. The man who does not put joy into his work is a slave. The woman who spends her life complaining and grumbling is worse than a slave. She is a slave to her own mortal selfishness. Why do you keep on working at things way ahead? Sufficient unto the day.

A woman asks me if it is wrong for her to dance. Now she wants me to set up a standard of morals for her. No individual has the right to set up a standard of morals for another individual. To your own spirit you must stand or fall. The only God who can bring you to judgment is the God within yourself. If your God condemns you for dancing it is my opinion he needs enlightenment. I like to dance and to see dancing. It is good exercise and a very profitable way to enjoy the society of other people.

Live an abandoned life in the sense that you leave all results to the spirit. You can't see very far with your mortal eyes, but you can see into infinity with the eyes of the spirit. The man who walks by faith in God, the God of himself, the spirit within, is walking in the Life. You can't walk by faith in God and at the same time fear that God will not succeed. Revel in your own righteousness.

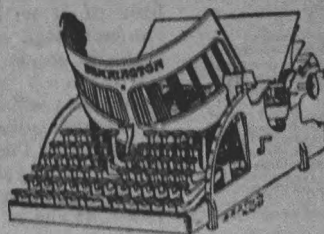
Activity properly directed and a mind concentrated upon the work before us will keep up our spirits in good cheer and the body well. We should be thankful for all the work that comes to us. But we are also to remember that a body only partly kept in motion and that motion constant and in one direction will suffer. We need a change. The mind and the body must be exercised in different directions to insure perfect health and a happy contented mind.—*The Sun-Worshiper.*

"Joy is the sunshine of the heart, and cheerfulness and honest mirth bring forth the blossoms and unfold the leaves, and their fragrance sweetens all our lives and the lives of others. Do not worry. Worry drains the system of vitality and shortens the life."

"Our thoughts make us. Thinking trouble brings trouble. Thinking good brings good. We can make our lives just what the mind thinks. Therefore, how important it is for us all to think correctly."

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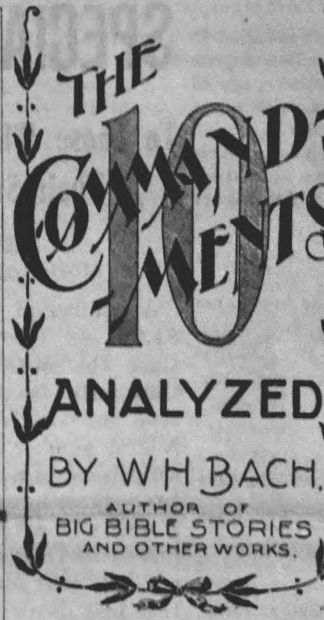
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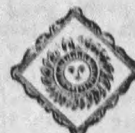
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THE WEEKLY PAPER.

The next issue of THE SUNFLOWER will be dated January 3, 1903, and will begin the weekly issue. We hope our patrons will be as well pleased and continue their patronage as they have in the past. We do not ask more.

A NEW TYPEWRITER.

The attention of our readers is called to the new advertisement of the Bennington Typewriter Company on another page of this issue of THE SUNFLOWER, with a cut of the word-writing typewriter.

If you are looking for a choice investment and a good position, you should investigate this. Opportunities like this are not numerous.

ERRATA.

A mistake in the type in the last paper makes Arthur F. Milton try to "incarnate" Ida C. Craddock. Bro. Milton had no intention of "incarnating" her, that was done in this office. We don't want to "incarnate" or "re-incarnate" her either. The word should have been "incarcerated." This will give the article the proper meaning.

THE PSYCHIC EDUCATOR.

Moses Hull's new Magazine is nearly ready for sending out the initial number. It consists of 56 pages of matter relating to Spiritualism in general and its educational aspects in particular. After the initial number it is intended to mail it about the 20 of each month.

This is a very desirable Magazine and one that will do much good in the field of Spiritualistic literature. Bro. Hull announces that a few advertisements will be taken to help meet the expenses of the publication. They will be printed on pages additional to the 56 pages of reading matter. Prices can be had on application to him at Whitewater, Wis. Subscription price \$1.00 per year.

THE PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM

is the title of a neat little sheet that comes before us in its initial number under date of Dec. 7. It is devoted to the Children's Lyceum and as such should be sustained by the people. The necessity of giving the children something of their own is more and more apparent every year and up to the present time the Spiritualists have allowed every move of this kind to drop on account of lack of financial support. That will be the only thing that will make this venture fail to be a success. Bro. Ring is particularly well adapted to the position and if he is sustained financially he will succeed. But it must be remembered that in any such venture cash is the prime essential. "Your heart may be with him" but if your pocketbook is not he will make a failure as sure as fate.

Write to him for a sample copy and don't fail to enclose something to pay for it. Then send 75 cents for a yearly subscription. Address John W. Ring, Spiritualist Temple, Galveston, Tex.

MISS ABBY A. JUDSON.

We have been informed by one of our correspondents that the above worthy lady was burned to death at her home in Arlington, N. J., recently. Our correspondent stated that a daily paper giving full account would be sent but as it has not arrived we conclude that it strayed in the mails and we have no further particulars.

Miss Judson was the daughter of Adoniram Judson, the first missionary to Burmah. He went there

when Christianity was not known among the people and labored seven years before he made his first convert. This trait of his character was prominently shown in his daughter and when she became interested in Spiritualism she took hold of it with the same energy as characterized her father in his missionary work.

For many years she conducted a high class school for young ladies, in Minneapolis, Minn., under the name of "The Judson Institute." About 1889 she became interested in Spiritualism and in the winter of 1889-90 she attended some meetings and a series of materializing seances at the home of Dr. S. N. Aspinwall, Mrs. Bessie Aspinwall being the medium. There she secured the necessary evidence and became an ardent Spiritualist. The writer was present at the first seance she ever attended.

At this time she was an active member and worker in one of the finest churches in Minneapolis. When she discovered that the "Bridge Between Two Worlds" was built and all that was necessary was to go across it, she came out boldly and announced the fact. Her church friends insulted and drove her from the church; she disposed of her Institute and entered the work, only to find that her labors and sacrifices were not appreciated by the majority of those whom she was trying to benefit. She remained in Minneapolis for two years, then drifted east and finally settled in Arlington, N. J. where she has been several years.

SPECIAL NOTICE

To Those Who Have Renewed
Their Subscriptions
Recently.

A number of people have sent us \$1.00 for two years subscription since the notice appeared stating that until December 25 we would send the weekly SUNFLOWER for 50c. Also a number of those whose subscriptions do not expire until after January 1, have sent 50c for a renewal. All of the first mentioned have had their subscriptions extended one year and six months, while the last have been extended six months, in accordance with the notice on page 6. Kindly note this now so there will be no misunderstanding when the subscriptions expire.

As soon as possible after January 1, the subscription list will be remodeled, and the date of expiration will be substituted for the number.

Wouldn't Walk any More.

Jabe Kathis, of the Thirteenth Georgia, was a good soldier, but one day when the Confederates were retreating from the field of Gettysburg Jabe threw his musket on the ground, seated himself by the roadside, and exclaimed with much vehemence:

"I'll be dashed if I walk another step! I'm broke down. I can't do it." And Jabe was the picture of despair.

"Git up, man!" exclaimed his captain, "don't you see the enemy are following us? They'll git you sure!"

"Can't help it," said Jabe. "I'm done for. I'll not walk another step."

The Confederates passed along over the crest of a hill, and lost sight of poor, dejected Jabe.

In a moment there was a fresh rattle of musketry and a renewed crash of shells. Suddenly Jabe appeared on the top of the hill, moving like a hurricane and followed by a cloud of dust. As he dashed past his captain, that officer yelled:

"Hello, Jabe! Thought you wasn't going to walk any more!"

"Thunder!" replied Jabe, as he hit the dust with renewed vigor, "you don't call this walking, do you?"

Of the hard and weary loads
Neath which we bend and fall,
The troubles that never come
Are the heaviest ones of all.

BATH MITTENS.

Send ten cents to Mrs. A. L. Nelson, 170 W. Main St., Fredonia, N. Y., and get a pair of hand crocheted bath mittens, they are convenient, neat and healthful.

"If each man had the spirit of self-surrender, the spirit of the cross, it would not matter to him whether he were doing the work of the mainspring or one of the inferior parts. It is his duty to try and be himself, simply try to do his own duty."

Striking Telepathy Case.

An extraordinary instance of telepathy has just occurred between a father and son in two Swiss cities.

A Monsieur Bornand, residing at Borne, whose son has been staying for some time with relations at Geneva, recently felt an overpowering sense of oppression and despondency. Suddenly while seated with friends at dinner he exclaimed:

"My son is ill or in danger. I feel it."

Without a moment's hesitation he left the house, caught the night train, and

at 6:30 on the following morning arrived at Geneva.

Here he found his son, surrounded by doctors and relations, hovering between life and death. The lad had been nearly drowned the previous day, and on regaining consciousness cried out for his father.

Ever since the arrival of M. Bornand his son has steadily advanced toward recovery.—Geneva Correspondence London Express.

Live for something. Do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue

that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with year by year; you will be as legible on the hearts you leave behind as the stars on the brow of the evening. Good deeds will shine as the stars of heaven.—Chalmers.

SPECIAL RATES.

On account of Christmas and New Years round trip tickets will be sold on December 24, 25, and 31, 1902, and January 1, 1903, limited to return January 2, 1903, at the rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. D. A. V. & P. R. R.

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We want to make THE SUNFLOWER a weekly, beginning January 1, 1903. To do this requires a great deal of additional machinery, necessitating expending a large sum of money. We want our Readers to aid us to do this by sending us 1000 NEW SUBSCRIBERS before that time.

After it is issued weekly the subscription will be \$1.00 per year. All New Subscribers and all whose subscriptions expire before No. 92 will receive the paper one year for 50 cents, Provided the money is in this office before Christmas, 1902.

After that it will be \$1.00 per year.

We want every one of the Sunflower Readers to consider the effort we are making and send at least one new name. If you can not get it among your neighbors, why not make some friend a Christmas present of it? Your friend would have reason to bless you fifty-two times in the next year. Don't wait till Christmas, send the half-dollars now as we need the money now to make necessary changes in the office and to pay for machinery. When Christmas comes we will send the paper to your friend saying it is a Christmas present from you.

Remember that in giving you a weekly paper we are giving you twice what we agreed to and this will be liberal pay for securing a new subscriber; then think what a position it would place us in if each of our present patrons would send an additional subscriber, and how small an effort would be required to get one new subscriber.

Now, friends, all take hold. You are interested in this Camp and THE SUNFLOWER is an important part of it. Give a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether and let us have the Best Spiritualist Paper in the World located right on the Lily Dale Camp Grounds.

LIGHT FROM EVERYWHERE.



This department is conducted to assist our public workers to keep in touch with each other and with the people. Send us notice of your engagements or any other items of interest. Secretaries of societies are requested to send short reports of their work. Full name and address must accompany every article intended for publication.

Mr. Fenner is holding meetings at Barry's Hall, in Philadelphia.

Jennie Hagen Brown will go to Australia in January or February.

Mr. and Mrs. Twing will start for Lake Helen, Florida, about December 17, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. Kates are speaking for the First Society in Philadelphia during December.

Mrs. F. Corden White is stopping with her husband at 363 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Geo. A. Kiehl, president of the Lancaster, Pa., society, visited Philadelphia recently.

W. J. Colville commences his winter work in New York City, December 18 at Alliance Hall, Windson Arcade, 5th Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Kates are serving the Lancaster, Pa., society part of the time, when not busy in Philadelphia.

D. W. Hull goes to California, starting about Jan. 1, and wants to make engagement for lectures en route. Address him 919 1/2 Yakima Ave., Tacoma, Wash.

Margaret Gaule writes from New York City: "Our meetings at Tuxedo Hall, are largely attended, and the interest is growing. We have excellent music, under the direction of Madam Edmund Severn."

Lecturer and test medium, Frank T. Ripley can be engaged to lecture and give spirit messages in Pennsylvania or New York States during December week evenings. Address all letters to Williamsport, Pa., General Delivery.

Addie Cooper, secretary writes from Syracuse, N. Y.: The First Society of Spiritualists are still occupying the Snow Hall on Sunday evenings, but unfortunately we have to go to the Hiwatha hall for Wednesday evening, and also for our progressive euchre parties at 339 West Onondaga St. Our meetings are largely attended. Altogether we are having a rather enjoyable time.

John Wallace writes from Ashtabula, O.: The First Spiritualist Society of Ashtabula, have just closed a very successful series of meetings that were held in the City Hall on December 2, 3 and 4. The attendance was good. The meeting were addressed by Mrs. Amanda Cofman of Grand Rapids, Mich. She interested both believers and skeptics, and the beautiful thoughts presented will serve as an invigorant to all who were fortunate enough to hear her. Her tests were unusually fine and convincing.

E. W. Sprague and wife, missionaries and organizers for the N. S. A., would like to hear from parties in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, who want assistance in building up weak societies and organizing new ones. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague are speakers and platform test mediums, and are teaching and demonstrating the truths of Spiritualism. They have some open dates for the coming camp meeting season. Write at once, addressing them at 618 Newland Ave., Jamestown, N. Y.

George H. Brooks writes: "Owing to conditions that are at my home I find it necessary that I am there for the month of January, 1903, so I have sent in my resignation to the Newport, Ky. society to take effect the last Sunday in December. The society have accepted it, and I shall therefore be at home during the month of January. Correspondents and friends please take note of the change of address and forward all mail and telegrams to my home address, 114 President St., Wheaton, Ill.

Mrs. V. A. Giroux, secretary, writes from St. Louis, Mo.: The First Spiritual Association of St. Louis, Mo., had the Rev. Moses Hull to lecture to them and their sympathizers and patrons, Thursday and Friday evening, the 11th and 12th, also Sunday the 14th, morning and evening. A collection was taken up for the benefit of the Pratt School at Whitewater, Wis. The First Society having gained a permanent home, mean to keep the members and public well supplied in matters pertaining to Spiritualism.

H. E. Dowd writes from Toledo, O:

Mrs. Loe F. Prior has been serving the Independent Association of Spiritualists during the month of November, and will continue through December. Her meetings have been well attended and highly appreciated. W. L. Brown will serve the association during the month of January with physical manifestations. At the business meeting held Nov. 5th the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: H. E. Dowd, Pres.; Dr. W. O. Huble, vice president; Wm. Lynch, recording secretary; Henry Holman, financial secretary and treasurer; Willard Leace, James Newton, Wm. Travis, Mrs. Lizzie Dowd, Louisa Hofman, trustees.

Mrs. V. A. Giroux writes from St. Louis, Mo.: The ladies of the Woman's Benevolent Aid Society, an auxiliary of the First Spiritual Association, held a Bazaar December 3, 4, 5 and 6, in their new quarters at home, the Temple of Spiritualism, 3015 Pine St. In the body of the Temple the booths were arranged. The furnishings and decorations were on a grand scale, the colorings of red, white and blue, as also green and white, with orange, the Spiritualists color, in marked prominence. The Lyceum and its workers had three booths, the ladies of the Aid six booths, a palmist and other side attractions, made up the scene. In the rear of the main auditorium, a room 25 by 45 feet, served as dining room; a hot supper was there served from 6 to 8 o'clock each evening, and after supper dancing, solos and recitations. To the heads of various parts of the Association and their lady and gentlemen aids, patrons and members, received courteous treatment. Mrs. V. A. Giroux, leader of the Lyceum; Mrs. Mary A. Fairchild, president of the Aid; Mr. B. F. Pohl, president of the Association; our pastor Thomas Grimshaw. The proceeds which netted something over \$400 is to be applied to the Temple Purchase fund. The First Spiritual Association only got possession of the new home September 1st, the property bought last July.

SPIRITUALISM IN SCOTLAND.

Some few years ago we had occasion in the Two Worlds to draw attention to the quiescent state of Spiritualism in our northern kingdom, including our own district in 'ye kingdom of Fife,' which, we held, needed rousing up, and although our implied hint to 'come over and help us' was acted on two occasions, only retarding results ensued. Whether there was blame or where it lay need not now be gone into, yet it is evident that a stray visit of a medium unless followed up by a systematic course often proves utterly useless, just as a passing flash of light among bewildered visions only makes the succeeding gloom more intense. We are pleased now to notice that the Cause is making rapid headway in the west, where the 'Churches of the Prophets' are springing up with rapid growth to take their stand among the many heaven-aspiring and contradictory sects around us. Yes, the light, though long in taking hold and slow to flare up, is at last gaining a prominence which must ere long illuminate the darkness which centuries of theological gloom has imposed.

But the marvelous phase of the spiritual epidemic has just broken out in Dundee, where the 'heather has been set on fire' with a vengeance, and where for weeks past the *Courier* has been recording their 'signs and wonders' in a remarkably impartial manner. All honour to editors who are not afraid to face and report facts and truths. Day by day the excitement spreads, the inevitable host of vicious epistles are trotted into print, and the Talmagean mud is again raked up to be flung recklessly about, but the pioneers take it calmly, as none of it will stick. The president has 'go' in him. He has just got into grip with a bigot who repeatedly dubbed him 'Ignorant Lecturer,' which bigot must now regret his unwise attack under a cowardly nom de plume. Altogether the society is bravely facing its mission and stirring up the Dundonians, and may the fiery torch now being kindled up in that quarter be carried from town to town throughout the country until the mist and mystery accumulate through ages of priestcraft dogmas be speedily dispersed by the light of spiritual truth.

The Scottish pulpit is fast receding from its old landmarks. In their preaching the creedal dogmas and absurdities are getting ignored, and the spirit of universal brotherhood and final salvation is more brought to the front, and as a result the masses are getting more amenable to thinking for themselves, and it is to such that the grand truths of Spiritualism must finally appeal and bring forth an abundant harvest. Since writing the foregoing, I have just visited that wonderful town on the Tay,

and more then verified my remarks. They are a wonderful body those 'hated' Spiritualists who are turning Dundee upside down. The addresses by Mrs. Wallis's inspirers were listened to by audiences which crowded by hundreds one of their biggest halls, and listened with great appreciation. This visit will long be remembered. The age of slander is wearing past, and the people are getting to think and prove for themselves, and now that Dundee has set such an example of spiritual heroism, may other Scottish centres, as those of England, follow in line, and thus spread the work of spiritual progress to a triumphant issue.

DUNDEE.

We are having stirring times and crowded meetings at present here, as the interest taken in our movement is wide-spread, and has reached far beyond the city. On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, we had our usual members meeting in the forenoon, and the evening meeting (like the one Mr. Roberson, of Glasgow, addressed) was a crowded one, over 1,000 persons being present. Our president's guide (Mr. J. M. Stevenson) gave an address on 'Death and after.' The address was a remarkable one, given with much power and eloquence, and listened to with rapt attention. Many of the audience got ideas of truths they had never conceived of before, and high appreciation has been expressed of Mr. Stevenson's guide's work. On Friday Nov. 7th, the first marriage ceremony performed in connection with our society, or perhaps Spiritualistic marriage in Scotland, took place, the president having joined in matrimony two members, viz., Mr. T. A. Matthew and Mrs. Swanson. Both have given services in connection with our society, and the good wishes of friends are expressed for their welfare and happiness. JAS. MURRAY, Sec.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

NEW THOUGHT

is a neat magazine, edited by Sidney Flower and William Walker Atkinson. They have recently secured the services of the world-wide authoress, Ella Wheeler Wilcox to assist in the editorial work.

Among some of the excellent articles in the December issue are: "Keep Yourself Free," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox; "Chance and Destiny," by Uriel Buchanan; "The Smile Cure," by William Walker Atkinson; "Strength," by Nancy McKay Gorden; "A Mush or a Man— which?" by Elizabeth Towne; "Perpetual Youth," by Sydney Flower; "Braidism in the Treatment of Diseases," "Bad Apples in the Barrel" and "One Year After," by William Walker Atkinson. *New Thought* is published monthly in Chicago. Price \$1.00 per year.

THE PATH-FINDER.

We are glad to note the prosperity of the *Path-Finder*, published at Roswell, Col., a suburban of Colorado Springs, edited by Edgar Wallace Conable. The editor is up-to-date in all branches of the New Thought, and not only preaches it but puts it in practice. He is a great student in the Philosophy of Life, and is very desirous of giving to his readers the benefit of his experiences concerning it. He believes that all diseases will succumb to fasting if scientifically practiced, and has demonstrated it to his own and many of his friends satisfaction. He has just completed a 15 day fast, he lost but two pounds of flesh and said he never felt better in his life. Although a comparatively new publication, *The Path-finder* has grown to be one of the most popular New Thought journals. Published monthly at \$1 a year.

THE ADEPT.

Edited by Frederick White, and published at Markville, Minn., formerly at Minneapolis, Minn., is a wide-awake magazine, devoted to Astrology. Mr. White is a practical astrologer and presents many valuable lessons for students.

Among the articles of special value in the December issue are "Sagittarius, for those born in December of any year," "December Chimes," by Ada Berten; Chapter III, of "The Esoteric Philosophy of Life," by L. E. Blochman; "Reply to Henry George," by John Maddock; "A Few Astrological Hints," "The Outlook for December," "The Centiloque of Ptolemy" and the Ephemeris for December.

Mr. White is the author of several books on Astrology, and is now getting out a book containing the ephemeris for 50 years back, which will sell at \$1.50 a copy to those ordering now.

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OBITUARY.

Among those who have passed to the life beyond recently are:

Jonathan Avery, Salisbury, N. H., Nov. 20, age 89. Services conducted by Edgar W. Emerson.

Mrs. Susan Stratton, Concord, N. H., Nov. 27, age 90. Edgar W. Emerson officiated.

Harvey Wilkinson, Cleveland, O., Nov. 23. Mrs. Alice Baker officiated.

Mrs. M. E. Kenworthy, Grass Valley, Cal., Nov. 4, age 79.

Mrs. F. A. Hayne, Albany, O., Nov. 6.

Henry E. Lepper, Anoka, Minn., Nov. 16.

MRS. C. A. WALDOW.

Mrs. C. A. Waldow passed to spirit life from her home in Buffalo, N. Y. December 3. She had been a regular attendant at the Lily Dale camp for a number of years and owned one of the first cottages built after the old grounds were laid out. She had been in poor health for some time and last summer was feeble but always cheerful. She gradually declined until the end came. Her last sickness was of three weeks duration the last week of which she was unconscious.

MRS. H. J. ABBEY

passed into the higher life Thursday, December 4th. She was a true Spiritualist in every sense of the word, and knew where she was going. Her funeral was held Sunday evening December 7th from the residence of Dr. L. A. Penny, 71 Broad St., Mrs. E. H. Messersmith, of Hoboken, N. J. officiating. The burial was at Lancaster, N. Y., December 8th.

The services were largely attended and all joined in expressing their esteem of the deceased and approved of a Spiritualistic funeral, it being the first one held in this city for a number of years. The floral tributes from the Spiritualists and others were very appropriate and beautiful.

TRANSITION OF MRS. RAVLIN.

On Thursday morning, Nov. 6 1902, Mrs. N. F. Ravlin passed to the higher life. Not all who read the above sentence know what it means to that true and tired friend of Spiritualism, our coworker, Dr. N. F. Ravlin, nor to the Cause in which their efforts have been put forth unselfishly and faithfully for 15 years.

At that time they heard the voice of Truth and answered it, relinquishing the church and a salary which guaranteed competency, ease, home, and all that goes so far toward happiness to refined natures.

Mrs. Ravlin has always been a tireless spirit, in a weak and fragile body, delicate, sensitive and refined, but willingly she joined hands with him in the work of self-sacrifice, and under all circumstances has inspired him with hope and cheer, looking ever on the bright side and counting all loss and sacrifice as not to be compared with the great truth and light which had fallen upon their pathway. When called to her side I found her resting in a perfect knowledge of life and immortality, without a doubt or fear. Glimpses of her spirit home had been given her, and she knew of the reality of what awaited her, and, as we listened, I thought, amid these plain surroundings of their temporary home, she has a wealth which all the gold of millionaires and kings of earth could not purchase—rich in the things of the spirit and knowledge of the truth. Mrs. Ravlin said, as I referred to the sacrifice they had made: "Yes, but I would not exchange the knowledge and spiritual light we have for all the wealth of earth, if it could be laid at my feet."

The funeral services were conducted by my inspirers Saturday evening at 7 o'clock in their home on Telegraph Ave., where had assembled some of their many friends. All directions had been given by her in detail, and, clothed in white, lying among the beautiful flowers with a light which seemed effected from the soul upon it, rested the frail form. The burial was to take place in San Jose, where they have many friends and where Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson was to meet them for the last rites. Two sisters of Mrs. Ravlin were present; Clarence Ravlin, a son of Mr. Ravlin; also an adopted daughter.

Mrs. Crusweld, who has cared for her so faithfully through all her last illness, will soon return to Philadelphia with a feeling that a higher power had guided her footsteps than at first she had dreamed of.

All hearts will go out with love and sympathy to Dr. Ravlin in this

great loss, and earnest wishes that her spirit may yet be his guiding star.

R. S. LILLIE.

AN OLD COLONIAL THANKSGIVING.

The following quaint account of an old colonial Thanksgiving church service and dinner was published by Geoffrey Williston Christian, from a letter written in 1714, by the Rev. Laurance Conant, of the old South parish in Danvers, Mass., and still preserved as a most precious heirloom:

Ye governor was in ye house and Her Majesty's commissioners of ye customs, and they sat together in a high seat by ye pulpit stairs. Ye governor appears very devout and attentive, although he favors Episcopacy and tolerates ye Quakers and Baptists. He was dressed in a black velvet coat bordered with gold lace and buff breeches with gold buckles at ye knees, and white silk stockings. There was a disturbance in ye galleries, where it was filled with divers Negroes, Mulattoes, and Indians; and a negro, called Pomp Shorter, belonging to Mr. Gardner, was called forth and put in ye broad aisle, where he was reproved with great firmness solemnity. He was then put in ye deacon's seat, between two deacons, in view of ye whole congregation; but ye sexton was ordered by Mr. Prescott, to take him out, because of his levity: and strange contortion of countenance (giving grave scandal to ye grave deacons,) and put him in ye lobby under ye stairs. Some children and a mullato woman were reprimanded for laughing at Pomp Shorter.

When ye services at ye meeting house were ended ye council and other dignitaries were entertained at ye house of Mr. Epes, on ye hill near by, and we had a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner, with bear's meat and venison, the last of which was a fine buck shot in ye woods near by. Ye bear was killed in Lynn woods, near Reading.

After ye blessing was craved by Mr. Carrish, of Wsentham, word came that ye buck was shot on ye Lord's day by Pequot, an Indian who came to Mr. Epes with a lye in his mouth like Ananias of old. Ye council whereupon refused to eat ye venison, but it was afterward agreed that Pequot should receive forty stripes, save one, for lying and profaning ye Lord's day, restore Mr. Epes ye cost of ye deer; and considering this a just and righteous sentence on ye sinful heathen, and that a blessing had been craved on ye meat, ye council all partook of it but Mr. Shepard, whose conscience was tender on ye joint of venison.

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Letter From Columbus, O.

Mrs. S. E. DeLong has been serving the West Side Spiritualist Society in Columbus as test and message medium during the month of November. She was assisted by Dr. A. P. Conant, Mrs. Hattie G. Webster and Mr. H. E. Boestler, who preceded her with lectures that were both entertaining and instructive. Mrs. Webster recited some of her beautiful inspirational poems. Mrs. DeLong's tests and messages were very much appreciated, and were always recognized. The meetings were all well attended, some evenings there was not standing room, and quite a number turned away, which showed that the home workers are appreciated, and as one gentleman, who is just becoming interested in Spiritualism remarked, "I would have more confidence in a home medium that was known for her integrity than strange mediums that are unknown to the people."

This also shows that the skeptics are not so much opposed to the home workers as some of the leaders and societies so often imagine. I have heard some say, "That it did not do to employ home talent, as they had a chance to know of all the deaths," then would turn around and employ some one that could not come up to the home workers, either as speakers or test mediums. Columbus has quite a number of good speakers and mediums; the above named persons being but a few of them.

Music was furnished the past month by the Misses Jennie and Blanche DeLong and Miss Florence Spears of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Society is very desirous that Mrs. DeLong should serve them through this month, but she has been suffering from a severe cold, and fears she will not be able to comply with their request. She is open for camp meeting engagements for the season of 1903. Address her at 973 Hunter Ave., Columbus, O.

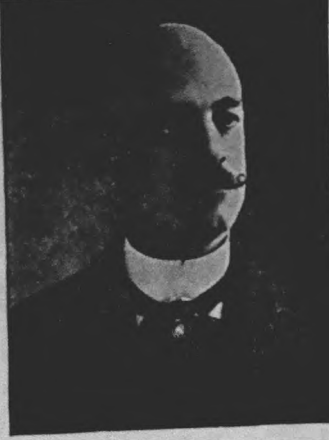
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SUNFLOWER DAY.

The world has always sought a sign or symbol; in fact we comprehend only by comparison. Jehovah, Jove and Lord; Brahm, Allah and God are mental images of Deity, formed by man. The Messiahs and Saviors that are called the sons of God originated with the impression made by the life energy of the sun and the completeness of man when he has produced his kind. You will note that the birth-day of the Christs are, and always have been, in the neighborhood of the mid-winter equinox when the sun is by the movement of the earth caused to appear to start on its return from the south to the north. So each and all of the forms and ceremonies of religion might be explained as only symbolical. It is well to have these signs and symbols to teach us by illustration, but men are inclined to worship and thus take the symbol literally. Let us endeavor to receive the lesson taught but leave the illustration in its place. Now wonderful inspiration is found in the sunflower which we are studying today, "as the sunflower turns its face to the light of the sun so Spiritualism turns the face of humanity to the light of truth." So naturally and gracefully the head of the sunflower turns from the east to the west, following the light of the sun, equally as natural should be the unfolding of humanity into knowledge of the law of being.

INTERMEDIATE.

Did you ever notice how the great round face of the sunflower turns from the east to the west as the sun goes on his journey of the day? Well, this is what we want to talk about today. How natural it is for this flower to thus follow the light, and we wish to draw from the illustration the lesson for us as human beings to follow the light of truth. By light of truth we mean law of love or usefulness, the key to happy success. A man's property is worth just what he gets from it, our clothing is worth what use we make of them, and so our life is worth just what use we make of it. Let us always keep our face to the light, that is, always be pleasant and agreeable to each and all, for as you have learned, "kindness is better and dearer than gold." The principle fact to learn today is that it is no effort to live this way, on the contrary, when we remember that the same Creative Energy formed each and all, it is natural for us to live this way. Those who live in a consideration of the best in their fellow-



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Child—Because they have a sweet perfume.

Leader—Very natural reasons, but, my dears, each flower conveys a lesson, as you will learn some day by the language of flowers.

Children—O, yes, a pansy means thought, a red rose love and a white one purity, and the morning-glory affection.

Leader—Quite true, each flower has a meaning. The sunflower is very expressive because it moves its face to follow the light of the sun, and we should learn from that how we may, by kindness and love, keep our face to the light.

The sunflower expresses devotion, so let us devotedly live our best each day.

INSPIRATIONAL.

May our aspirations at this hour reach out to our loved ones who have left our hearth-stone and fire-side, and have risen into the realms of light, joy and beauty. May the aspirations of our inmost souls be touched by the inspirations from the realms of spirit, thus giving us spiritual illumination, and a true conception of the Divine in nature, and a stranger, desire to unfold the spiritual in our being. We ask for light and guidance from spiritual realms; we ask for knowledge and wisdom that we may live truer and nobler lives; give us strength that we may perform our daily duties wisely and well. May we become more receptive to wisdom and spirit influence as the years roll by. May truth take a deeper hold of our inner being, arousing our dormant energies, and quickening all our active powers. May we ever aspire after the pure and holy in nature, breathing the filial spirit, thus uplifting the race to a higher standard of mental and spiritual growth, is our earnest prayer. Fraternally,
DAVID WILLIAMS.

A HAPPY OCCASION.

The members and friends of the Buffalo Spiritual Society took advantage of the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the birthday of President E. J. Chase to tender him a surprise party at his home, 241 E. Eagle St. During the evening some handsome presents were testimonials of the regard Mr. Chase is held by the Spiritualists of Buffalo. A fine menu was discussed, and the evening made especially enjoyable by the presence of the control of Mrs. C. Lewis Chase, Prairie Flower, who was the recipient of an expensive kimona. The society is progressing nicely, and all the harmonious relations point to united efforts in the promotion of the cause of truth.

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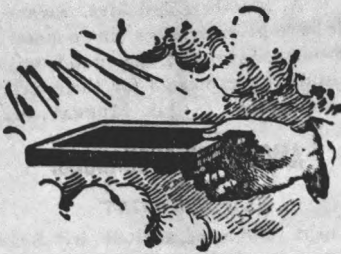
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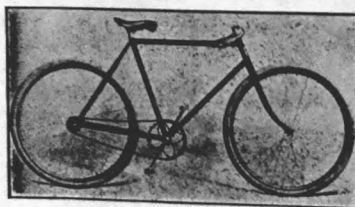


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